Hormel Foods Corp.

HRL

NYSE; consumer nondurables; SIC 2011, Meat Packing Plants; CIK 0000048465

C

middle fifth of 124 graded peers in consumer nondurables

rank 59 of 124; percentile 47.2; sampling error 3.8 points; lower is stronger

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C, the tortoise



Scoreboard

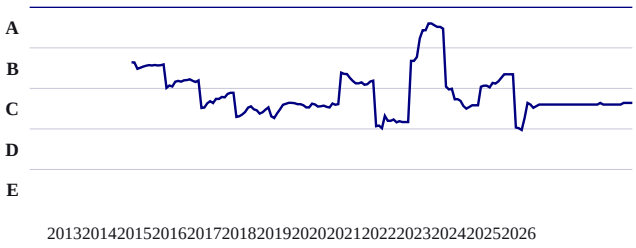
Profitability	C percentile 52.0
Solvency	B/C percentile 36.4
Growth and financing	C percentile 55.4
Reliability	0.94 AUC filers with over $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.97; 61 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	0.52% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	over $2.67B assets total assets $13.4B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered not computable: dilution, distress
Inputs computable	10 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Dec 5, 2025 329 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Aug 27, 2026
Last close	$20.89 2026-10-29; market equity $0; no price enters the letter

Share price, twelve months to the rescan



Split-adjusted close. Each lollipop is a rescan and carries the letter held then.

Letter at every rescan, 2012 to 2026



Sector percentile at each rescan, stronger toward the top; facts filed by each date only.

Business, in the company's words

opening of Item 1 of the 10-K received Dec 5, 2025

Hormel Foods Corporation, a Delaware corporation, was founded by George A. Hormel in 1891 in Austin, Minnesota, as Geo. A. Hormel & Company. The Company originated as a processor of meat and food products and continues in this line of business today. The Company has expanded its product portfolio through organic growth and acquisitions to become a global branded food company with more than $12 billion in annual revenue.

The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; sleeves and inputs within a sleeve carry equal weight

Input	Value	Peer median	Percentile, 0 to 100	Pct	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 52.0						
Gross profitability	14.1%	29.8%		81.1	144	2025-10-26
Return on invested capital	5.1%	5.6%		54.2	49	2025-10-26
Accruals ratio	(2.7%)	(5.1%)		70.3	149	2025-10-26
Gross margin stability, five years	0.6 pts	1.9 pts		2.6	116	2025-10-26

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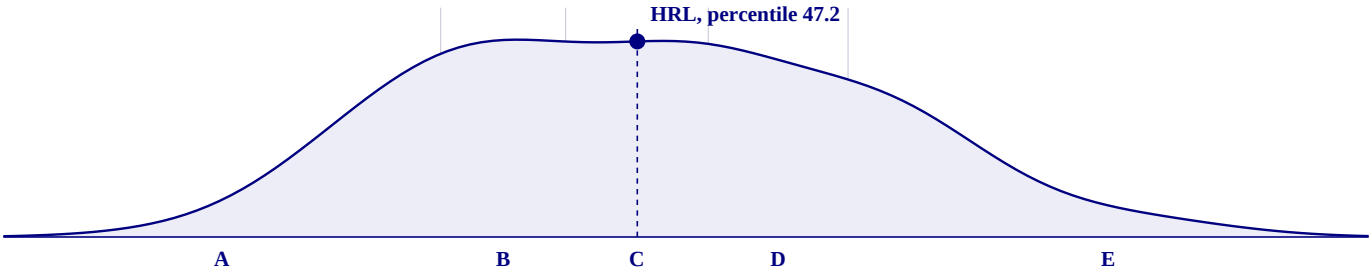
Solvency, sleeve percentile 36.4						
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.04%				
liabilities and a nearby cover-page share count are required at 2026-07-26						
Altman Z double-prime	not computable	3.11				
one or more required annual facts are missing						
Net debt to EBITDA	2.22x	2.54x		44.4	55	2025-10-26
Interest coverage	not computable	2.51x				
latest aligned inputs end 2023-10-29; latest annual assets end 2025-10-26						
Current ratio	2.47x	1.81x		28.3	153	2025-10-26
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 55.4						
Revenue growth, three-year compound	(1.0%)	0.2%		56.1	133	2025-10-26
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	(14.5%)	14.9%		83.1	66	2025-10-26
Reinvestment rate	43.4%	11.0%		35.7	71	2025-10-26
Asset growth, three years	0.2%	0.2%		46.6	134	2025-10-26
Net share issuance, one year	not computable	0.03%				
two annual share counts are required; found 0						

