

SANDERSON WILLIAM R  
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/21/2005

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

36 BRIAR CREEK CIRCLE

(Street)

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

LAUREL, MS 39440

(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)
				Code V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	06/21/2005			S	200	D	\$ 44.08 244,702
Common Stock	06/21/2005			S	300	D	\$ 44.62 244,402
Common Stock	06/21/2005			S	600	D	\$ 44.74 243,802
Common Stock	06/21/2005			S	200	D	\$ 44.01 243,602
Common Stock	06/21/2005			S	200	D	\$ 44.17 243,402

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Common Stock	06/21/2005		S	200	D	\$ 44	243,202	D	
Common Stock	06/21/2005		S	100	D	\$ 43.85	243,102	D	
Common Stock	06/21/2005		S	100	D	\$ 43.86	243,002	D	
Common Stock	06/21/2005		S	100	D	\$ 43.94	242,902	D	
Common Stock	06/21/2005		S	800	D	\$ 43.81	242,102	D	
Common Stock	06/21/2005		S	12,749	D	\$ 43.83	229,353	D	
Common Stock	06/21/2005		S	100	D	\$ 43.92	229,253	D	
Common Stock							42,201 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	As custodian for minor children
Common Stock							28,225 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	As co-executor for Estate of Joe Frank Sanderson
Common Stock							120,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Sanderson INvestments, LP

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. 6)

Date	Expiration	Amount
Exercisable	Date	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

06/23/2005

\*\*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.
- (2) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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