

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
May 20, 2004

***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) **May 20, 2004**

**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, Minnesota**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**55912**

(Zip Code)

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

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Item 7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits being furnished pursuant to Item 12

99 Earnings release issued May 20, 2004

Item 12. **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

On May 20, 2004, the Company issued an earnings release announcing its financial results for the second quarter ended April 24, 2004. A copy of the earnings release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**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: May 20, 2004

By /s/M. J. McCOY  
M. J. McCOY  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: May 20, 2004

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

