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Brady Deanna T Symb HOF			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ HRL]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
			of Earliest Transaction /Day/Year) /2012				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Vice President			
	(Street) 4. If Amen Filed(Month					А	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 			
AUSTIN, MI	N 55912					P	Form filed by Mo erson	ore than One Rej	porting	
(City)	(State) (Zi	^{ip)} Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi or(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)	
COMMON STOCK	03/07/2012		M	2,000	A A	\$ 15.035	6,943.53	D		
COMMON STOCK	03/07/2012		F	441	D	\$ 28.24	6,502.53 <u>(2)</u>	D		

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number onof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 15.035	03/07/2012		M <u>(3)</u>	2,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/07/2014	COMMON STOCK	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting o where reality read too	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Brady Deanna T 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			Vice President				
Signatures							
Deanna T. Brady, by Power of Attorney		03/08/2	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) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2005.
- (2) Reporting Person holds indirectly 2,686.5 shares in the 401(k), and 1,367.7 shares in the JEPST Trust.
- (3) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.

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