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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549								OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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(Print or Type R	Responses)										
			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SANDERSON FARMS INC					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
	[SAFM]										
(Month				of Earliest Transaction /Day/Year) /2009				Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below)			
				endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(CheckApplicable Line)_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
LAUREL, N	AS 39443							Form filed by M Person	Iore than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	nsaction Date 2A. Deemed h/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price \$	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Stock	03/31/2009			А	253	А	љ 37.55	6,658	D		
Common Stock	03/31/2009			А	63	А	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	6,721	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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Unde Secur	le and int of rlying ities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
MOONEY DIANNE 127 FLYNT ROAD LAUREL, MS 39443	Х							
Signatures								
/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorn In Fact	ley	04/02/2009						
**Signature of Reporting Person		Da	te					
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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