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FORM 4	**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**	OMB APPROVAL
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(Print or Type Responses)	**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**	OMB Number: 3235-0287 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response. . . 0.5
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Brown, Eric A (Last) (First) (Middle)	Hormel Foods Corporation HRL	X Director _ 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) _ Other (specify below) Group Vice President
1 Hormel Place (Street)	4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year) December, 2002	
Austin, MN 55912 (City) (State) (Zip)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) /
		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person __ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)

Common Stock								59,270	D	
Common Stock			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	20,800*	I	Owned by Spouse
Common Stock								2,730	I	401(k) Trust
Common Stock								5,394	I	JEPST Trust
Common Stock								1,040	I	Founders Fund

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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. N of Ind Bene Own (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$22.35	12-2-02		A		55,000		(1)	12-2-12	Common Stock	55,000	$22.35	55,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$10.25								1-25-04				30,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$12.375								1-11-05				30,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$11.9375								11-21-05				50,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$14.65625								12-18-07				30,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$15.90625								12-23-08				30,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$19.25								1-26-10				50,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$17.6875								12-6-10				60,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$26.09								1-17-12				50,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The option vests 25% on 12-2-03 and 25% each year thereafter.

*Beneficial Ownership Disclaimed.

/s/ Eric A. Brown — 12/04/02

** Signature of Reporting Person — Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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