HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TURNER JOHN G			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]				5	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 1 HORMEI		Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/18/2005				X Director Officer (give below)		Owner r (specify		
AUSTIN, M	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				5. Amount of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Owned (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	10/18/2005			Code V	Amount 4,000	(D)	Price \$ 14.625	14,040	D		
Common Stock	10/18/2005			F	1,803	D	\$ 32.43	12,237 (1)	D		

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

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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. Transactic 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. D S(I
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.625	10/18/2005		M		4,000	09/27/2000	03/27/2010	Common Stock	4,000	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting o where the control of	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
TURNER JOHN G 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	X						

Signatures

John G. Turner, by Power of
Attorney 10/19/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).
- (1) The amount reported includes 3,898 shares subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture) applicable to restricted stock grants under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan and Restricted Stock Award Agreements.

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