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## **ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K**

### **HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION**

**OCTOBER 25, 2015**



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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K**

**[ X ] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015

or

**[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 1-2402

**HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

41-0319970

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1 Hormel Place

Austin, Minnesota

(Address of principal executive offices)

55912-3680

(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (507) 437-5611

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$0.0293 par value	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulations S-T during the preceding 12 months. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ( )

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company <input type="checkbox"/>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of April 26, 2015, was \$7,354,755,988, based on the closing price of \$54.85 on the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter.

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As of November 27, 2015, the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock was as follows:

Common Stock, \$0.0293 Par Value 264,228,740 shares

Common Stock Non-Voting, \$0.01 Par Value 0 shares

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the Annual Stockholders' Report for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015, are incorporated by reference into Part I, Items 1 and 1A and Part II, Items 5-8 and 9A, and included as Exhibit 13.1 filed herewith.

Portions of the Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held January 26, 2016, are incorporated by reference into Part III, Items 10-14.

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**PART I**

**Item 1. BUSINESS**

**(a) General Development of Business**

Hormel Foods Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company), was founded by George A. Hormel in 1891 in Austin, Minnesota, as Geo. A. Hormel & Company. The Company started as a processor of meat and food products and continues in this line of business. The Company's name was changed to Hormel Foods Corporation on January 31, 1995. The Company is primarily engaged in the production of a variety of meat and food products and the marketing of those products throughout the United States and internationally. Although pork and turkey remain the major raw materials for its products, the Company has emphasized for several years the manufacturing and distribution of branded, value-added consumer items rather than the commodity fresh meat business. The Company has continually expanded its product portfolio through organic growth, new product development, and acquisitions.

Internationally, the Company markets its products through Hormel Foods International Corporation (HFIC), a wholly owned subsidiary. HFIC has a presence in the international marketplace through joint ventures and placement of personnel in strategic foreign locations such as Australia, Canada, China, Japan, and the Philippines. HFIC has a global presence with a minority position in a food company in the Philippines (The Purefoods-Hormel Company, Inc., 40% holding).

The Company has not been involved in any bankruptcy, receivership, or similar proceedings during its history. Substantially all the assets of the Company have been acquired in the ordinary course of business.

On July 13, 2015, the Company acquired Applegate Farms, LLC (Applegate) of Bridgewater, New Jersey, for a preliminary purchase price of \$774.1 million in cash. The purchase price is preliminary pending final adjustments, and was funded by the Company with cash on hand and by utilizing short-term financing.

The Company had no other significant change in the type of products produced or services rendered, or in the markets or methods of distribution since the beginning of the 2015 fiscal year.

**(b) Segments**

The Company's business is reported in five segments: Grocery Products, Refrigerated Foods, Jennie-O Turkey Store (JOTS), Specialty Foods, and International & Other. Net sales to unaffiliated customers, operating profit, total assets, and the presentation of certain other financial information by segment, are reported in Note P of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and in the Management's Discussion and



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Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of the Annual Stockholder's Report for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015, incorporated herein by reference.

### (c) Description of Business

#### Products and Distribution

The Company's products primarily consist of meat and other food products. The meat products are sold fresh, frozen, cured, smoked, cooked, and canned. The percentages of total revenues contributed by classes of similar products for the last three fiscal years are as follows:

	<u>October 25, 2015</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended October 26, 2014</u>	<u>October 27, 2013</u>
Perishable	53.0%	54.5%	53.3%
Poultry	18.6	18.4	18.8
Shelf-stable	18.4	19.0	19.0
Miscellaneous	10.0	8.1	8.9
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Reporting of revenues from external customers is based on similarity of products, as the same or similar products are sold across multiple distribution channels such as retail, foodservice, or international. Revenues reported are based on financial information used to produce the Company's general-purpose financial statements.

The Perishable category includes fresh meats, frozen items, refrigerated meal solutions, sausages, hams, wieners, guacamole, and bacon (excluding JOTS products). The Poultry category is composed primarily of JOTS products. Shelf-stable includes canned

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luncheon meats, shelf-stable microwaveable meals, stews, chilies, hash, meat spreads, flour and corn tortillas, salsas, tortilla chips, peanut butter, and other items that do not require refrigeration. The Miscellaneous category primarily consists of nutritional food products and supplements, sugar and sugar substitutes, dessert and drink mixes, and industrial gelatin products.

Domestically, the Company sells its products in all 50 states. The Company's products are sold through its sales personnel, operating in assigned territories or as dedicated teams serving major customers, coordinated from sales offices located in most of the larger U.S. cities. The Company also utilizes independent brokers and distributors. As of October 25, 2015, the Company had approximately 850 sales personnel engaged in selling its products. Distribution of products to customers is primarily by common carrier.

