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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION										OMB APPROVAL		
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subject to				GES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP SECURITIES					Expires:	January 31, 2005		
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(Print or Type R	esponses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer 1 SWEDBERG JOSEPH C Symbol				Name and Ticker or Trading				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
HOR			•	MEL FOODS CORP /DE/				(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (M	/liddle)	3. Date of (Month/Da	Earliest Tra	nsaction			Director X Officer (give	e title Oth	o Owner er (specify		
1 HORMEL PLACE 01/03/20			-				below) below) Vice President					
			ndment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check						
			nth/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
AUSTIN, MI	IN 33912							Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		ransaction Date 2A. Dee onth/Day/Year) Executio any (Month/		3.4. SecuritiesTransactionAcquired (A) orCodeDisposed of (D)(Instr. 8)(Instr. 3, 4 and 5))	SecuritiesFBeneficially(OwnedI	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	01/03/2005			G	390	D	\$ 0	9,046.025 <u>(1)</u>	D			

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. Transac Code (Instr. 8)	5. tionNumber of) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5	Date	7. Title Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code Y	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SWEDBERG JOSEPH C 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			Vice President				
Signatures							
Joe C. Swedberg, by Power of Attorney		01/18/2					
**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) Reporting Person also holds indirectly 1,042 shares in Founders Fund.

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