

SANDERSON FARMS INC

Form 8-K

December 13, 2004

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**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): December 7, 2004

SANDERSON FARMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Mississippi

1-14977

64-0615843

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

225 N. 13th Avenue
P.O. Box 988
Laurel, Mississippi

39440

(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)
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On December 7, 2004, the Registrant issued a press release announcing its earnings for its fiscal quarter and year ended October 31, 2004. The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1. Also on December 7, 2004, the Registrant held a conference call to discuss its earnings for its fiscal quarter and year ended October 31, 2004. A transcript of the conference call is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.2. The information in the press release and transcript is not to be considered filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) The following exhibits are filed with this Current Report:

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press release of Sanderson Farms, Inc. dated December 7, 2004 |
| 99.2 | Transcript of conference call held by Sanderson Farms, Inc. on December 7, 2004 |

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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: December 13, 2004

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

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