

RIGNEY TIM  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â RIGNEY TIM		(Month/Day/Year)	SANDERSON FARMS INC [SAFM]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	11/01/2012	
127 FLYNT ROAD		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)		(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
LAUREL,Â MSÂ 39443		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
			Controller/Secretary	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,342 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	35.13	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	2,052.6047	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. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
			(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			Amount or	Derivative	Security:	
			Number of	Security	Direct (D)	
			Shares		or Indirect	
					(I)	
					(Instr. 5)	

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIGNEY TIM 127 FLYNT ROAD LAUREL, MS 39443	À	À	À Controller/Secretary	À

**Signatures**

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

11/01/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

**Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Includes a grant of 1,000 restricted shares approved by the Issuer's Compensation Committee on October 24, 2012 and effective as of November 1, 2012.

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