

SANDERSON FARMS INC  
Form 4  
October 02, 2007

**FORM 4**

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

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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BAKER JOHN H III**

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**SANDERSON FARMS INC**  
**[SAFM]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

127 FLYNT ROAD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/28/2007

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

LAUREL, MS 39443

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |        |                       | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|-----------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount | (A) or (D) Price      |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/28/2007                           |  | A                              |   | 312    | A \$ 41.67            | 30,820  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/28/2007                           |  | A                              |   | 78     | A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup> | 30,898  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |        |                       | 2,250 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | By trust for benefit of wife.     |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 10) |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V  | (A)  | (D)   |   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                         | Relationships                    |
|--|----------------------------------|
|  | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| BAKER JOHN H III<br>127 FLYNT ROAD<br>LAUREL, MS 39443 | X                                |

## Signatures

/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorney  
In Fact 10/02/2007

\_\_\_\_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.
- (2) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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