

SANDERSON JOE F JR
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SANDERSON JOE F JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SANDERSON FARMS INC
 [SAFM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 127 FLYNT ROAD, P.O. BOX 988
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/21/2017

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 CEO, Chairman of the Board

LAUREL, MS 39443

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 10/21/2017 ⁽¹⁾ | | A | 16,750 A | \$ 0 <u>(2)</u> 738,557 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 9,808 | I | By spouse. |
| Common Stock | | | | | 101,177.2325 | I | Allocated to Reporting Person's account in Issuer ESOP. |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SANDERSON JOE F JR 127 FLYNT ROAD P.O. BOX 988 LAUREL, MS 39443 | X | | CEO, Chairman of the Board | |

Signatures

/s/ D. Michael Cockrell,
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 10/24/2017

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).
- The Compensation Committee ("Committee") of the Registrant's Board of Directors approved the reported transaction on October 18, 2017, conditioned upon certain requirements under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, being satisfied. That condition was satisfied on October 21, 2017, thus the effective date of the Committee's approval was October 21, 2017.
- (2) The reported transaction was a grant by the Issuer of restricted stock. Thus, there was no price.

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