STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

SANDERSON FARMS INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SANDERS(ON JOE F JR		Symbol SANDE [SAFM]		ΝFΔ	ARMS IN	NC .	C	Issuer (Cho	eck all applicab	le)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	(Month/D	•					_X_ Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
127 FLYNT ROAD, P.O. BOX 988		12/19/2013						CEO, Chairman of Board					
	(Street)		4. If Ame	ndment	, Da	te Original			6. Individual or	Joint/Group Fil	ing(Check		
		Filed(Month/Day/Year)						Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person					
LAUREL, MS 39443									Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - No	n-D	erivative S	Securit	ties Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Do (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securition(A) or Dis(D) (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/19/2013			G	V	10,530	D	\$ 0 (1)	781,193	D			
Common Stock	12/20/2013			G	V	3,509	D	<u>(1)</u>	777,684	D			
Common Stock									9,808 (2)	I	By spouse.		
Common Stock									93,203	I	Allocated to 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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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	ionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secu
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	3		(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or Number		
						Exercisable Date	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SANDERSON JOE F JR						
127 FLYNT ROAD	X		CEO Chairman of Board			
P.O. BOX 988	Λ		CEO, Chairman of Board			
LAUREL, MS 39443						

Signatures

/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorney-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 for no consideration. Therefore there was no price.
- (2) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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