

Johnson Brian Dean  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Johnson Brian Dean		(Month/Day/Year)	HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	11/01/2007	
1 HORMEL PLACE		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)		(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
AUSTIN,Â MNÂ 55912		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Corporate Secretary		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	367.134	D	Â
Common Stock	565.76	I	401(k) Trust
Common Stock	551.985	I	JEPST Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
			Title				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/06/2010	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 17.6875	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(2)</u>	01/17/2012	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 26.09	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	12/02/2012	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 22.35	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	12/02/2013	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 26.93	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	12/07/2014	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 30.07	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(6)</u>	12/06/2015	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 32.74	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(7)</u>	12/05/2016	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 38.71	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(8)</u>	01/08/2017	Common Stock	100	\$ 37.41	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Johnson Brian Dean 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN,Â MNÂ 55912	Â	Â	Â Corporate Secretary	Â

## Signatures

Brian Dean  
Johnson                      10/30/2007

        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) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-6-01.

(2) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 1-17-03.

(3) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-2-03.

(4) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-2-04.

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- (5) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-7-05.
- (6) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-6-06.
- (7) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-5-07.
- (8) These options, received as the result of a universal stock option award, will fully vest upon the earlier of (1) the stock price closing at \$50.00 or higher for five consecutive trading days, or (2) January 8, 2012.

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