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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL] Craven Julie H (Month/Day/Year) 08/09/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1 HORMEL PLACE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _ Other Person AUSTIN. MNÂ 55912 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 138.017 (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	()	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	07/17/2002	01/17/2012	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 26.09	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	06/02/2003	12/02/2012	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 22.35	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	06/02/2004	12/02/2013	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 26.93	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	06/07/2005	12/07/2014	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 30.07	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Craven Julie H 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	Â	Â	Vice President	Â		

Signatures

Julie H Craven, by Power of Attorney 08/09/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Reporting person also holds indirectly 33.233 shares in the 401(K) Trust and 690.446 shares in JEPST. Reporting person's spouse holds indirectly 987.284 shares in the 401(K) Trust and 911.028 shares in the JEPST.

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