KHAYAT ROBERT C

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KHAYAT ROBERT C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

SANDERSON FARMS INC [SAFM]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(First) (Middle)

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

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

127 FLYNT ROAD 02/17/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3.

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Person

LAUREL, MS 39443

(Zip) (City) (State)

(Street)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

Common 02/17/2011 Stock

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Α 2,300 11,971 D

(A)

or

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)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
KHAYAT ROBERT C								
127 FLYNT ROAD	X							
LAUREL, MS 39443								

Signatures

/s/ Michael D. Cockrell,
Attorney-In-Fact
02/18/2011

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * 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).

Date

(1) The reported transaction was a grant by the Issuer of restricted stock. Thus, there was no price.

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