

JOHNSON JOEL W  
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 \*  
JOHNSON JOEL W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION, 1 HORMEL PLACE

(Street)

AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
US BANCORP \DE\ [USB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/18/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of Derivative	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security
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(Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	01/18/2005	A		1,743		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,743
Restricted Stock Units	(1)						(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,950
Restricted Stock Units	(1)						(5)	(5)	Common Stock	2,743
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.4	01/18/2005	A		7,859		(6)	01/18/2015	Common Stock	7,859

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON JOEL W HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680	X			

## Signatures

Lee R. Mitau for Joel W. Johnson  
 01/20/2005  
 \*\*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) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 18, 2006. Units are payable in common stock when the reporting person retires in accordance with the Company's director retirement policy; only vested units are payable when board service ends under other circumstances.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 20, 2005. Units are payable in common stock when the reporting person retires in accordance with the Company's director retirement policy; only vested units are payable when board service ends under other circumstances.

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- (4) Includes restricted stock units acquired in April, July and October 2004, and January 2005, pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the reporting person's restricted stock unit award.
- (5) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on December 17, 2003. Units are payable in common stock when the reporting person retires in accordance with the Company's director retirement policy; only vested units are payable when board service ends under other circumstances.
- (6) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on January 18, 2006.

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