

May John C II  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 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 and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
May John C II		(Month/Day/Year)	DEERE & CO [DE]	
(Last)	(First)	09/01/2012		
			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
DEERE & COMPANY, ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE				
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
MOLINE, IL 61265			President, Ag Solutions & CIO	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<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)
\$1 Par Common Stock	2,440 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 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 Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Market Priced Employee Stock Options <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	12/05/2008	12/05/2017	Common Stock 7,606 \$ 88.82	D Â
Market Priced Employee Stock Options <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	12/09/2010	12/09/2019	Common Stock 4,571 \$ 52.25	D Â
Market Priced Employee Stock Options <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	12/08/2011	12/08/2020	Common Stock 5,411 \$ 80.61	D Â
Market Priced Employee Stock Options <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	12/14/2012	12/14/2021	Common Stock 5,597 \$ 74.24	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
May John C II DEERE & COMPANY ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE MOLINE, IL 61265	Â	Â	Â President, Ag Solutions & CIO	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Paul Wilczynski, Assistant Secretary, Deere & Company, Under Power of Attorney 10/03/2012

\_\_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 2,440 restricted stock units granted under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan and to be settled solely in shares.
- (2) All options include the ability to withhold shares upon the exercise of the option to satisfy minimum required income tax obligations.
- (3) The options become exercisable in three approximately equal annual installments one, two and three years after grant. The date listed is the initial exercisable installment date.

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