SANDERSON FARMS INC

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ZACHARIAS DONALD W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SANDERSON FARMS INC [SAFM]				ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 127 FLYNT	t) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/D) YNT ROAD 03/31/20			•				_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
				endment, Date Original onth/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)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (D) (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	ed of	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	03/31/2006			A	223	A	\$ 22.4	4,005	D		
Common Stock	03/31/2006			A	55	A	\$ 0 (1)	4,060	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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ZACHARIAS DONALD W 127 FLYNT ROAD LAUREL, MS 39443	X						

Signatures

/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorney-in-Fact 04/04/2006

**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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