

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
July 13, 2015

**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) **July 13, 2015**

**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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  - 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 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets**

On July 13, 2015, Hormel Foods Corporation (the Company) completed the previously announced acquisition of Applegate Farms, LLC, owner of *Applegate*®, the No. 1 brand in the natural and organic value-added prepared meats category.

The purchase price is approximately \$775 million.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant**

As previously disclosed, on June 24, 2015, the Company entered into a \$400,000,000 unsecured 5 year revolving credit facility and a \$300,000,000 18 month term loan facility for a combined \$700,000,000 facility. On July 13, 2015, in connection with the completion of the acquisition of Applegate Farms, LLC, the Company borrowed \$300,000,000 under the 18 month term loan facility and \$50,000,000 under the unsecured 5 year revolving credit facility. Initial interest on funds borrowed under both facilities will be charged based on the 30 day LIBOR plus 67.5 bps, or 0.865%.

The Company's Amended and Restated Credit Agreement was filed as Exhibit 99 to the Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 24, 2015 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 7 REGULATION FD**

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On July 13, 2015, the Company issued a press release announcing the closing of the acquisition of Applegate Farms, LLC, owner of *Applegate*®, the No. 1 brand in the natural and organic value-added prepared meats category. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 7.01

99.1 Press release issued July 13, 2015

99.2 U.S. \$700,000,000 Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of June 24, 2015, between the Company, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders identified on the signature pages thereof (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 24, 2015, File No. 001-02404)

**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: July 13, 2015

By

/s/ JEFFREY M. ETTINGER  
JEFFREY M. ETTINGER  
Chairman of the Board, President  
and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: July 13, 2015

By

/s/ JODY H. FERAGEN  
JODY H. FERAGEN  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer