HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ Form 8-K August 23, 2011

UNITED STATES

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) August 22, 2011

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, MN 55912

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

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

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)

Section 8 OTHER EVENTS

Item 8.01 Other Events

On August 22, 2011, MegaMex Foods LLC, a joint venture between Hormel Foods Corporation and Herdez Del Fuerte, S.A. de C.V., issued a press release announcing the closing of an agreement to acquire 100 percent of Fresherized Foods. A copy of the release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 8.01

99 Press release issued August 22, 2011

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 hereunto duly authorized.

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Dated: August 22, 2011

By

By

<u>(s/J. H. FERAGEN</u> J. H. FERAGEN Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: August 22, 2011

<u>/s/J. N. SHEEHAN</u> J. N. SHEEHAN Vice President and Controller