SANDERSON FARMS INC Form 5/A

January 21, 2003

					OMB APPF	ROVAL
					OMB Number: Expires: Ja Estimated average hours per respor	ge burden
		UNITED STA		IES AND EX	CHANGE COMMISSION 549	
			1	FORM 5/A		
			m 5 that was		January 17, 2003.	
		ANNUAL STAT	EMENT OF CH	ANGES IN B	SENEFICIAL OWNERSHIE)
Fil	Section	17(a) of th	e Public Ut	ility Hold	urities Exchange Act ling Company Act of Company Act of 1940	1935 or
			r subject truction 1()		16. Form 4 or Form	n 5 obligations
X Fo	orm 3 Hol	dings Repor	ted			
X Fo	orm 4 Tra	nsactions R	eported			
1. Na	ame and A	ddress of R	eporting Pe	rson*		
Grimes				James	Α.	
(Las				(First)	(Middle)	
	3ox 988					
				~		

39441-0988

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

(City)

Sanderson Farms, Inc. (SAFM)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

(Street)

Mississippi

(State)

4. Statement for Month/Year

October 31, 2002

5.	If Amendment, Date	e of Original (M	Month/Year)				
6.	Relationship of Re (Check all applica		(s) to Issuer				
		e title below) ing Officer/Secr			fy below)		
7.	Individual or Joir (check applicable						
		y One Reporting y More than One		rson			
	Table I N	Non-Derivative S	Gecurities Ac		ed of,	-==	
		2.	2A. Deemed		4. Securities Ac Disposed of ((Instr. 3, 4)	D)	(A) or
	e of Security tr. 3)	Trans- action Date (mm/dd/yy)	Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	(Instr. 8)	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
	on Stock	3/05/02		M4	7,500	A	\$10.875
	on Stock	3/05/02		S4	7,500	D	\$24.65
Comm	on Stock	6/24/02		M4	5,000	Α	\$15.00
Comm	on Stock	6/24/02		S4	5,000	D	\$24.50
Comm	on Stock			3(1)			
Comm	on Stock			3			

⁽¹⁾ There were 2,391 shares allocated to the reporting person's ESOP account

when he became an executive officer of Sanderson Farms, Inc. on November 1, 1993.

- (2) Reflects total amount of shares allocated to reporting person's ESOP account as of October 31, 2002.
- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see instruction $4\,(b)\,(v)\,.$

FORM 5 (continued)

2.

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

	Conversion or Exercise Price	- 3.	3A. Deemed Execut-	4. Trans- action	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed		able and	of Under Securiti (Instr.	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	of Deriv- ative Secur-	Trans- action Date (mm/dd/ yy)	ion Date if any	Code (Instr. 8)	of(D)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expira- Exer- tion cisable Date		Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)		\$10.875	7/25/96	A	7,500	7/25/97*	7/24/02	Common Stock	7,500
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)		\$15.00	7/24/97	A	5,000	7/24/98*	7/23/07	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)		\$10.875	3/05/02	M4	7,500	7/25/97*	7/24/02	Common Stock	7,500
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)		\$15.00	6/24/02	М4	5,000	7/24/98*	: 7/23/07	Common Stock	5,000
Employee									

Stock Options (Right							Common	
to Buy)	\$13.00	4/23/98	A	5,000	4/23/99*	4/22/08		5 , 000
Employee Stock Options (Right							Common	
to Buy)	\$ 7.46875	4/24/00 	A 	5 , 000	4/24/01*	4/23/10 	Stock	5 , 000
Employee Stock Options (Right	\$ 7.188	5/01/00	7	7,500	5/01/01*	4/20/10	Stock	7 500
to Buy)	۶ /.188		A 			4/30/10	SLOCK	7 , 500
Employee Stock Options (Right							Common	
to Buy)	* 11.10	4/27/01 	A 	7 , 500	4/27/02*	4/26/11 	Stock 	7 , 500
Employee Stock Options (Right							Common	
to Buy)	* 18.55	7/25/02 	A 	7 , 500	7/25/03*	7/24/12 	Stock 	7 , 500
	=======							

Explanation of Responses:

*25% of the options vest on the date indicated, and an additional 25% vest each year thereafter until fully vested.

/s/James A. Grimes	January 17, 2003
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.