RIGNEY TIM Form 4 January 03, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

SANDERSON FARMS INC

Symbol

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

RIGNEY TIM

	[SAFM]						(Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 127 FLYNT ROAD			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2012					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Controller/Secretary				
LAUREL, N	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	saction Date 2A. Deemed Lambda 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price				6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/31/2012			A	13	A	\$ 47.55	2,355	D			
Common Stock	12/31/2012			A	3	A	\$ 0	2,358	D			
Common Stock								2,052.6047	I	Allocated to Reporting Person's Account in Issuer ESOP.		

Common Stock 35.13 I By 401(k) Plan

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RIGNEY TIM 127 FLYNT ROAD LAUREL, MS 39443

Controller/Secretary

Signatures

/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorney-in-Fact 01/03/2013

**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).

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