SANDERSON FARMS INC

Form 4 November 07, 2002

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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[_]		ck box if no longer s continue. See Instruc		n 16.	. Form 4 or Form 5 obligat	ions			
1.	Name	e and Address of Repor	 ting Person*						
Butt	s		Lampkin						
(Last)		 (First)		(Middle)				
Post	Offi	ce Box 988							
			(Street)						
Laur	el		Mississip	pi	39441-0988				
(City)		(State)		(Zip)				
2.	 Tssı	er Name and Ticker or	 Trading Symbol						
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SAFM									
3.	IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)								
4.	Statement for Month/Year								
Name		7 2002							
Nove	mber 	7, 2002 							
5.	If A	Amendment, Date of Ori	ginal (Month/Yea	r)					
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6.	Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)								
		Director Officer (give title	below)		10% Owner Other (specify below)				
Vice	Pres	sident-Sales							
7.	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)								
	[X]								

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,										
or Beneficially Owned										
		3.								
				4. Securities Acquired (A) or						
				Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 a						
	2. Code			(111501. 3, 4 6						
1. Title of Security	Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	(Instr. 8)			(A) or	Price				
(Instr. 3)		Code	V		(D)					
Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share										
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\$1.00 per share		P 		5,000	A 	\$20.15 				

Explanation of Responses:

*Mr. Butts is one of three trustees of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust of Sanderson Farms, Inc. and Affiliates ("ESOP"), which is the record owner of 1,126,618 shares of common stock of the Company. As such, Mr. Butts, in his capacity as a trustee of the ESOP, shares with the other trustees investment power with respet to those shares of common stock and therefore is deemed to beneficially own, under applicable regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the shares of common stock owned of record by the ESOP. Pursuant to Rule 13d-4 of the Exchange Act, Mr. Butts disclaims beneficial ownership of the common stock owned of record by the ESOP, except for the 24,161 shares allocated to his personal account thereunder as a participant in the plan, over which shares Mr. Butts exercises sole voting power, but shares with the other trustees investment power with respect to such shares.

If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

(Print or Type Responses)

(Over)

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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	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Secursity	(Month/ Day/	(Instr. 8)	or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		DACI CION		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount or Number of	
(Instr. 3)	ity 	Year) 	Code V	(A) 	(D)	cisable 	рате 	Title	Shares
Incentive Stock Options	\$13.00					4/24/99*	4/23/08	Common Stock	
	\$ 7.188					5/01/01*	5/01/10	Common Stock	
	\$ 7.46875	; ;				4/21/01*	4/21/10	Common Stock	
	\$11.10					4/28/02*	4/28/11	Common Stock	
	\$18.55					7/25/03*	7/25/12	Common Stock	

Explanation of Responses:

*All reported option vest at 25% on the date indicated, and continue to vest at 25% on each anniversary date thereafter until fully vested

/s/Lampkin Butts November 7, 2002
-----**Signature of Reporting Person Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.