#### SNYDER WILLIAM F

Form 4

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### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

SNYDER WILLIAM F

(First) (Middle)

(Last)

1 HORMEL PLACE

(Street)

AUSTIN, MN 55912

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

below) Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(City) (State)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Code

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Transaction(s)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

(A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Y	Year) (Instr. 8)	or Dispose (D)	(Instr. 3, 4,			
			Code V	(A)	(D) Date Exercisable	Expiration e Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.71	12/05/2006	A	25,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/05/2016	Common Stock	25,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SNYDER WILLIAM F 1 HORMEL PLACE

AUSTIN, MN 55912

Senior Vice President

**Signatures** 

William F. Snyder, by Power of Attorney

12/07/2006

\*\*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 5, 2007.

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