SANDERSON JOE F JR Form 5

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UNITED STA	TES SECURITIES AND EXCH Washington, DC 2054				
	FORM 5				
ANNUAL STAT	EMENT OF CHANGES IN BEN	EFICIAL OWNERSHIP			
Section 17(a) of the		ties Exchange Act of 1934, g Company Act of 1935 or mpany Act of 1940			
_ Check box if no longer may continue. See Inst		6. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations			
_ Form 3 Holdings Report	ted				
x Form 4 Transactions Re	eported				
1. Name and Address of Re	eporting Person*				
Sanderson, Jr.	Joe	F.			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)			
P. O. Box 988					
	(Street)				
Laurel	Mississipp	i 39441			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			
2. Issuer Name and Ticke	r or Trading Symbol				
Sanderson Farms, Inc. (SA	FM)				
3. I.R.S. Identification	Number of Reporting Pe	rson, if an entity (Voluntary)			
4. Statement for Month/Ye	ear				
October 31, 2002					
5. If Amendment, Date of	Original (Month/Year)				

6.			of Report		s) to Issuer				
	x x	Directo Officer	r (give tit	le below) nan of the B	1_1	10% Owner Other (speci	fy below)		
7.				coup Filing					
	(che	ck appli	cable line	e)	_				
				e Reporting re than One	Person Reporting Per	cson			
	====	Table	======= I Non-[ecurities Acc	quired, Dispos	ed of,	===	
				2. Trans-	2A. Deemed	3. Transaction	4. Securities A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4	(D)	(A) or
	e of Security tr. 3)			Date	Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	(Instr. 8)	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Commo	 on St	ock							
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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see instruction $4\,(b)\,(v)$.
- (1) As co-executor of the Estate of Joe Frank Sanderson. Joe Sanderson, Jr. was appointed and qualified as a co-executor of the Estate of Joe Frank Sanderson on 1/21/98.
- (2) Allocated to the account of Joe F. Sanderson, Jr. in the Company's ESOP.
- (3) By private charitable foundation of which Joe F. Sanderson, Jr. is a director.

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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	Conversion or Exercise Price of Deriv-	3. Trans- action	3A. Deemed Execut- ion Date if	4. Trans- action Code (Instr.	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,	6. Date Exercisa Expirati (Month/D		7. Title and of Underl Securitie (Instr. 3	ying s and 4)
					` '	(Month/D	ay/Year)		
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ative Secur- ity	Date (mm/dd/	any (mm/dd/ yy)	8)	4 and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exer- cisable	Expira- tion Date	Title	Number of Shares

Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$15.00	7/24/97	A	60,000	7/24/98*	7/23/07	Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$13.00	4/23/98	A	60,000	4/23/99*	4/22/08	Common Stock	60,000
Phantom Stock Rights	\$ 7.46875	4/22/00	А	75,000	4/22/01*	4/21/10	Common Stock	75 , 000

Employee Stock Options

					10/24/03*10/23/12		
Explanat	ion of Respor				=======================================		
_				e indicated, an ary date until	d continue to vest fully vested.		
/s/Joe H	F. Sanderson,	Jr.			1/29/03		
*:		Reporting Pers			Date	_	
	tentional miss	statements or c	missions (of facts consti	tute Federal Crimina	1	
See	e 18 U.S.C. 10	001 and 15 U.S.	C. 78ff(a)) .			

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.