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(Print or Type Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BUTTS LAMPKIN		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
		SANDERSON FARMS INC [SAFM]				(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) 127 FLYNT ROAD	(Month/D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2017			X Director X Officer (giv below)		% Owner her (specify		
(Street)			o Original					
, ,	·		ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	-		6. Individual or J Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by	-	Person	
LAUREL, MS 39443	,					Person			
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecurities Ac	equired, Disposed of	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
	any	emed ion Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or 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)		
Common Stock						123,697	D		
Common Stock						30.9041	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 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. 5. Number of Transactio-Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration I (Month/Day	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (I	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Performance Shares	<u>(1)</u>	12/28/2017		А	14,029	(1)	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	14,029	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BUTTS LAMPKIN 127 FLYNT ROAD LAUREL, MS 39443	Х		President and COO			
Signatures						
/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorney-in-Fact		01/02	/2018			
**Signature of Reporting Person		Dat	te			

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The performance shares were awarded on November 1, 2015. 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, 2017. The

(1) performance measures were return on equity and return on sales. On December 28, 2017, the Issuer's Compensation Committee determined that based on the Issuer's actual performance, the Reporting Person is entitled to the number of shares reported in Table II. The earned shares are subject to an additional one-year vesting period before they are issued and will vest, as long as the Reporting Person remains continuously employed with the Issuer (with some exceptions), on October 31, 2018.

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