

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
May 26, 2010

***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) **May 24, 2010**

**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**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 8 OTHER EVENTS**

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On May 26, 2010, Hormel Foods Corporation (the Company) announced that its Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to five million shares of its common stock. The repurchase program was authorized at a meeting of the Company's Board of Directors on May 24, 2010. The repurchase of Hormel Foods Corporation common stock will be accomplished through periodic purchases made in any manner deemed appropriate by the Company, with the times, prices, and amounts of such purchases to be approved by the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer. The repurchased shares may be retained as treasury stock for use for corporate purposes, or may be retired. The Company intends to use surplus cash to fund the repurchase program. This repurchase program is in addition to the Company's prior 10 million share repurchase program authorized in 2002, which will be fully utilized prior to commencing purchases under the new authorization.

**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: May 26, 2010

By /s/J. H. FERAGEN  
J. H. FERAGEN  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

Dated: May 26, 2010

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