

SANDERSON FARMS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 06, 2016

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)**

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 2, 2016**

**SANDERSON FARMS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Mississippi**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
  
**of incorporation)**

**1-14977**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**64-0615843**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

**127 Flynt Road**  
**Laurel, Mississippi**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**39443**  
**(Zip Code)**

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**(601) 649-4030**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not applicable.**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Section 8 Other Events**

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

Sanderson Farms, Inc. and our subsidiaries Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Foods Division), Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Production Division) and Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Processing Division) were named as defendants, along with 13 other poultry producers and certain of their affiliated companies, in a putative class action lawsuit filed on September 2, 2016 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The complaint alleges that the defendants conspired to unlawfully fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the price of broiler chickens by coordinating and limiting their production capacity. The lawsuit also alleges that the defendants fraudulently concealed such anticompetitive conduct in furtherance of the conspiracy. The complaint seeks treble damages, injunctive relief, costs and attorneys' fees. The lawsuit is in its earliest stage and we intend to defend it vigorously.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**SANDERSON FARMS, INC.**

(Registrant)

*Date:* September 6, 2016

*By: /s/ D. Michael Cockrell  
D. Michael Cockrell  
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer*