SANDERSON WILLIAM R

Form 4

January 12, 2005

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

SANDERSON FARMS INC

Symbol

[SAFM]

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SANDERSON WILLIAM R

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(Last)	, ,	Middle)	(Month/	Day/Year)	Γransaction			_X_ Director Officer (gives below)		0% Owner Other (specify		
36 BRIAR CREEK CIRCLE			01/10/2005									
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)				
LAUREL,	MS 39440							_X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person	One Reporting More than One			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiti or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)		
Common Stock	01/10/2005			S	26,000 (1)	D	\$ 41.95	188,225 (1)	I	co-executor for Estate of Joe Frank Sanderson		
Common Stock								426,253	D			
Common Stock								15,648	I	Allocated to Reporting Person's account in Issuer ESOP		

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Common Stock As custodian for minor children

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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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SANDERSON WILLIAM R
36 BRIAR CREEK CIRCLE X
LAUREL, MS 39440

Signatures

/s/ William R Sanderson 01/12/2005

**Signature of Reporting Date

Person

/s/ William R Sanderson 01/12/2005

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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- * 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 Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

Remarks:

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This amended Form 4 is being filed to correct the transaction code for one of the reported transactions, to reflect a

previously reported transaction in Table II as well as in Table I, and to correct the footnotes to the original Form 4. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays