

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BINDER STEVEN G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1 HORMEL PLACE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/01/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Group Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 12/01/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 8,000   | A  | \$ 11.9375                        |
| Common Stock                    | 12/01/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 2,000   | A  | \$ 14.6562                        |
| Common Stock                    | 12/01/2004                           |  | F                              |   | 1,954   | D  | \$ 30.61                          |
| Common Stock                    | 12/01/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 3,830   | D  | \$ 30.85                          |
| Common Stock                    | 12/01/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 200   | D  | \$ 30.92                          |

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 11.9375   | 12/01/2004                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 8,000   | 05/21/1996 11/21/2005                                    | Common Stock  | 8,000                         |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 14.6562   | 12/01/2004                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,000   | 06/18/1998 12/18/2007                                    | Common Stock  | 2,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                        | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| BINDER STEVEN G<br>1 HORMEL PLACE<br>AUSTIN, MN 55912 |               |           | Group Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Steven G. Binder, by Power of Attorney  
12/03/2004

\_\_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 has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.

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- (2) Reporting Person also holds 2,355.769 shares of phantom stock in his deferred account; he has indirect holdings of 1,123 shares in Founders Fund.

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