

SANDERSON FARMS INC  
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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 \*  
**BUTTS LAMPKIN**

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  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/28/2005

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

LAUREL, MS 39440

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2005                           |  | G                              | V 300 D \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                                       | 42,594  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 39,413  | I  | Allocated to Reporting Persons account in Issuer ESOP |
| Common Stock                    | 12/28/2005                           |  | A                              | A 4,412 A \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>                                     | 47,006  | D  |   |

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|              |            |   |       |   |                     |        |   |
|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|---------------------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 12/28/2005 | A | 1,103 | A | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup> | 48,109 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2005 | A | 552   | A | \$ 30.53            | 48,661 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2005 | A | 138   | A | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup> | 48,799 | 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 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 Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| BUTTS LAMPKIN<br>225 N. 13TH AVENUE<br>LAUREL, MS 39440 | X             |           | President and COO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Lampkin  
Butts  
01/04/2006  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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 reported transaction consisted of gifts of common stock. Thus, there is no price.

(2) Shares granted by the Issuer pursuant to the matching contribution provisions of the Issuer's Management Stock Purchase Plan.

The reported transaction represents the receipt of common stock in lieu of a portion of a cash bonus that otherwise would have been payable to the Reporting Person, and therefore the transaction was not a "purchase" and there was no price. The price used by the Issuer to calculate the number of shares payable to the Reporting Person was \$31.17 per share, which was the closing market price of the stock on December 28, 2005, the bonus payment date.

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