#### SANDERSON FARMS INC

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# FORM 4

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

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

response...

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Expires:

See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

BUTTS LAMPKIN		Symbol SANDERSON FARMS INC						Issuer  (Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First) (	Middle)	[SAFM] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)							
127 FLYNT ROAD			12/30/2008						below) below) President and COO				
	(Street)		4. If Amer			_			6. Individual or Applicable Line)	Joint/Group Fil	ing(Check		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Nor	ı-De	erivative S	Securi	ities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	) Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr.		4. Securi nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) of (D) 4 and (A) or	9) 5) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	12/30/2008			G	V	1,000	D	\$ 0 (1)	53,598	D			
Common Stock									43,869	I	Allocated to the Reporting Person's account in Issuer ESOP.		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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				C-J- V	(A) (D)				of 51		
				Coue v	(A) (D)			7	Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				

BUTTS LAMPKIN 127 FLYNT ROAD LAUREL, MS 39443

X President and COO

## **Signatures**

/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorney

In Fact 01/05/2009

\*\*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) Because the reported transaction was a gift, there is no price.

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