

SANDERSON FARMS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 18, 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): October 13, 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**

**39443**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**(601) 649-4030**

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

**Not applicable.**

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

Check the appropriate box if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

**Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 13, 2016, Charles W. Ritter, Jr. notified the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Sanderson Farms, Inc. (the Registrant ) that he will retire from the Board of Directors and thus will not stand for re-election at the Registrant s 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Mr. Ritter will continue to serve on the Board of Directors until the 2017 Annual Meeting, when his current term will expire. Mr. Ritter s decision to retire and not stand for reelection is not the result of any disagreement with the Registrant s operations, policies or practices.

**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: October 18, 2016*

*By: /s/ D. Michael Cockrell  
D. Michael Cockrell*

*Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer*