Minerich Phillip L Form 4 December 08, 2011

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

12/06/2011

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Minerich Phillip L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 HORMEL PLACE

(Street)

AUSTIN, MN 55912

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. TransactionAcquired (A) or Code

Symbol

[HRL]

(Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Vice President

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

below)

Issuer

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Reported

Owned

Beneficially

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

response...

0.5

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

SEC 1474

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Indirect

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.6	12/06/2011		A		40,000		<u>(1)</u>	12/06/2021	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Minerich Phillip L

1 HORMEL PLACE Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912

Signatures

Phillip L Minerich, by Power of Attorney 12/08/2011

**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) The option will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2012.

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