SANDERSON JOE F JR
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SANDERSON JOE F JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

225 N. 13TH AVENUE, P.O. BOX 988

(Street)

LAUREL, MS 39440

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/15/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
CEO, Chairman of Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								9,808 (1)	I	By spouse.
Common Stock								91,440	I	Allocated to Reporting Person's Account in Issuer ESOP.
Common Stock	03/15/2012		S		200	D	$ 54.32	1,008,419	D	

Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	200	D	$ 54.33	1,008,219	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	300	D	$ 54.35	1,007,919	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	300	D	$ 54.36	1,007,619	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	100	D	$ 54.37	1,007,519	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	400	D	$ 54.38	1,007,119	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	200	D	$ 54.39	1,006,919	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	261	D	$ 54.4	1,006,658	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	139	D	$ 54.41	1,006,519	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	100	D	$ 54.42	1,006,419	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	200	D	$ 54.43	1,006,219	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	700	D	$ 54.44	1,005,519	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	300	D	$ 54.45	1,005,219	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	300	D	$ 54.46	1,004,919	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	400	D	$ 54.47	1,004,519	D
Common Stock	03/15/2012	S	700	D	$ 54.49	1,003,819	D

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene

Derivative Security			Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				(Instr. 3 and 4)			Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
	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 JOE F JR 225 N. 13TH AVENUE P.O. BOX 988 LAUREL, MS 39440	X		CEO, Chairman of Board	

Signatures

/s/ James A. Grimes, Attorney-in-Fact	03/16/2012
**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:

The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on Feb

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