

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
January 27, 2010

**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) **January 26, 2010**

### 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**

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**Section 5 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws: Change in Fiscal Year**

Pursuant to a resolution approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on January 26, 2010, the Board of Directors approved an amendment to Bylaw 5.A of the Bylaws of Hormel Foods Corporation.

Bylaw 5.A is amended to allow the Board of Directors to designate the date for the annual meeting of stockholders of the corporation. Previously, the Bylaws stated that such annual meeting would be held on the last Tuesday of January in each year.

**Section 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibit furnished pursuant to Item 5.03

3(ii) Amendment of Bylaw 5.A of the Bylaws of Hormel Foods Corporation

**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: January 27, 2010

By /s/J. H. FERAGEN  
J. H. FERAGEN  
Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: January 27, 2010

By /s/J. N. SHEEHAN  
J. N. SHEEHAN  
Vice President and Controller

