HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/

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1. Name and A PIPPINS DA	Address of Reporting P AKOTA A	Symbol	HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 1 HORMEL		(Month/Da	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2006		X Director Officer (giv below)		6 Owner er (specify	
AUSTIN, M	(Street) IN 55912		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Deri	vative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed (of, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	TransactionA Code D (Instr. 8) (I	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price	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)	
Common Stock					6,398 (3)	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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. D Se (I
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	09/30/2006		A	207.93	<u>(1)</u>	(1)	Common Stock	2,621.84 (2)	9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PIPPINS DAKOTA A 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	X					

Signatures

Dakota A. Pippins, by Power of Attorney 10/02/2006

**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).

Each share of phantom stock is the equivalent of one share of common stock. The shares of phantom stock become payable in common stock in one lump sum, or in up to five annual installments, at the election of the reporting person, on February 15 of the year following

- (1) termination of service as a director, or such later date as is elected by the reporting person. In addition, the shares of phantom stock become payable in common stock in one lump sum immediately prior to the effective date of a transaction constituting a change of control (as defined in the Plan).
- (2) Reflects additional phantom stock units received by the reporting person upon conversion of dividend equivalents from June 30, 2006 to the present.
- (3) Of the shares being reported, 6,138 are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture) applicable to restricted stock grants under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan and the Restricted Stock Award Agreements.

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