SANDERSON FARMS INC

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Washington, D.C. 20549

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

BUTTS LAMPKIN

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			SANDERSON FARMS INC [SAFM]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last) 127 FLYN	(First) Γ ROAD	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/31/2014					X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and COO			
	(Street)		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			
LAUREL,						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year) Execution		3. Trans Code (Instr.	. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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	10/31/2014			M		11,813	A	\$ 0 (1)	108,912	D	
Common Stock	10/31/2014			F		5,385	D	\$ 83.98	103,527	D	
Common Stock									20,555	I	Allocated to Reporting Person's Account in Issuer ESOP.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	<u>(1)</u>	10/31/2014		M	11,813	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	11,813

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BUTTS LAMPKIN							
127 FLYNT ROAD	X		President and COO				
LAUREL, MS 39443							

Signatures

/s/ Timothy F. Rigney,
Attorney-in-Fact
11/04/2014

**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).

The reported transaction was the vesting of performance shares that were awarded on November 1, 2011. The award entitled the Reporting Person to a number of shares of common stock based on the Issuer's level of achievement of performance measures over a two-year period ending October 31, 2013. The performance measures were return on equity and return on sales. On December 30, 2013,

(1) the Issuer's Compensation Committee determined that based on the Issuer's actual performance, the Reporting Person was entitled to the number of shares reported in Table II. However, the Reporting Person's performance share agreement provided that the earned shares would not be issued unless the Reporting Person was employed by the Issuer (with some exceptions) for an additional one-year vesting period ending on October 31, 2014. That condition has now been met.

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