ALLEN JOHN W Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify					
1 HORMEL PLACE			12/12/2005					below) below)			
				endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
		(T)						Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	emed on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)	
Common Stock	12/12/2005			S	1,000	D	\$ 32.28	9,284 (1)	I	Spouse's Living Trust	

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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer Othe				
ALLEN JOHN W							
1 HORMEL PLACE	X						
AUSTIN, MN 55912							

Signatures

John W. Allen, by Power of Attorney 12/12/2005

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).

Date

(1) Reporting Person holds directly 3,898 shares of stock which are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture) applicable to restricted stock grants under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan and Restricted Stock Award Agreement.

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