HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ Form SC 13G January 24, 2005

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13G

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934** 

#### **Hormel Foods Corporation**

(Name of Issuer)

#### **Common Stock**

(Title of Class of Securities)

#### 440452-10-0

#### **CUSIP** Number

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- o Rule 13d-1(b)
- o Rule 13d-1(c)
- ý Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

### CUSIP No. 440452-10-0

1.	Name of Reporting Person S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of above person The Hormel Foundation 41-0694716					
2.	Check the Appropriate B (a) (b)	eck the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group* o o				
3.	SEC Use Only					
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organization Minnesota					
	5.		Sole Voting Power 64,062,722			
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by	6.		Shared Voting Power None			
Each Reporting Person With	7.		Sole Dispositive Power 64,062,722			
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power None			
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 64,062,722					
10.	Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares* o					
11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9 46.46					
12.						

## Item 1.

Ittill I.							
	(a)		Name of Issuer:				
			Hormel Foods Corporation				
	(b)		f Issuer's Principal Exec				
		1 Hormel	Place, Austin, Minneso	ta 55912-3680			
Item 2.							
100111 20	(a)	Name of H	Person Filing:				
			The Hormel Foundation				
	(b)	Address o	Address of Principal Business Office, or, if none, Residence:				
		301 North	Main Street Austin, M	innesota 55912-3498			
	(c)	Citizenshi	-				
	( 1)	Minnesota					
	(d)		lass of Securities:				
	(e)	Common CUSIP Nu					
	(6)	440452-10					
Item 3.			iled Pursuant to Section	ons 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b)			
		Not applicable					
Item 4. Ownership							
	Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.						
				ly Owned			
		(a)	Amount Beneficial	ly Owned.			
			64,062,722				
		(b)	Percent of Class:				
			46.46%				
(c) N			Number of shares as to which such person has:				
			(i)	Sole power to vote or to direct the vote			
				64,062,722			
			(ii)	Shared power to vote or to direct the vote			
			(11)	Shared power to vote of to direct the vote			
			(iii)	Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition			
				of			
				64,062,722			
			(iv)	Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition			
			()	of			

Item 5.	<b>Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class</b> Not applicable		
Item 6.	<b>Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person</b> The Hormel Foundation is a charitable foundation incorporated in 1941; amended and restated July 28, 1980. Its assets include common stock of the issuer which it has sole power to vote and the sole power of disposition. Some of such common stock is held in the capacity as trustee of various trusts for which other persons have the right to receive dividends. Each other person having the right to receive dividends on such common stock constituting more than five percent of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer are the following:		
	George A. Hormel II		
	Jamie Renee Hormel		
	Thomas D. Hormel		
	Rampa Robinson Hormel		
	James C. Hormel		
Item 7.	<b>Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security</b> <b>Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.</b> Not applicable		
Item 8.	<b>Identification and Classification of Members of the Group</b> Not applicable		
Item 9.	Notice of Dissolution of Group Not applicable		
Item 10.	Certification Not applicable		

## Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 24, 2005

THE HORMEL FOUNDATION

/s/ J. A. ANFINSON **Signature** 

J. A. ANFINSON, Treasurer Name/Title

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