

BINDER STEVEN G
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer |
| BINDER STEVEN G | | | HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL] | (Check all applicable) |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| 1 | HORMEL | PLACE | 04/09/2013 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Executive Vice President |
| AUSTIN, | MN | 55912 | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 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/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 (D) Price | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 04/09/2013 | | M | 30,000 A \$ 16.37 | 30,000 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 04/09/2013 | | F | 12,186 D \$ 40.3 | 17,814 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 04/09/2013 | | F | 5,968 D \$ 40.3 | 11,846 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 04/09/2013 | | G | 11,846 D \$ 0 | 0 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 04/09/2013 | | G | 11,846 A \$ 0 | 145,273.6605 (1) | I | Spouse's Revocable Trust |

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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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 16.37 | 04/09/2013 | | M | 30,000 | (2) 12/06/2015 | COMMON STOCK 30,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|---|
| BINDER STEVEN G 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912 | Director 10% Owner Officer Executive Vice President Other |

Signatures

Steven G. Binder, by Power of Attorney 04/10/2013

**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).
- (1) Reporting Person also holds 5,496.5675 phantom shares in his deferred stock account.
- (2) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2006.

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