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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 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	
Â Craven Julie H		(Month/Day/Year)	HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/09/2005	
1 HORMEL PLACE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
AUSTIN,Â MNÂ 55912			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			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	138.017 (1)	D	Â

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 Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Amount or Number of		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	07/17/2002	01/17/2012	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 26.09	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	06/02/2003	12/02/2012	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 22.35	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	06/02/2004	12/02/2013	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 26.93	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	06/07/2005	12/07/2014	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 30.07	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Craven Julie H 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Julie H Craven, by Power of Attorney  
08/09/2005

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) Reporting person also holds indirectly 33.233 shares in the 401(K) Trust and 690.446 shares in JEPST. Reporting person's spouse holds indirectly 987.284 shares in the 401(K) Trust and 911.028 shares in the JEPST.

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