Through HFIC, the Company markets its products in various locations throughout the world. Some of the larger markets include Australia, Canada, China, England, Japan, Mexico, Micronesia, the Philippines, Singapore, and South Korea. The distribution of export sales to customers is by common carrier, while the China operations own and operate their own delivery system. The Company, through HFIC, has licensed companies to manufacture various Company products internationally on a royalty basis, with the primary licensees being Tulip International of Denmark and CJ CheilJedang Corporation of South Korea.

## **Raw Materials**

The Company has, for the past several years, been concentrating on branded products for consumers with year-round demand to minimize the seasonal variation experienced with commodity-type products. Pork continues to be the primary raw material for Company products. Although the live pork industry has evolved to large, vertically integrated, year-round operations, and supply contracts have become prevalent in the industry, there is still a seasonal variation in the supply of fresh pork materials. The Company's expanding line of branded products has reduced, but not eliminated, the sensitivity of Company results to raw material supply and price fluctuations.

The majority of the hogs harvested by the Company are purchased under supply contracts from producers located principally in California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin. The cost of hogs and the utilization of the Company's facilities are affected by both the level and the methods of pork production in the United States. The movement toward larger operations, which operate under supply agreements with processors, has resulted in fewer hogs being available on the spot cash market. The Company, like others in the industry, uses supply contracts to manage the effects of this trend and to ensure a stable supply of raw materials. The Company's contracts are based on market-based formulas and/or the cost of production, to better balance input costs with customer pricing, and all contract costs are fully reflected in the Company's reported financial statements. In fiscal 2015, the Company purchased 94 percent of its hogs under supply contracts. The Company also procures a portion of its hogs through farms that it either owns or operates in Arizona, California, Colorado, and Wyoming.

In fiscal 2015, JOTS raised turkeys representing approximately 77 percent of the volume needed to meet its raw material requirements for whole bird and branded turkey products. Turkeys not sourced within the Company are contracted with independent turkey growers. JOTS turkey-raising farms are located throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Production costs in raising hogs and turkeys are subject primarily to fluctuations in feed grain prices and, to a lesser extent, fuel costs. To manage this risk, the Company hedges a portion of its anticipated purchases of grain using futures contracts.

Additionally, the cost and supply of avocados, peanuts, whey, and natural and organic protein are impacted by the changing market forces of supply and demand which can impact the cost of the Company's products. The Company uses long-term supply contracts and forward buying in an attempt to manage these risks.

### **Manufacturing**

The Company has three plants that harvest hogs for processing. Quality Pork Processors, Inc. of Dallas, Texas, operates the harvesting facility at Austin, Minnesota, under a custom harvesting arrangement. The Company currently has seven turkey harvest and processing operations, and 35 facilities that produce and distribute other manufactured items. Albert Lea Select Foods, Inc. operates the processing facility at Albert Lea, Minnesota, under a custom manufacturing agreement. Company products are also custom manufactured by several other companies. The following are the Company's larger custom manufacturers: Abbyland Foods, Inc., Abbotsford, Wisconsin; Agropur Division Natrel USA, Maplewood, Minnesota; Algood Food Company, Louisville, Kentucky; Cloverleaf Cold Storage, Sioux City, Iowa; Deitz & Watson, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; HP Hood LLC, Lynnfield, Massachusetts; OSI Industries LLC, Chicago, Illinois; Park 100 Foods, Inc., Tipton, Indiana; Reichel Foods, Inc., Rochester, Minnesota; Reser's Fine Foods, Topeka, Kansas; and Steuben Foods, Jamaica, New York. Exel, Inc., based in Westerville, Ohio, operates distribution centers for the Company in Dayton, Ohio, and Osceola, Iowa.

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**Patents and Trademarks**

There are numerous patents and trademarks that are important to the Company's business. The Company holds 46 U.S.-issued and 17 foreign patents. Most of the trademarks are registered. Some of the more significant owned or licensed trademarks used by the Company or its affiliates are:

HORMEL, ALWAYS TENDER, APPLGATE, AUSTIN BLUES, BACON 1, BLACK LABEL, BREAD READY, BÚFALO, CAFÉ H, CALIFORNIA NATURAL, CHI-CHI'S, COMPLEATS, CURE 81, CUREMASTER, CYTOSPORT, DAN'S PRIZE, DI LUSSO, DINTY MOORE, DODGER DOG, DON MIGUEL, DOÑA MARIA, DUBUQUE, EMBASA, ESSENCE C, FARMER JOHN, FAST 'N EASY, FIRE BRAISED, HERB-OX, HERDEZ, HIBACHI GRILL, HOMELAND, HORMEL GATHERINGS, HOUSE OF TSANG, JENNIE-O, KID'S KITCHEN, LA VICTORIA, LAYOUT, LITTLE SIZZLERS, LLOYD'S, MANNY'S, MARY KITCHEN, MONSTER MILK, MUSCLE MILK, NATURAL CHOICE, NATURASELECT, NOT-SO-SLOPPY-JOE, OLD SMOKEHOUSE, PILLOW PACK, POCO PAC, PREMORO, PREP CHEF, RANGE BRAND, REV, ROSA GRANDE, SAAG'S, SANDWICH MAKERS, SAUCY BLUES, SKIPPY, SPAM, SPECIAL RECIPE, STAGG, TEZZATA, THICK & EASY, VALLEY FRESH, WHOLLY GUACAMOLE, and WRANGLERS.

