

DEERE & CO  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**COFFMAN VANCE D**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**DEERE & COMPANY, ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE**

(Street)

**MOLINE, IL 61265**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**DEERE & CO [DE]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/31/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/31/2005	A	242.068					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	242.068

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COFFMAN VANCE D DEERE & COMPANY ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE MOLINE, IL 61265			X	

## Signatures

/s/ James H. Becht, Secretary, Deere & Company, As Power of Attorney

04/04/2005

\_\_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 security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The phantom stock units were accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Director Deferred Compensation Plan and are to be settled solely in cash beginning in the calendar year following the reporting person's retirement from the Issuer's Board.  
The reported holdings of phantom stock units include units acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions that are exempt from line-item reporting. As of the transaction date, the reporting person directly beneficially owned 1,447 \$1 par common shares of the Issuer. 1,447 of such shares are restricted shares acquired under the Issuer's Nonemployee Director Stock Ownership Plan.
- (3)

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