

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 \*  
 SANDERSON WILLIAM R

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)  
 36 BRIAR CREEK CIRCLE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/06/2005

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

LAUREL, MS 39440

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount or Price					
Common Stock	07/06/2005		S		22,500 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 45	97,500 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Sanderson Investments, LP <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	07/06/2005		S		7,500 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 45.57	90,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Sanderson Investments, LP
Common Stock								229,253	D	
								42,201 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	

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Common Stock							As custodian for minor children
Common Stock	28,225	(3)	I				As co-executor for Estate of Joe Frank Sanderson

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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDERSON WILLIAM R 36 BRIAR CREEK CIRCLE LAUREL, MS 39440		X		

## Signatures

/s/ William R Sanderson 07/07/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## 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 Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

On July 1, 2005, the Reporting Person transferred limited partnership interests in Sanderson Investments, LP to the 2005 Grantor

(2) Retained Annuity Trust of William R. Sanderson, of which the Reporting Person is the trustee and beneficiary. The transfer represented an 87% interest in Sanderson Investments, LP and reflects a mere change in the form of the Reporting Person's beneficial ownership.

(3) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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