The Company's patents expire after a term that is typically 20 years from the date of filing, with earlier expiration possible based on the Company's decision to pay required maintenance fees. As long as the Company intends to continue using its trademarks, they are renewed indefinitely.

**Customers and Backlog Orders**

During fiscal year 2015, sales to Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (Wal-Mart) represented approximately 13.9 percent of the Company's revenues (measured as gross sales less returns and allowances), compared to 14.1 percent in fiscal 2014. Wal-Mart is a customer for all five segments of the Company. The five largest customers in each segment make up approximately the following percentage of segment sales: 45 percent of Grocery Products, 36 percent of Refrigerated Foods, 41 percent of JOTS, 35 percent of Specialty Foods, and 23 percent of International & Other. The loss of one or more of the top customers in any of these segments could have a material adverse effect on the results of such segment. Backlog orders are not significant due to the perishable nature of a large portion of the products. Orders are accepted and shipped on a current basis.

**Competition**

The production and sale of meat and food products in the United States and internationally are highly competitive. The Company competes with manufacturers of pork and turkey products, as well as national and regional producers of other meat and protein sources, such as beef, chicken, fish, peanut butter, and whey. The Company believes that its largest domestic competitors for its Refrigerated Foods segment in 2015 were Tyson Foods, Inc. and Smithfield Foods, Inc.; for its Grocery Products segment, ConAgra Foods, Inc., General Mills, Inc., Campbell Soup Co., and J. M. Smucker Co.; and for JOTS, Cargill, Inc. and Butterball, LLC.

All segments compete on the basis of price, product quality and attributes, brand identification, breadth of product line, and customer service. Through aggressive marketing and strong quality assurance programs, the Company's strategy is to provide higher quality products that possess strong brand recognition, which would then support higher value perceptions from customers.

### **Research and Development**

Research and development continues to be a vital part of the Company's strategy to extend existing brands and expand into new branded items. The expenditures for research and development for fiscal 2015, 2014, and 2013, were approximately \$32.0 million, \$29.9 million, and \$29.9 million, respectively. There are approximately 150 employees engaged in full time research and development, 80 in the area of improving existing products and 70 in developing new products.

### **Employees**

As of October 25, 2015, the Company had approximately 20,700 active domestic and foreign employees.

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Financial information about geographic areas, including total revenues attributed to the U.S. and all foreign countries in total for the last three fiscal years of the Company, is reported in Note P of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of the Annual Stockholder's Report for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015, incorporated herein by reference.

**(e) Available Information**

The Company makes available, free of charge on its Web site at [www.hormelfoods.com](http://www.hormelfoods.com), its annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These reports are accessible under the caption, Investors' SEC Filings on the Company's Web site and are available as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The documents noted above are also available in print, free of charge, to any stockholder who requests them.

**(f) Executive Officers of the Registrant**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>CURRENT OFFICE AND PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Jeffrey M. Ettinger	57	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer	10/26/15 to Present 11/21/06 to 10/25/15
James P. Snee	48	President and Chief Operating Officer Group Vice President/President Hormel Foods International Corporation Vice President/Senior Vice President Hormel Foods International Corporation Vice President (Affiliated Business Units - Refrigerated Foods)	10/26/15 to Present 10/29/12 to 10/25/15 10/31/11 to 10/28/12 10/27/08 to 10/30/11
Jody H. Feragen	59	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	11/01/10 to Present 01/01/07 to 10/31/10
Steven G. Binder	58	Executive Vice President/President Hormel Business Units Executive Vice President (Refrigerated Foods) Group Vice President (Refrigerated Foods)	10/31/11 to Present 11/01/10 to 10/30/11 07/30/07 to 10/31/10
Jeffrey R. Baker	51	Group Vice President (Foodservice) Vice President (Foodservice Marketing) Director (Foodservice Marketing) Director (Fresh Meats Marketing and Precept Foods, LLC)	10/26/15 to Present 10/29/12 to 10/25/15 06/18/12 to 10/28/12 10/26/09 to 06/17/12
Deanna T. Brady	50	Group Vice President/President Consumer Products Sales	10/26/15 to Present

