

Marco Lori J  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Marco Lori J

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)  
05/30/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP & General Counsel

AUSTIN, MN 55912-3338

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	05/30/2012		M	2,000 A \$ 19.355	2,576.684	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/30/2012		M	2,000 A \$ 20.07	4,576.684	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/30/2012		M	2,250 A \$ 12.63	6,826.684	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/30/2012		F	3,544 D \$ 30.26	3,282.684	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/30/2012		F	886 D \$ 30.26	2,396.684 <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	D	

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 19.355	05/30/2012		M <sup>(3)</sup>	2,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 12/05/2016	COMMON STOCK	2,000
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 20.07	05/30/2012		M <sup>(3)</sup>	2,000	<sup>(5)</sup> 12/04/2017	COMMON STOCK	2,000
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 12.63	05/30/2012		M <sup>(3)</sup>	2,250	<sup>(6)</sup> 12/02/2018	COMMON STOCK	2,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Marco Lori J 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3338			VP & General Counsel	

## Signatures

Lori J. Marco, by Power of Attorney  
05/30/2012

\*\*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) All share amounts reflect the stock split effective February 1, 2011.
- (2) Reporting Person holds indirectly 728 shares in the 401(k), and 439 shares in the JEPST Trust.
- (3) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (4) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 5, 2007.
- (5) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 4, 2008.
- (6) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2009.

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