Among 124 peers

consumer nondurables; letters are fifths of this list



Composite score of every graded peer, smoothed; vertical rules are the letter band edges; stronger to the left.

Rank	Company	Percentile	Letter	Warnings
54	Boston Beer Co. Inc. (SAM)	43.1	B/C	fortress balance sheet
55	Bridgford Foods Corp. (BRID)	43.9	C	
56	Post Holdings, Inc. (POST)	44.7	C	
57	Hershey Co. (HSY)	45.5	C	
58	Philip Morris International Inc. (PM)	46.3	C	
59	Hormel Foods Corp. (HRL)	47.2	C	
60	Altria Group, Inc. (MO)	48.0	C	
61	Oxford Industries Inc. (OXM)	48.8	C	
62	Celsius Holdings, Inc. (CELH)	49.6	C	
63	BrightView Holdings, Inc. (BV)	50.4	C	
64	J.Jill, Inc. (JILL)	51.2	C	

What the price implies

at the 2026-10-29 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	(7.1%)	(0.2%)	37
Distance from 52-week high	(21.2%)	(22.0%)	53
EBIT to enterprise value	not computable	3.7%	
Free cash flow yield	not computable	4.5%	
Book value to price	not computable	0.57	
Sales to price	not computable	1.21	
Composite equity issuance, five years	not computable	(16.3%)	

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Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	(0.17)	(0.10)	37

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score None of 9, period end 2025-10-26	
Return on assets above zero	pass
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	fail
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
Long-term leverage fell	fail
Current ratio improved	pass
No new shares issued	fail
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	pass
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$839.6M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$1.1B
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	64 (10-Q received Aug 27, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$95.7M

Sources

every fact behind the inputs; each row links to its filing index on sec.gov

#	Concept	XBRL tag	Value	Period end	Received	Form	Accession
1	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$1.9B	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$13.4B	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$718.6M	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$663.4M	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$185.7M	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	$2.9B	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$7.9B	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$670.7M	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	$2.9B	2024-10-27	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$8.0B	2024-10-27	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$741.9M	2024-10-27	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$478.2M	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$845.3M	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$13.4B	2024-10-27	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerIncludingAs...	$12.1B	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$2.0B	2024-10-27	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerIncludingAs...	$11.9B	2024-10-27	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$2.0B	2023-10-29	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerIncludingAs...	$12.1B	2023-10-29	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$2.2B	2022-10-30	2024-12-05	10-K	24-000051
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerIncludingAs...	$12.5B	2022-10-30	2024-12-05	10-K	24-000051
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$1.9B	2021-10-31	2023-12-06	10-K	23-000083
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerIncludingAs...	$11.4B	2021-10-31	2023-12-06	10-K	23-000083
24	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$263.9M	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
25	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$1.1B	2023-10-29	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
26	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$73.4M	2023-10-29	2023-12-06	10-K	23-000083
27	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$3.4B	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
28	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$1.4B	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
29	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$310.9M	2025-10-26	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
30	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$1.3B	2024-10-27	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059

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31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$256.4M	2024-10-27	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$1.0B	2023-10-29	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$270.2M	2023-10-29	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$1.1B	2022-10-30	2024-12-05	10-K	24-000051
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$278.9M	2022-10-30	2024-12-05	10-K	24-000051
36	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$3.2B	2024-10-27	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
37	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$1.4B	2024-10-27	2025-12-05	10-K	25-000059
38	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$13.4B	2023-10-29	2024-12-05	10-K	24-000051
39	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$13.3B	2022-10-30	2023-12-06	10-K	23-000083

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