

SANDERSON FARMS INC
 Form 4/A
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SANDERSON WILLIAM R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SANDERSON FARMS INC
 [SAFM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 36 BRIAR CREEK CIRCLE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/01/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

LAUREL, MS 39440
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
 03/03/2005

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S	1,000	D \$ 45	427,753	D	
Common Stock						15,649	I	Allocated to Reporting Person's account in Issuer ESOP
Common Stock						42,201 ⁽¹⁾	I	As custodian for minor children
	03/01/2005		S	1,500	D \$ 44.9	426,253	D	

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Common Stock									
Common Stock	03/02/2005		S	9,500	D	\$ 44.9	416,753	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2005		S	1,500	D	\$ 44.91	415,253	D	
Common Stock							28,225 ⁽¹⁾	I	As co-executor for Estate of Joe Frank Sanderson

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDERSON WILLIAM R 36 BRIAR CREEK CIRCLE LAUREL, MS 39440	X			

Signatures

/s/ D. Michael Cockrell,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/07/2005

__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) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

Remarks:

This amended Form 4 is being filed to include shares indirectly held by the Reporting Person as co-executor for Estate of Joe I

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