

Gentzler Roland G
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Gentzler Roland G

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)
 1 HORMEL PLACE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/04/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP and Treasurer

AUSTIN, MN 55912
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/04/2012 | | M | 5,000 A \$ 15.035 | 11,240.594 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/04/2012 | | F | 2,424 D \$ 31.01 | 8,816.594 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/04/2012 | | F | 843 D \$ 31.01 | 7,973.594 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | 3,694.7867 | I | 401(K) |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | 10,028.6457 | I | JEPST PLAN |

COMMON
STOCK

636.253 ⁽³⁾ I

CUSTODIAL
ACCOUNTS FOR
GRANDCHILDREN

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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 30.98 | 12/04/2012 | | A | 27,500 | ⁽¹⁾ 12/04/2022 | COMMON STOCK 27 |
| STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 15.035 | 12/04/2012 | | M | 5,000 | ⁽²⁾ 12/07/2014 | COMMON STOCK 5 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gentzler Roland G 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912 | | | VP and Treasurer | |

Signatures

Roland G. Gentzler, by Power of Attorney

12/06/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
- (1) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 4, 2013.
- (2) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2005.

- The shares are held as custodian for minor grandchildren. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities and the filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for the purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose. In previous reports filed with the SEC, the reporting person reported the gift of these shares now held in the custodial accounts.
- (3)

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