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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION								PROVAL				
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(Print or Type R	(esponses)											
MOONEY DIANNE Sy SA			Symbol	SANDERSON FARMS INC				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)					Earliest Transaction			_X_ Director 10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/D 127 FLYNT ROAD 12/30/2			Day/Year)				Officer (give titleOther (specify below)					
(Street) 4. If An			4. If Ame	f Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
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								Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)					
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	12/30/2016			A	117	A	\$ 94.24	11,511	D			
Common Stock	12/30/2016			А	29	А	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	11,540	D			
Common Stock	12/31/2016			F	67	D	\$ 94.24	11,473	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	;	Date	Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owno 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, Attorney-in-Fact	01/03/2017						
**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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