SANDERSON FARMS INC

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FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

|_| Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). |_| Form 3 Holdings Reported |X| Form 4 Transactions Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Lampkin Butts ______ (First) (Middle) (Last) P. O. Box 988 ______ (Street) Mississippi 39441 Laurel ______ (Zip) (City) (State) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Sanderson Farms, Inc. (SAFM)

- 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
- 4. Statement for Month/Year

October 31, 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of (Check all app	of Reporting Person(olicable)	s) to Issuer				
	(give title below)	· — ·	10% Owner Other (speci	fy below)		
vice Fie	esident – Sales					
7. Individual or (check application)	Joint/Group Filing able line)				=	
	ed by One Reporting ed by More than One		rson		_	
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Table I	Non-Derivative S or Benefi	ecurities Ac cially Owned		ed of,	=	
	2. Trans-	2A. Deemed	3. Transaction	4. Securities Acquire Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar)	(A) or
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date		Code (Instr. 8)	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	1/09/02		M4	7,500	А	\$10.875
Common Stock	1/09/02		S4			
Common Stock			 М4	5,000		
Common Stock	2/28/02		S4		 D	\$25.50
Common Stock	7/02/02		 М4	10,000	 А	\$15.00
Common Stock	7/02/02		S4	10,000	 D	\$25.25
Common Stock	7/09/02		M4	3,750	А	\$ 7.188
Common Stock	7/09/02		M4	1,250		
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(1) Mr. Butts is one of three trustees of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust of Sanderson Farms, Inc. and Affiliates ("ESOP"), which is the record owner of 1,231,618 shares of common stock of the Company. As such, Mr. Butts, in his capacity as a trustee of the ESOP, shares with the other trustees investment power with respet to those shares of common stock and therefore is deemed to beneficially own, under applicable regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the shares of common stock owned of record by the ESOP. Pursuant to Rule 13d-4 of the Exchange Act, Mr. Butts disclaims beneficial ownership of the common stock owned of record by the ESOP, except for the 24,161 shares allocated to his personal account thereunder as a participant in the plan, over which

shares Mr. Butts exercises sole voting power, but shares with the other trustees

investment power with respect to such shares.

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

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Stock

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

	cise		Deemed	Trans-	Acquire	tive ties ed (A)	6. Date Exercisak	ble and	7. Title and of Underl Securitie (Instr. 3	lying es 3 and 4)
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	of Deriv- ative Secur-	Date (mm/dd/	ion Date if any (mm/dd/		of(D) (Instr. 4 and 5	. 3, 5)	(Month/Da Date Exer-	Expira- tion		Amount or Number of
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)										
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)									Common	
Employee										

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Option (Right to Buy)	\$13.00	4/23/98	A	15,000	4/23/99* 4/22/98	Common Stock	15,000
Phantom Stock Rights		4/22/00	A	18,000	4/22/01* 4/21/10	Common Stock	18,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to		5/01/00	A	7 , 500	5/01/01* 4/30/10	Common Stock	7 , 500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Rights	\$ 7.188	7/09/02	M4	3,750	5/01/01* 4/30/10	Common Stock	3,750
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)		4/27/01	A	7,500	4/27/02* 4/26/11	Common Stock	7,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)		7/09/02	M4	1,250	4/27/02* 4/26/11	Common Stock	1,250
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$18.55	7/25/02	А	18,000	7/25/03* 7/24/12	Common Stock	18,000

Explanation of Responses:

 $^{\star}25\%$ of the options or rights vest on the date indicated, and an additional 25% vest each year thereafter until fully vested.

/s/Lampkin Butts	January 17, 2003
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

 $\ensuremath{^{**}}$ 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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