DRYDEN FORREST D

Form 4

January 09, 2003

FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
			(Check all applicable)
			_ Director
Name and Address of Reporting Person *			_ 10% Owner
Dryden Forrest D (Last) (First) (Middle)	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year)	X Officer (give title below)
	Hormel Foods Corporation HRL	January 7, 2003	_ Other (specify below)
1 Hormel Place (Street)			Vice President
Austin, MN 55912 (City) (State) (Zip)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/	Evacution		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	Owned Following	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Common Stock	1-7-03		М		20,000	A	\$11.75			
Common Stock	1-7-03		F Code	V	9,878 Amount	D (A) or (D)	\$23.79 Price			
Common Stock	1-7-03		F		3,740	D	\$23.79	42,730	D	
Common Stock								22,000*	I	Owned by Spouse
Common Stock								1,040	I	Founders Fund
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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2	Price of Derivative	Transaction	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number		Owned	Direct (D)	11. N of Ind Bene Own (Instr
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$11.75	1-7-03		M**			20,000		1-13-03	Common Stock	20,000	\$11.75	-()-	D	
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Explanation of Responses:	
*Beneficial Ownership Disclaimed.	
**Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.	

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Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, <i>see</i> 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).
Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.
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