Coffey Mark A Form 4 December 07, 2017

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

Check this box if no longer

subject to Section 16. Form 4 or

Form 5 obligations may continue.

See Instruction

SECURITIES

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Coffey Mark A

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

1 HORMEL PLACE

AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(A)

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

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/Year) | (Instr. | - | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------|---|--|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 37.1 | 12/05/2017 | | A | | 28,900 | | <u>(1)</u> | 12/05/2027 | Common Stock | 28,900 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Coffey Mark A

1 HORMEL PLACE Senior Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680

Signatures

Mark A. Coffey, By Power of Attorney 12/07/2017

**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, 2018.

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