

SANDERSON FARMS INC  
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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 JOE F JR

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)  
 225 N. 13TH AVENUE, P.O. BOX 988  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/31/2007

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

LAUREL, MS 39440

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	08/31/2007		M		79,040 A \$ 11.387	1,161,759	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007		S		3,500 D \$ 42.02	1,158,259	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007		S		2,500 D \$ 42.1129	1,155,759	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007		S		4,000 D \$ 42.1656	1,151,759	D
Common Stock	08/31/2007		S		5,000 D \$ 42.0767	1,146,759	D

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Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	1,500	D	\$ 42.0068	1,145,259	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	6,500	D	\$ 42.0253	1,138,759	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	1,000	D	\$ 42.1193	1,137,759	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	6,000	D	\$ 42.2053	1,131,759	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	4,000	D	\$ 42.2646	1,127,759	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	7,000	D	\$ 42.2024	1,120,759	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	11,000	D	\$ 42.2413	1,109,759	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	10,000	D	\$ 42.1786	1,099,759	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	4,040	D	\$ 42.17	1,095,719	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2007	S	13,000	D	\$ 42.4949	1,082,719	D	
Common Stock						84,269 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Allocated to Reporting Persons account in Issuer ESOP
Common Stock						9,808 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By spouse

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,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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and 5)

	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)								
\$ 11.387					08/31/2007			
	M				10/24/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	10/23/2012	Common Stock	79,000

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

09/04/2007

\_\_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) Reflects allocations that have been made since the date of the Reporting Persons previous ownership report.
- (2) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (3) Exercisable for a 10-year period, with vesting beginning on the date indicated, which was one year after the date of grant. Vesting continued thereafter at 25% per year on each anniversary date until fully vested.

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