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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Bierbusse John Issuer Symbol SANDERSON FARMS INC (Check all applicable) [SAFM] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 127 FLYNT ROAD 08/25/2017 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LAUREL, MS 39443 Person

(Zip) (City) (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 6. Execution Date, if Security (Month/Day/Year) Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Ownership (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 08/25/2017 S 625 D 14,776 D Stock 138.03

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)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D) | 5                   | ate                | Amou<br>Under<br>Secur | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Owne<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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|   |   |                                      |   |  | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)                                   |                     |                    |                        |   |   |   |
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                 | 7 (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                    |   |   |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| r g                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| Bierbusse John                 |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |
| 127 FLYNT ROAD                 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |
| LAUREL, MS 39443               |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |

# **Signatures**

/s/ D. Michael Cockrell,
Attorney-in-Fact
08/29/2017

\*\*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).

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