HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BROSS RICHARD A			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) 1 HORMEL		(Month/D			e of Earliest Transaction h/Day/Year) /2006				Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Group Vice President			
AUSTIN, M	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu							uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date any (Month/Day/Year)			3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	12/11/2006			S	7,800	D	\$ 38.36	51,612	D			
Common Stock	12/11/2006			S	300	D	\$ 38.37	51,312	D			
Common Stock	12/11/2006			S	168	D	\$ 38.41	51,144 (1)	D			

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

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROSS RICHARD A 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912

Group Vice President

Signatures

Richard A. Bross, by Power of Attorney 12/11/2006

**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) Reporting Person holds indirectly 7,350 shares in the 401(k), and 9,730 shares in the JEPST Trust. There are also 18,866 shares held by his spouse, on which beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

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