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		Group Vice President (Foodservice)	10/28/13 to 10/25/15
		Vice President Sales (Foodservice Sales)	07/30/07 to 10/27/13
Thomas R. Day	57	Group Vice President (Refrigerated Foods)	10/28/13 to Present
		Group Vice President (Foodservice)	11/01/10 to 10/27/13
		Senior Vice President (Foodservice)	07/30/07 to 10/31/10
Donald H. Kremin	55	Group Vice President (Specialty Foods Group)	10/31/11 to Present
		Vice President/Senior Vice President Consumer Product Sales (Wal-Mart)	10/29/07 to 10/30/11
Glenn R. Leitch	55	Group Vice President/President Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc.	10/31/11 to Present
		General Manager (Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc.)	05/30/11 to 10/30/11
		Senior Vice President Commodity (Supply Chain Division Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc.)	04/30/01 to 05/29/11

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<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>CURRENT OFFICE AND PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE</u></b>	<b><u>DATES</u></b>
James M. Splinter	53	Group Vice President (Grocery Products) Vice President (Marketing-Consumer Products-Refrigerated Foods)	11/01/10 to Present 06/02/03 to 10/31/10
Larry L. Vorpahl	52	Group Vice President/President Hormel Foods International Corporation Group Vice President/President Consumer Products Sales	10/26/15 to Present 10/31/05 to 10/25/15
Bryan D. Farnsworth	58	Senior Vice President (Supply Chain) Vice President Quality Management	03/03/14 to Present 08/01/05 to 03/02/14
Lawrence C. Lyons	60	Senior Vice President (Human Resources) Vice President (Human Resources) Director (Human Resources)	03/30/15 to Present 03/03/14 to 03/29/15 01/09/06 to 03/02/14
Lori J. Marco	48	Senior Vice President (External Affairs) and General Counsel Vice President (External Affairs) and General Counsel Senior Attorney	03/30/15 to Present 01/24/11 to 03/29/15 01/01/07 to 01/23/11
Kevin L. Myers, Ph.D.	50	Senior Vice President (Research and Development) Vice President (Research and Development) Director Product and Process Development (Research and Development) Group Manager Product Development (Research and Development)	03/30/15 to Present 10/28/13 to 03/29/15 04/30/12 to 10/27/13 03/06/06 to 04/29/12
Roland G. Gentzler	61	Vice President (Finance) and Treasurer	01/01/07 to Present
Brian D. Johnson	55	Vice President and Corporate Secretary Corporate Secretary and Senior Attorney	11/22/10 to Present 10/29/07 to 11/21/10
James N. Sheehan	60	Vice President and Controller	05/01/00 to Present

No family relationship exists among the executive officers.

Executive officers are elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Vacancies may be filled and additional officers elected at any time.

**Item 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Information on the Company's risk factors included in the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations on pages 28 through 31 of the Annual Stockholders' Report for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015, is incorporated herein by reference.



**Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Principal Segment (1)</u>	<u>Approximate Area (Square Feet, Unless Noted)</u>	<u>Owned or Leased</u>	<u>Lease Expiration Date</u>
<i>Harvest and Processing Plants</i>				
Austin, Minnesota	Refrigerated Foods Grocery Products Specialty Foods International & Other	1,398,000	Owned	
Barron, Wisconsin	JOTS	425,000	Owned	
Faribault, Minnesota	JOTS	173,000	Owned	
Fremont, Nebraska	Refrigerated Foods Grocery Products Specialty Foods International & Other	700,000	Owned	
Melrose, Minnesota	JOTS	133,000	Owned	
Vernon, California	Refrigerated Foods	724,000	Owned	
	Refrigerated Foods	108,000	Leased	March 2019
Willmar, Minnesota	JOTS	339,000	Owned	
<i>Processing Plants</i>				
Albert Lea, Minnesota	Refrigerated Foods	80,000	Owned	
Algona, Iowa	Refrigerated Foods	154,000	Owned	
Alma, Kansas	Refrigerated Foods	66,000	Owned	
Aurora, Illinois	Specialty Foods Grocery Products	147,000	Owned	
Beijing, China	International & Other	95,000	80% Owned	
Beloit, Wisconsin	Grocery Products Specialty Foods Grocery Products Specialty Foods	346,000	Owned	
		5,000	Leased	Monthly
Bremen, Georgia	Specialty Foods	156,000	Owned	
Browerville, Minnesota	Refrigerated Foods	101,000	Owned	
Dubuque, Iowa	Grocery Products	343,000	Owned	
Duluth, Georgia	Specialty Foods	85,000	Owned	
Knoxville, Iowa	Refrigerated Foods	131,000	Owned	
Lathrop, California	Refrigerated Foods	87,000	Owned	
Little Rock, Arkansas	Grocery Products	167,000	Owned	
Long Prairie, Minnesota	Refrigerated Foods	86,000	Owned	
Mendota Heights, Minnesota	Refrigerated Foods	77,000	Owned	
Mitchellville, Iowa	Specialty Foods	87,000	Owned	
Montevideo, Minnesota	JOTS	89,000	Owned	
Nevada, Iowa	Refrigerated Foods	226,000	Owned	
New Berlin, Wisconsin	Grocery Products	50,000	Leased	February 2016
Osceola, Iowa	Refrigerated Foods	373,000	Owned	
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota	JOTS	374,000	Owned	
Quakertown, Pennsylvania	Specialty Foods	12,000	Owned	
Rochelle, Illinois	Refrigerated Foods Grocery Products Specialty Foods	398,000	Owned	
San Leandro, California	Refrigerated Foods	42,000	Leased	November 2021

