

Kremin Donald H  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |   |   |   |
|---|---------|---|---|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol |   |
| Kremin Donald H                           |         | (Month/Day/Year)  | HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]                |   |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)  | 11/01/2007                                  |   |
| 1 HORMEL PLACE                            |         | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |
| (Street)                                  |         | (Check all applicable)  |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  |
| AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680                     |         | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below) |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)   | Vice President                              |   |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 184.32  | D  | ^   |
| Common Stock                    | 961.6147  | I  | JEPST Trust   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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|                              | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security   | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(1)</u>     | 01/26/2010      | Common Stock | 1,500                      | \$ 19.25   | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(2)</u>     | 12/06/2010      | Common Stock | 1,500                      | \$ 17.6875 | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(3)</u>     | 01/17/2012      | Common Stock | 1,500                      | \$ 26.09   | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(4)</u>     | 12/02/2012      | Common Stock | 1,500                      | \$ 22.35   | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(5)</u>     | 12/02/2013      | Common Stock | 1,500                      | \$ 26.93   | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(6)</u>     | 12/07/2014      | Common Stock | 2,500                      | \$ 30.07   | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(7)</u>     | 12/06/2015      | Common Stock | 3,000                      | \$ 32.74   | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(8)</u>     | 12/05/2016      | Common Stock | 3,000                      | \$ 38.71   | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(9)</u>     | 01/08/2017      | Common Stock | 100                        | \$ 37.41   | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| Kremin Donald H<br>1 HORMEL PLACE<br>AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680 | Â             | Â         | Â Vice President | Â     |

## Signatures

Donald H. Kremin, by Power of Attorney 11/01/2007

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 1-26-01.
- (2) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-6-01.
- (3) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 1-17-03.
- (4) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-2-03.

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- (5) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-2-04.
- (6) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-7-05.
- (7) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-6-06.
- (8) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-5-07.
- (9) These options, received as the result of a universal stock option award, will fully vest upon the earlier of (1) the stock price closing at \$50.00 or higher for five consecutive trading days, or (2) January 8, 2012.

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