

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Gentzler Roland G

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1 HORMEL PLACE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/19/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP and Treasurer

AUSTIN, MN 55912

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/19/2016		M		40,000 A \$ 10.035	60,972.14 (1)	D
Common Stock	02/19/2016		F		9,358 D \$ 42.89	51,614.14	D
Common Stock	02/19/2016		F		11,488 D \$ 42.89	40,126.14	D
Common Stock	02/23/2016		S		19,154 D \$ 43.505 (2)	20,972.14	D
Common Stock						8,261.582 (1)	I 401(K) Plan

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Common Stock	21,095.286 <u>(1)</u>	I	JEPST Plan
Common Stock	1,337.916 <u>(1) (3)</u>	I	Custodial accounts for grandchildren

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.035 <u>(1)</u>	02/19/2016		M	40,000 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(4)</u> 12/04/2017	Common Stock	40,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gentzler Roland G 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			VP and Treasurer	

## Signatures

Roland G. Gentzler, by Power of Attorney  
02/23/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).

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- (1) Reflects the two-for-one stock split effective January 27, 2016.

Reflects the weighted average price of 19,154 shares of common stock of Hormel Foods Corporation sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on February 23, 2016 with sale prices ranging from \$43.46 to \$43.58 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- (2) These shares are held in trust for the benefit of the reporting person's grandchildren. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (3) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 4, 2008.

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