

Potter Russell C
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Potter Russell C
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
09/18/2006

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

1 HORMEL PLACE

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
____ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

AUSTIN,Â MNÂ 55912-3680

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

908.102

D

Â

Common Stock

1,541.163 ⁽²⁾

I

Owned by Spouse

Common Stock

586.747

I

JEPST Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security

4. Conversion
or Exercise

5. Ownership
Form of

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/18/2007	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 14.6562	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/23/2008	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 15.9062	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	01/26/2010	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 19.25	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/06/2010	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 17.6875	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	01/17/2012	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 26.09	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/02/2012	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 22.35	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/02/2013	Common Stock	3,500	\$ 26.93	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/07/2014	Common Stock	3,500	\$ 30.07	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/06/2015	Common Stock	3,500	\$ 32.74	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Potter Russell C 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

Signatures

Russell C. Potter, By Power of Attorney

09/22/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Subject to Vesting Schedule.

(2) Beneficial Ownership Disclaimed.

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