

SANDERSON FARMS INC

Form 4

December 13, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
127 FLYNT ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/01/2011

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

LAUREL, MS 39443

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(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)
Common Stock	12/01/2011		G	V 3,700 D (A) or (D)	\$ 0 (1) 106,325	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2011		G	V 200 D (A) or (D)	\$ 0 (1) 106,125	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2011		G	V 300 D (A) or (D)	\$ 0 (1) 105,825	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2011		G	V 100 D (A) or (D)	\$ 0 (1) 105,725	D	
Common Stock					2,291	I	Held in 401(k) plan account

Common Stock	36,565	I	Allocated to Reporting Person's Account in Issuer ESOP.
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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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	Title

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUTTS LAMPKIN 127 FLYNT ROAD LAUREL, MS 39443	X		President and COO	

Signatures

/s/ Lampkin
Butts
12/13/2011
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) Because the reported transaction was a gift, there is no price.

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