#### SANDERSON FARMS INC

Form 4 April 04, 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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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and A<br>LIVINGST            | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>SANDERSON FARMS INC<br>[SAFM] |             |   |   | ng        | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) |             |  |  |                   |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------|---|---|-----------|--|-------------|--|--|-------------------|--|
| (Last) 225 N. 13T                    | (First) H AVENUE   | (Middle)    | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2005 |   |           |  |             | _X_ Director<br>Officer (give<br>below)  |  | Owner er (specify |  |
|                                      |  |             |   | . If Amendment, Date Original iled(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 |  |                   |  |
| (City)                               | (State)  | (Zip)       | Tabl  | e I - Non-D   | erivative | Secur  | ities Acq   | uired, Disposed o  | f, or Beneficial   | ly Owned          |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Da<br>(Month/Day/Year   | ) Execution | emed<br>on Date, if<br>/Day/Year)                           | 3. 4. Securities A Transaction(A) or Dispose Code (Instr. 3, 4 and (Instr. 8)  (A) or Code V Amount (D) |           |  | d of (D)    | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                             | Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) |                   |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 03/31/2005   |             |   | A   | 10        | A  | \$<br>43.21 | 25,060   | D  |                   |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 03/31/2005   |             |   | A   | 2         | A  | \$ 0 (1)    | 25,062   | D  |                   |  |

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 | 2. Conversion                            | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4.<br>Transacti    | 5.<br>orNumber | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration D |                    | 7. Title<br>Amount               |  | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu<br>Deriv  |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|
| Security (Instr. 3)    | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Tear)                     | any (Month/Day/Year)          | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | of             | (Month/Day/                   |                    | Underly<br>Securiti<br>(Instr. 3 | ying<br>ies                            | Security (Instr. 5)    | Secur<br>Bene<br>Owne<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|                        |  |                                      |                               | Code V             | (A) (D)        | Date<br>Exercisable           | Expiration<br>Date | Title N                          | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                        |   |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| • 0   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| LIVINGSTON PHIL K<br>225 N. 13TH AVENUE<br>LAUREL, MS 39440 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorney-in-Fact 04/04/2005

\*\*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) Shares granted by the Issuer pursuant to the matching contribution provisions of the Issuer's Management Share Purchase Plan.

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