

Leitch Glenn R
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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 *
Leitch Glenn R

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)
07/05/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Group Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680

(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	07/05/2012		M		\$ 8,000 13.465	D	
Common Stock	07/05/2012		M		\$ 8,000 15.035	D	
Common Stock	07/05/2012		S		\$ 30.28 2,794	D	
Common Stock	07/05/2012		F		\$ 30.57 0 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	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)

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)	\$ 13.465	07/05/2012		M ⁽³⁾	8,000	⁽⁴⁾ 12/02/2013	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.035	07/05/2012		M ⁽³⁾	8,000	⁽⁵⁾ 12/07/2014	Common Stock	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Leitch Glenn R 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680			Group Vice President	

Signatures

Glenn R. Leitch, By Power of Attorney
07/05/2012

**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) All share amounts reflect the stock split effective February 1, 2011.

(2) Reporting Person holds indirectly 4,890.3 shares in the JEPST Trust.

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- (3) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (4) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2004.
- (5) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2005.

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