

DEERE & CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
LANE ROBERT W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

DEERE & COMPANY, ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE

(Street)

MOLINE, IL 61265

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DEERE & CO [DE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/17/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| \$1 Par Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | 03/17/2005                           |  | M                              |   | \$ 23,750 A 43.979  | 286,941  | D                                 |
| \$1 Par Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | 03/17/2005                           |  | M                              |   | \$ 47,500 A 47.362  | 334,441  | D                                 |
| \$1 Par Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | 03/17/2005                           |  | M                              |   | \$ 18,000 A 42.69   | 352,441  | D                                 |
| \$1 Par Common                             | 03/17/2005                           |  | F                              |   | \$ 70,281 D 67.445  | 282,160 <u>(3)</u>                                       | D                                 |

Stock (1) (2)

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      |  |
| Premium Priced Options <u>(4)</u>          | \$ 43.979  | 03/17/2005                           |  | M                              | 23,750  | 12/14/1998 02/28/2006                                    | Common Stock  | 23,750                     |  |
| Premium Priced Options <u>(4)</u>          | \$ 47.362  | 03/17/2005                           |  | M                              | 47,500  | 12/14/1998 02/28/2006                                    | Common Stock  | 47,500                     |  |
| Market Priced Options <u>(4)</u>           | \$ 42.69   | 03/17/2005                           |  | M                              | 18,000  | 12/11/1996 12/11/2006                                    | Common Stock  | 18,000                     |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| LANE ROBERT W<br>DEERE & COMPANY<br>ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE<br>MOLINE, IL 61265 |               |           | Chairman & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ James H. Becht, Secretary, Deere & Company, Under Power of  
Attorney

03/18/2005

\_\_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).
- (1) References to Deere & Company common stock include associated preferred stock rights.
- (2) Exercise of Rule 16b-3 employee stock options and related delivery and withholding of shares to pay the option exercise prices and withholding taxes.
- (3) Includes 195,605 restricted stock units granted under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan.
- (4) All options include the ability to withhold shares upon the exercise of the option to satisfy income tax obligations.

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