

SANDERSON FARMS INC

Form 4

December 21, 2007

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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)
12/20/2007

☒ 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
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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	12/20/2007		P		119 A \$ 31.78	47,479	D
Common Stock	12/20/2007		P		900 A \$ 31.8	48,379	D
Common Stock	12/20/2007		P		400 A \$ 31.9	48,779	D
Common Stock	12/20/2007		P		200 A \$ 31.94	48,979	D
Common Stock	12/20/2007		P		100 A \$ 31.91	49,079	D

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Common Stock	12/20/2007	P	300	A	\$ 31.98	49,379	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007	P	100	A	\$ 32.02	49,479	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007	P	100	A	\$ 32.03	49,579	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007	P	500	A	\$ 31.95	50,079	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007	P	900	A	\$ 31.97	50,979	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007	P	200	A	\$ 31.96	51,179	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007	P	900	A	\$ 31.93	52,079	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007	P	338	A	\$ 31.74	52,417	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007	P	1,781	A	\$ 31.88	54,198	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007	P	300	A	\$ 31.85	54,498	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007	P	200	A	\$ 31.81	54,698	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007	P	300	A	\$ 31.77	54,998	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007	P	900	A	\$ 31.76	55,898	D	
Common Stock						2,250 ⁽¹⁾	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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo
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Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ James A. Grimes, Attorney In Fact	12/21/2007
<u> </u> 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.

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