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Hormel Foods Donates Three Semi-trailer Loads of Product for Tornado Relief Efforts in Southeastern United States

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Hormel Foods Corporation (NYSE: HRL) today announced a donation of three semi-trailer loads of *Hormel*(R) *Compleats*(R) microwave meals, which is about 165,000 meals, to Feeding America food banks to aid in relief efforts for Alabama and the southeastern United States impacted by the April 27 tornados.

"We extend our condolences to everyone who has been affected by this devastation," said Jeffrey M. Ettinger, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer at Hormel Foods. "As relief efforts begin, we hope these meals will provide a source of nourishment."

Hormel(R) *Compleats*(R) microwave meals are 10-ounce satisfying meals that feature quality chicken, beef or turkey as well as flavorful vegetables and pasta, potatoes or rice. They do not need to be frozen or refrigerated and can be microwaved in the tray in 90 seconds.

About Hormel Foods
Hormel Foods Corporation, based in Austin, Minn., is a multinational manufacturer and marketer of consumer-branded food and meat products, many of which are among the best known and trusted in the food industry. The company leverages its extensive expertise, innovation and high competencies in pork and turkey processing and marketing to bring branded, value-added products to the global marketplace. The company is a member of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes, Maplecroft Climate Innovation Indexes, Global 1000 Sustainable Performance Leaders and was named one of "The 100 Most Trustworthy Companies" by Forbes in 2010. The company enjoys a strong reputation among consumers, retail grocers, foodservice and industrial customers for products highly regarded for quality, taste, nutrition, convenience and value. For more information, visit http://www.hormelfoods.com.

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