SANDERSON FARMS INC

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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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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

SANDERSON FARMS INC

Symbol

response...

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

burden hours per

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SANDERSON WILLIAM R

| | | | | SANDERSON FARMS INC [SAFM] | | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--|
| (Last) 36 BRIAR | (First) (| Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2005 | | | | | _X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) | | |
| IAIIDEI | | | | mendment, Date Original Ionth/Day/Year) /2005 | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | |
| LAUKEL, | WIS 33440 | | | | | | | Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | le I - Non- | Derivativ | e Secu | rities Aco | quired, Disposed | of, or Benefic | cially Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution any (Month/D | Date, if | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d 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 | 03/01/2005 | | | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 45 | 427,753 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 15,649 | I | Allocated to Reporting Person's account in Issuer ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 42,201 (1) | I | As custodian for minor children |
| | 03/01/2005 | | | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 44.9 | 426,253 | D | |

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| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------|---|--------|---|-------------|------------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 03/02/2005 | | S | 9,500 | D | \$ 44.9 | 416,753 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2005 | | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 44.91 | 415,253 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 28,225 (1) | I | As co-executor for Estate of Joe Frank Sanderson |
| D ' 1 D | | 1 1 6 | 1 | C · 11 | | e a | . 11 | | |

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) | 4. Transac Code (Instr. 8 | 5. ctionNumber of Securiti Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. 3 4, and 5 | (Month/Day, ive es ed ed | ate | 7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr. | int of rlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | 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 WILLIAM R 36 BRIAR CREEK CIRCLE | X | | | | | | | |
| LAUREL, MS 39440 | | | | | | | | |

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Signatures

/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorney-in-Fact

03/07/2005

**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 Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

Remarks:

This amended Form 4 is being filed to include shares indirectly held by the Reporting Person as co-executor for Estate of Joe 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 a currently valid OMB number.

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