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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

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 Departing De

12/02/2005

Stock

1. Name and A JOHNSON	Symbol	HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				_X_ Director 10% Owned _X_ Officer (give title Other (specified)		
1 HORMEI	12/02/2	12/02/2005				below) below) Chairman and CEO			
	(Street)		endment, Da nth/Day/Year	Č			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by 0	•	
AUSTIN, N	MN 55912						Form filed by M Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D) i) Price	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	12/02/2005		۸	50,000	۸	\$	301 288 (1)	D	

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
JOHNSON JOEL W 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	X		Chairman and CEO				

Signatures

Joel W. Johnson, by Power of Attorney 12/02/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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Reporting Person now holds 150,000 shares subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture) applicable to restricted stock (1) grants under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan and Restricted Stock Award Agreements. Reporting Person also holds 47,670.92 phantom shares in his Deferred Stock Account, and indirectly holds 505 shares in the JEPST Trust.

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