

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/
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FORM 4

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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 *
Leitch Glenn R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1 HORMEL PLACE
(Street)

AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/
[HRL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/28/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 or Price		
Common Stock	09/28/2016		M		16,000 A \$ 9.6775	32,000 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	09/28/2016		M		400 A \$ 9.3525	32,400	D
Common Stock	09/28/2016		S		400 D \$ 38.37	32,000	D
Common Stock						12,118.941	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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.6775 <u>(1)</u>	09/28/2016		M	16,000 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u> 12/05/2016	Common Stock	16,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.3525	09/28/2016		M ⁽³⁾	400	12/16/2010 01/08/2017	Common Stock	400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Leitch Glenn R 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680			Group Vice President	

Signatures

Glenn R. Leitch, By Power of Attorney
09/29/2016

__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) Reflects the two-for-one stock split effective January 27, 2016.
- (2) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 5, 2007.
- (3) Exercise of Universal Stock Options. The shares were sold in a block and the net after tax was issued to the Reporting Person in cash.

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