SANDERSON FARMS INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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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	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2016	__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) CEO, Chairman of the Board
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
LAUREL, MS 39443		
(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/19/2016		G		14,896	D	$ 0 (1)	762,673	D	
Common Stock								9,808	I	By spouse.
Common Stock								100,403.7701 (2)	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. Nu 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			
	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	12/20/2016
**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)   The reported transaction was a gift. Thus, there was no price.

(2)   Reflects allocations not reported on the Reporting Person's previous ownership report.

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