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1. Name and Murano Els	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			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2018					_X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below)			
Fi				endment, D nth/Day/Yea	-	1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
AUSTIN, N								Person		F8	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securit oror Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	ed 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	01/04/2018			М	16,000	А	\$ 9.7425	90,991	D		
Common Stock	01/04/2018			S	7,129	D	\$ 36	83,862	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)			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)	\$ 9.7425	01/04/2018		М		16,000	08/01/2008	02/01/2018	Common Stock	16,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh					
I. S.	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Murano Elsa A 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	Х						
Signatures							
Elsa A. Murano, By Power of Attorney	01/05/2018						
**Signature of Reporting Person							

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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