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Savannah, Georgia	Specialty Foods	300,000	Owned	
Shanghai, China	International & Other	33,000	Leased	February 2018
Sparta, Wisconsin	Specialty Foods	385,000	Owned	

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Principal Segment (1)</u>	<u>Approximate Area (Square Feet, Unless Noted)</u>	<u>Owned or Leased</u>	<u>Lease Expiration Date</u>
<i>Processing Plants (continued)</i>				
Tucker, Georgia	Grocery Products Refrigerated Foods Specialty Foods	283,000	Owned	
Visalia, California	Specialty Foods	107,000	Owned	
Weifang, China	International & Other	117,000	Owned	
Wichita, Kansas	Refrigerated Foods	89,000	Owned	
<i>Warehouse/Distribution Centers</i>				
Austin, Minnesota	Refrigerated Foods Grocery Products	82,000	Owned	
Bondurant, Iowa	Specialty Foods	98,000	Owned	
Dayton, Ohio	Refrigerated Foods Grocery Products Specialty Foods	140,000	Owned	
Eldridge, Iowa	Grocery Products Specialty Foods	424,000	Leased	July 2019
New Berlin, Wisconsin	Grocery Products	20,000	Leased	February 2016
Osceola, Iowa	Refrigerated Foods	233,000	Owned	
Shanghai, China	International & Other	26,000	Leased	June 2016
Sparta, Wisconsin	Specialty Foods	50,000	Leased	June 2016
Vernon, California	Refrigerated Foods	115,000	Owned	
Willmar, Minnesota	JOTS	120,000	Owned	
		5,000	Leased	September 2018
<i>Hog Production Facilities</i>				
Albin, Wyoming	Refrigerated Foods	458,000	Owned	
Corcoran, California	Refrigerated Foods	816,000	Owned	
Holbrook, Arizona	Refrigerated Foods	13,000	Owned	
Las Animas, Colorado	Refrigerated Foods	801,000	Owned	
Pine Bluffs, Wyoming	Refrigerated Foods	64,000	Owned	
Snowflake, Arizona	Refrigerated Foods	1,529,000	Owned	
<i>Hatcheries</i>				
Barron, Wisconsin	JOTS	29,000	Owned	
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota	JOTS	27,000	Owned	
Henning, Minnesota	JOTS	22,000	Owned	
<i>Feed Mills</i>				
Albin, Wyoming	Refrigerated Foods	6,000	Owned	
Atwater, Minnesota	JOTS	19,000	Owned	
Barron, Wisconsin	JOTS	26,000	Owned	
Corcoran, California	Refrigerated Foods	5,000	Owned	
Dawson, Minnesota	JOTS	37,000	Owned	
Faribault, Minnesota	JOTS	25,000	Owned	
Henning, Minnesota	JOTS	5,000	Owned	
Northfield, Minnesota	JOTS	17,000	Owned	

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Perham, Minnesota	JOTS	26,000	Owned
Snowflake, Arizona	Refrigerated Foods	28,000	Owned
Swanville, Minnesota	JOTS	29,000	Owned

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Principal Segment (1)</u>	<u>Approximate Area (Square Feet, Unless Noted)</u>	<u>Owned or Leased</u>	<u>Lease Expiration Date</u>
<i>Turkey Farms</i>				
Minnesota and Wisconsin	JOTS	13,900 (2)	Owned	
<i>Research and Development</i>				
Austin, Minnesota	All Segments	83,000	Owned	
Shanghai, China	International & Other	4,000	Leased	September 2016
Willmar, Minnesota	JOTS	10,000	Owned	
<i>Administrative Offices</i>				
Austin, Minnesota	All Segments	299,000	Owned	
Beijing, China	International & Other	4,000	Leased	May 2016
Benicia, California	Specialty Foods	14,000	Leased	November 2015
Bridgewater, New Jersey	Refrigerated Foods	29,000	Leased	January 2024
Gainesville, Georgia	Refrigerated Foods	5,000	Leased	October 2019
Las Animas, Colorado	Refrigerated Foods	4,000	Leased	Monthly
Moorabbin, Australia	International & Other	3,000	Leased	September 2016
Savannah, Georgia	Specialty Foods	14,000	Owned	
Shanghai, China	International & Other	14,000	Leased	September 2017
Taylor, Arizona	Refrigerated	5,000	Leased	December 2019
Vernon, California	Refrigerated Foods	24,000	Leased	March 2019
Walnut Creek, California	Specialty Foods	22,000	Leased	April 2023
Willmar, Minnesota	JOTS	56,000	Owned	

(1) Many of the Company's properties are not exclusive to any one segment, and a few of the properties are utilized in all five segments. For locations that support multiple segments, but with a substantial percentage of activity attributable to certain segments, only the principal segments have been listed.

