### SANDERSON FARMS INC

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FORM 5

## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

- |\_| Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).
   |\_| Form 3 Holdings Reported
   |X| Form 4 Transactions Reported
- 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*  $\,$

Cockrell D. Michael (Last) (First) (Middle)

P. O. Box 988

(Street)

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Sanderson Farms, Inc. (SAFM)

- 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
- 4. Statement for Month/Year

October 31, 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6.		ip of Report applicable)		s) to Issuer			_	
	X  Direct				10% Owner Other (speci	fy below)		
	Treasure	er and Chief	Financial	Officer				
7.		or Joint/Gr Licable line					_	
			e Reporting re than One	Person Reporting Pe	cson		_	
	Table		erivative S	ecurities Accially Owned	quired, Dispos	ed of,	=	
			Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)		4. Securities Acquired Disposed of (Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 1)	) nd 5)	(A) or
	of Security				(Instr. 8)		(A) or	Price
Commo	n Stock		1/12/02		M4	7,500		
Commo	n Stock		1/12/02		S4 	7,500	D 	\$20.16 
Commo	n Stock							

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\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see instruction  $4\,(b)\,(v)\,.$ 

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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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1.	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Trans-	3A. Deemed Execut- ion	4. Trans-action Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A or Disposed of(D)	Expira	isable and ation Date n/Day/Year)	of Under Securiti	es 3 and 4)  Amount
1. Title of	of Deriv-	Trans- action	ion Date if	Code (Instr.	of(D) (Instr. 3,	(Month	n/Day/Year)		Amount or
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ative Secur- ity	Date (mm/dd/	any (mm/dd/yy)	8)	4 and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exer- cisabl	Expira- tion Le Date	Title	Number of Shares

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.875	1/12/02	M4	7,500	7/25/97*	7/24/02	Common Stock	7 <b>,</b> 50
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.875	7/25/96	A	7,500	7/25/97*	7/24/02	Common Stock	7,50
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.00	7/24/97	А	15,000	7/24/98*	7/23/07	Common Stock	15,00
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$13.00	4/23/98	А	15,000	4/23/99*	4/22/08	Common Stock	15,00

Phantom

Stock Rights	\$ 7.46875	4/22/00	A	18,000	4/22/01* 4	/21/10	Common Stock	18 <b>,</b> 00
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.188	5/01/00	A	7,500	5/01/01* 4	/30/10	Common Stock	7,50
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11.10	4/27/01	A	7 <b>,</b> 500	4/27/02* 4	/26/11	Common Stock	7 <b>,</b> 50
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$18.55		A				Common Stock	18,00

### Explanation of Responses:

\*25% of options or rights vest on the date indicated, and an additional 25% vest each year therafter until fully vested.

/s/D. Michael Cockrell	January 17, 2003
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

 $\ensuremath{^{\star\star}}$  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.