

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/

Form 8-K

November 24, 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) **November 24, 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, 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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

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

On November 24, 2004, the Company issued an earnings release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter ended October 30, 2004. 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 November 24, 2004

**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: November 24, 2004 -

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

Dated: November 24, 2004

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

