

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/
Form 8-K
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **September 30, 2003**

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-2402

(Commission File Number)

41-0319970

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

1 Hormel Place, Austin, Minnesota

(Address of principal executive offices)

55912

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(507) 437-5611**

Item 5. **OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

Union workers from five of the Company's production facilities voted to ratify a new four-year labor contract on September 30, 2003.

The United Food and Commercial Workers union represented approximately 3,000 workers from the following five Hormel production facilities: Algona, Iowa; Austin, Minnesota; Beloit, Wisconsin; Fremont, Nebraska; and Tucker, Georgia. The previous labor contracts expired in early September of the current year.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Dated: October 7, 2003

By /s/ M. J. McCOY
M. J. McCOY
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 7, 2003

By /s/ J. N. SHEEHAN
J. N. SHEEHAN
Vice President and Controller