HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ Form 8-K February 27, 2006

# **UNITED STATES**

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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) February 27, 2006

### 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)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

#### Section 2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### **Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On February 27, 2006, the Company issued an earnings release announcing its financial results for the first quarter ended January 29, 2006. A copy of the earnings 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**

- (c) Exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 2.02
- 99 Earnings release issued February 27, 2006

### **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: February 27, 2006 By /s/M. J. McCOY

M. J. McCOY

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 27, 2006 By /s/J. H. FERAGEN

J. H. FERAGEN

Vice President and Treasurer