

DAY THOMAS R  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
DAY THOMAS 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)  
12/13/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Group Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. 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/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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/13/2017                           |  | G                              | V 1,815 D \$ 0  | 68,589  | I  | Revocable Living Trust                                |
| Common Stock                    | 05/30/2018                           |  | M                              | 20,000 A \$ 6.315   | 59,452.8749   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/30/2018                           |  | M                              | 60,000 A \$ 9.5625  | 119,452.8749  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/30/2018                           |  | S                              | 43,023 D \$ 37.0224 (1)   | 76,429.8749   | D  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,214   | I  |   |

|              |            |   |  |                      |
|--------------|------------|---|--|----------------------|
| Common Stock |            |   |  | Spouse's Irrev Trust |
| Common Stock | 19,675.771 | I |  | 401(K) Plan          |
| Common Stock | 17,843.046 | I |  | JEPST Plan           |

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 |                    | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | Acquired (A)                       | or Disposed of (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |                            |
| Common Stock                               | \$ 6.315   | 05/30/2018                           |  | M                              | V                                  | (A) 20,000         | (D)  | (2) 12/02/2018  | Common Stock  | 20,000                     |
| Common Stock                               | \$ 9.5625  | 05/30/2018                           |  | M                              | V                                  | (A) 60,000         | (D)  | (3) 12/01/2019  | Common Stock  | 60,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                     | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| DAY THOMAS R<br>1 HORMEL PLACE<br>AUSTIN, MN 55912 |               |           | Group Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Thomas R. Day, by Power of Attorney  
05/31/2018

\_\_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).

- Reflects the weighted average price of 43,023 shares of common stock of Hormel Foods Corporation sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on May 30, 2018 with sale prices ranging from \$36.89 to \$37.10 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (1)
  - (2) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2009.
  - (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 1, 2010.

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