(2) Acres

The Company believes its operating facilities are well maintained and suitable for current production volumes, and expansion plans are either completed or in process to accommodate all volumes anticipated in the foreseeable future.

**Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Company is a party to various legal proceedings related to the on-going operation of its business, including claims both by and against the Company. At any time, such proceedings typically involve claims related to product liability, contract disputes, wage and hour laws, employment practices, or other actions brought by employees, consumers, competitors, or suppliers. Resolution of any currently known matters, either individually or in the aggregate, is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or

liquidity.

**Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.

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The high and low sales price of the Company's common stock and the dividends per share declared for each quarter of fiscal 2015 and fiscal 2014 are shown below:

<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>High</u></b>	<b><u>Low</u></b>	<b><u>Dividend</u></b>
First Quarter	\$55.40	\$50.06	\$0.25
Second Quarter	58.98	50.13	0.25
Third Quarter	59.36	54.15	0.25
Fourth Quarter	68.97	56.89	0.25
<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>High</u></b>	<b><u>Low</u></b>	<b><u>Dividend</u></b>
First Quarter	\$46.75	\$41.93	\$0.20
Second Quarter	49.47	42.81	0.20
Third Quarter	49.87	46.02	0.20
Fourth Quarter	53.12	44.91	0.20

Additional information about dividends, principal market of trade, and number of stockholders on pages 64 and 65 of the Annual Stockholders Report for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015, is incorporated herein by reference. The Company's common stock has been listed on the New York Stock Exchange since January 16, 1990.

Issuer purchases of equity securities in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2015 are shown below:

<b><u>Period</u></b>	<b><u>Total Number of Shares Purchased</u></b>	<b><u>Average Price Paid Per Share</u></b>	<b><u>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs<sup>1</sup></u></b>	<b><u>Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs<sup>1</sup></u></b>
July 27, 2015 – August 30, 2015	-	\$ -	-	8,187,700
August 31, 2015				
September 27, 2015 <sup>2</sup>	400,000	62.32	400,000	7,787,700
September 28, 2015				
October 25, 2015	-	-	-	7,787,700
Total	400,000	\$62.32	400,000	

<sup>1</sup> On January 31, 2013, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had authorized the repurchase of 10,000,000 shares of its common stock with no expiration date. The repurchase program was authorized at a meeting



of the Company's Board of Directors on January 29, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> The 400,000 shares were purchased from The Hormel Foundation at \$62.32, representing the average closing price for the three days of September 15, September 16, and September 17, 2015. Settlement took place on September 18, 2015.

**Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

Selected Financial Data for the five fiscal years ended October 25, 2015, on page 13 of the Annual Stockholders' Report for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015, is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Information in the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations on pages 14 through 32 of the Annual Stockholders' Report for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015, is incorporated herein by reference.

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**Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Information on the Company's exposure to market risk included in the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations on pages 31 through 32 of the Annual Stockholders' Report for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015, is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

Consolidated Financial Statements, including unaudited quarterly data, on pages 36 through 63 and the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on page 35 of the Annual Stockholders' Report for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015, are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

None.

**Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this report (the Evaluation Date), the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)). In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that information we are required to disclose in reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

(a) The report entitled Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting on page 33 of the Annual Stockholder's Report for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015, is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) The report entitled Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on page 34 of the Annual Stockholder's Report for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015, is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2015, there has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

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**PART III**

**Item 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Information under Item 1 - Election of Directors on pages 2 through 7, information under Board Independence on pages 8 and 9, and information under Board of Director and Committee Meetings on pages 9 and 10 of the definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held January 26, 2016, is incorporated herein by reference.

Information concerning Executive Officers is set forth in Part I, Item 1(f) of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, pursuant to Instruction 3 to Paragraph (b) of Item 401 of Regulation S-K.

Information under Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance, on pages 33 and 34 of the definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held January 26, 2016, is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company has adopted a Code of Ethical Business Conduct in compliance with applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that applies to its principal executive officer, its principal financial officer, and its principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. A copy of the Code of Ethical Business Conduct is available on the Company's Web site at [www.hormelfoods.com](http://www.hormelfoods.com), free of charge, under the caption, Investors Corporate Governance. The Company intends to satisfy any disclosure requirement under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding an amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of this Code of Ethical Business Conduct by posting such information on the Company's Web site at the address and location specified above.

**Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Information commencing with Executive Compensation on page 16 through Potential Payments Upon Termination at Fiscal 2015 Year End on pages 31 through 33, and information under Compensation of Directors on pages 11 through 12 of the definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held January 26, 2016, is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

Information regarding the Company's equity compensation plans as of October 25, 2015, is shown below:

<b>Plan Category</b>	<b>Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a)</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (b)</b>	<b>Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) (c)</b>
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	17,198,531	\$ 27.67	25,067,926
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders			
Total	17,198,531	\$ 27.67	25,067,926

Information under Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Security Ownership of Management on pages 15 and 16 of the definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held January 26, 2016, is incorporated herein by reference.

