SANDERSON FARMS INC

Form 4

September 17, 2009

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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 * BAKER JOHN H III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SANDERSON FARMS INC [SAFM]					g	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 127 FLYNT	. ,	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/17/2009			_X_ Director Officer (giv below)	Officer (give title Other (specify					
LAUREL, N	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/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					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	a I - No	n-Da	rivativa S	Socuri	tios Ac	Person quired, Disposed	of or Repeticie	lly Ownad	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	r) Executi any		3.	actio 8)	4. Securi nAcquirec Disposed (Instr. 3,	ties I (A) of I of (D 4 and (A) or	or O)	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	09/17/2009			G	V	5,200	D	\$ 0 (1)	55,778	D		
Common Stock									2,250 (2)	I	By trust for benefit of wife.	
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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/		Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	ying ies	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BAKER JOHN H III 127 FLYNT ROAD LAUREL, MS 39443	X							

Signatures

/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorney 09/17/2009 in Fact

> **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 reported transaction was a gift. Thus, there is no price.
- (2) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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