#### SANDERSON FARMS INC

Form 4

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## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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| 1. Name and A PITTMAN J   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SANDERSON FARMS INC [SAFM] |              |                                 |  | ng                                    | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer  (Check all applicable)  |             |  |  |                      |
|---|--|--------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|--|--|----------------------|
|   |  |              |                                 | te of Earliest Transaction<br>th/Day/Year)<br>0/2016 |                                       |  |             | X Director<br>Officer (give<br>below)  |  | Owner<br>er (specify |
| LAUREL, M   | 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 Person |             |  |  |                      |
| (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |              |                                 |  |                                       |  |             |  |  | ly Owned             |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2. Transaction Da<br>(Month/Day/Yea                                    | r) Execution | med<br>on Date, if<br>Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8)               | 4. Securi<br>on(A) or D<br>(Instr. 3, | ispose   | d of (D)    | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) |                      |
| Common<br>Stock   | 12/30/2016   |              |                                 | A  | 18                                    | A  | \$<br>94.24 | 13,894   | D  |                      |
| Common<br>Stock   | 12/30/2016   |              |                                 | A  | 4                                     | A  | \$ 0 (1)    | 13,898   | D  |                      |
| Common<br>Stock   | 12/31/2016   |              |                                 | F  | 10                                    | D  | \$<br>94.24 | 13,888   | D  |                      |
|   |  |              |                                 |  |                                       |  |             |  |  |                      |

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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 Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and       | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber   | Expiration D  | ate         | Amou    | int of       | Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code        | of         | (Month/Day/   | Year)       | Under   | lying        | Security    | Secui  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8)  | Derivative | e             |             | Securi  | ities        | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |             | Securities |               |             | (Instr. | 3 and 4)     |             | Owne   |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |             | Acquired   |               |             |         |              |             | Follo  |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | (A) or     |               |             |         |              |             | Repo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | Disposed   |               |             |         |              |             | Trans  |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | of (D)     |               |             |         |              |             | (Instr |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | (Instr. 3, |               |             |         |              |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | 4, and 5)  |               |             |         |              |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            |               |             |         | Amount       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            |               |             |         |              |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            | Date          | Expiration  | Title   | or<br>Number |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            | Exercisable   | Date        | Title   | of           |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | Codo V      | (A) (D)    |               |             |         | Shares       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code v      | (A) (D)    |               |             |         | Shares       |             |        |

### **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| • 0  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |  |
| PITTMAN JONES GAIL<br>127 FLYNT ROAD<br>LAUREL, MS 39443 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

/s/ D. Michael Cockrell,
Attorney-in-Fact
01/03/2017

\*\*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) Shares granted by the Issuer pursuant to the matching contribution provisions of the Issuer's Management Share Purchase Plan.

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