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**Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

Information under Related Party Transactions on page 33 and Board Independence on pages 8 and 9 of the definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held January 26, 2016, is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES**

Information under Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fees and Audit Committee Preapproval Policies and Procedures on pages 14 and 15 of the definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held January 26, 2016, is incorporated herein by reference.

**PART IV**

**Item 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

The response to Item 15 is submitted as a separate section of this report.

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION**

By:	/s/ JEFFREY M. ETTINGER JEFFREY M. ETTINGER, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, and Director	December 16, 2015 Date
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
/s/ JEFFREY M. ETTINGER JEFFREY M. ETTINGER	12/16/15	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ JAMES P. SNEE JAMES P. SNEE	12/16/15	President and Chief Operating Officer and Director
/s/ JODY H. FERAGEN JODY H. FERAGEN	12/16/15	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Director (Principal Financial Officer)
/s/ JAMES N. SHEEHAN JAMES N. SHEEHAN	12/16/15	Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)
/s/ GARY C. BHOJWANI* GARY C. BHOJWANI	12/16/15	Director
/s/ TERRELL K. CREWS* TERRELL K. CREWS	12/16/15	Director
/s/ GLENN S. FORBES* GLENN S. FORBES	12/16/15	Director
/s/ STEPHEN M. LACY* STEPHEN M. LACY	12/16/15	Director
/s/ JOHN L. MORRISON* JOHN L. MORRISON	12/16/15	Director
/s/ ELSA A. MURANO* ELSA A. MURANO	12/16/15	Director

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/s/ ROBERT C. NAKASONE* ROBERT C. NAKASONE	12/16/15	Director
/s/ SUSAN K. NESTEGARD* SUSAN K. NESTEGARD	12/16/15	Director
/s/ DAKOTA A. PIPPINS* DAKOTA A. PIPPINS	12/16/15	Director
/s/ CHRISTOPHER J. POLICINSKI* CHRISTOPHER J. POLICINSKI	12/16/15	Director
/s/ SALLY J. SMITH* SALLY J. SMITH	12/16/15	Director
/s/ STEVEN A. WHITE* STEVEN A. WHITE	12/16/15	Director



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\*By: /s/ JAMES N. SHEEHAN  
JAMES N. SHEEHAN,  
*as Attorney-In-Fact*

12/16/15

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**HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION**

**Austin, Minnesota**

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**Item 15.**

**LIST OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

**HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The following consolidated financial statements of Hormel Foods Corporation included in the Annual Stockholders Report for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015, are incorporated herein by reference in Item 8 of Part II of this report:

**Consolidated Statements of Financial Position--**October 25, 2015, and October 26, 2014.

**Consolidated Statements of Operations--**Fiscal Years Ended October 25, 2015, October 26, 2014, and October 27, 2013.

**Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income--**Fiscal Years Ended October 25, 2015, October 26, 2014, and October 27, 2013.

**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders Investment--**Fiscal Years Ended October 25, 2015, October 26, 2014, and October 27, 2013.

**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows--**Fiscal Years Ended October 25, 2015, October 26, 2014, and October 27, 2013.

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements--October 25, 2015.**

**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

The following consolidated financial statement schedule of Hormel Foods Corporation required pursuant to Item 15(c) is submitted herewith:

**Schedule II - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts and Reserves...F-3**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES OMITTED**

All other financial statements and schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable, and therefore have been omitted.

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## SCHEDULE II - VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS AND RESERVES

## HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(In Thousands)

Classification	Balance at Beginning of Period	Charged to Costs and Expenses	Additions/(Benefits)		Balance at End of Period
			Charged to Other Accounts- Describe	Deductions- Describe	
Valuation reserve deduction from assets account:					
Fiscal year ended October 25, 2015 Allowance for doubtful accounts receivable	\$ 4,050	\$ (25)	\$ 36 (1)	\$ 52 (2) (77) (3)	\$ 4,086
Fiscal year ended October 26, 2014 Allowance for doubtful accounts receivable	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,076	\$ 50 (4)	\$ 4,152 (2) (76) (3)	\$ 4,050
Fiscal year ended October 27, 2013 Allowance for doubtful accounts receivable	\$ 4,000	\$ 476	\$ 0	\$ 497 (2) (21) (3)	\$ 4,000

**Note (1)** Increase in the reserve due to the inclusion of Applegate Farms accounts receivable.

**Note (2)** Uncollectible accounts written off.

**Note (3)** Recoveries on accounts previously written off.

**Note (4)** Increase in the reserve due to the inclusion of CytoSport accounts receivable.

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**LIST OF EXHIBITS**

**HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION**

<b><u>NUMBER</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT</u></b>
2.1(1)	Purchase Agreement by and among Hormel Foods Corporation, Applegate Farms, LLC, the management sellers listed on Exhibit A, Weiser, Inc., Stephen M. McDonnell, SPC Partners IV, L.P., K&E Investment Partners, L.P. and Applegate Investment Corporation, dated May 26, 2015. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Hormel's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 26, 2015, File No. 001-02402.) Exhibits identified in the agreement have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K and will be furnished to the Commission upon request.
3.1(1)	Restated Certificate of Incorporation as amended to date. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Hormel's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended January 30, 2011, File No. 001-02402.)
3.2(1)	Bylaws as amended to date. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Hormel's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended January 24, 2010, File No. 001-02402.)
4.1(1)	Indenture dated as of April 1, 2011, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Hormel's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on April 4, 2011, File No. 333-173284.)
4.2(1)	Form of 4.125% Notes due 2021. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Hormel's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 11, 2011, File No. 001-02402.)
4.3	Pursuant to Item 601(b)(4)(iii) of Regulation S-K, copies of instruments defining the rights of holders of certain long-term debt are not filed. Hormel agrees to furnish copies thereof to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.
10.1(1)(3)	Hormel Foods Corporation Operators' Shares Incentive Compensation Plan. (Incorporated by reference to Appendix A to Hormel's definitive Proxy Statement filed on December 19, 2012, File No. 001-02402.)
10.2(1)(3)	Hormel Foods Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (2007 Restatement). (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Hormel's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 21, 2011, File No. 001-02402.)
10.3(1)(3)	First Amendment of Hormel Foods Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (2007 Restatement). (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Hormel's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 21, 2011, File No. 001-02402.)
10.4(1)(3)	Second Amendment of Hormel Foods Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (2007 Restatement). (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Hormel's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 21, 2011, File No. 001-02402.)
10.5(1)(3)	Third Amendment of Hormel Foods Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (2007 Restatement). (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Hormel's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 21, 2011, File



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No. 001-02402.)

- 10.6(1)(3) Hormel Foods Corporation 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (Amended 1-31-2006). (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Hormel's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 31, 2006, File No. 001-02402.)
- 10.7(1)(3) Hormel Foods Corporation Executive Deferred Income Plan II (November 21, 2011 Restatement). (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Hormel's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 21, 2011, File No. 001-02402.)
- 10.8(1)(3) Form of Indemnification Agreement for Directors and Officers. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Hormel's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 29, 2012, File No. 001-02402.)
- 10.9(1)(3) Hormel Foods Corporation Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Plan (Plan Adopted October 4, 1999; Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2008). (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Hormel's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 26, 2008, File No. 001-02402.)

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**LIST OF EXHIBITS (CONTINUED)**  
**HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION**

<b><u>NUMBER</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT</u></b>
10.10(1)(3)	Hormel Foods Corporation 2009 Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Plan (Plan Adopted November 24, 2008). (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Hormel's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended January 25, 2009, File No. 001-02402.)
10.11(1)(3)	Hormel Foods Corporation 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan. (Incorporated by reference to Appendix A to Hormel's definitive Proxy Statement filed on December 18, 2013, File No. 001-02402.)
10.12(1)(3)	Hormel Survivor Income Plan for Executives (1993 Restatement). (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to Hormel's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 29, 2006, File No. 001-02402.)
10.13(1)	Underwriting Agreement, dated as of April 4, 2011, by and between the Company and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, & Smith Incorporated as representatives of the several underwriters named in Schedule 1 thereto. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to Hormel's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 11, 2011, File No. 001-02402.)
11.1(2)	Statement re: computation of per share earnings. (Included in Exhibit 13.1 filed with this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015.)
13.1(2)	Pages 13 through 66 of the Annual Stockholders' Report for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2015.
21.1(2)	Subsidiaries of the Registrant.
23.1(2)	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
24.1(2)	Power of Attorney.
31.1(2)	Certification Required Under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2(2)	Certification Required Under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1(2)	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
99.1(1)	U.S. \$300,000,000 Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of May 25, 2010, between the Company, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders identified on the signature pages thereof. (Incorporated by

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reference to Exhibit 99 to Hormel's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 25, 2010, File No. 001-02402.)

- 99.2(1) First Amendment to U.S. \$300,000,000 Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of May 25, 2010, between the Company, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders identified on the signature pages thereof. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99 to Hormel's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 22, 2011, File No. 001-02402.)
- 99.3(1) U.S. \$700,000,000 Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of June 24, 2015, between the Company, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders identified on the signature pages thereof. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99 to Hormel's Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 24, 2015, File No. 001-02402.)
- 101.INS(2) XBRL Instance Document
- 101.SCH(2) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
- 101.CAL(2) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
- 101.DEF(2) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
- 101.LAB(2) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document
- 101.PRE(2) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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- (1) Document has previously been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) These exhibits transmitted via EDGAR.
- (3) Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.