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(Print or Type Respo	onses)						
1. Name and Addres BUTTS LAMPK	ss of Reporting Person <u>*</u> XIN	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SANDERSON FARMS INC [SAFM]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 127 FLYNT RO	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2012	X Director X Officer (give below) Presi		6 Owner er (specify		
LAUREL, MS 3	(Street) 39443	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M Person	One Reporting P	erson		
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed of	, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
	ransaction Date 2A. Deer onth/Day/Year) Executio any (Month/I	1	Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 12/3	31/2012	F 56 D ^{\$} 47.55	111,835	D			
Common Stock			26,082	I	Allocated to Reporting Person's Account in Issuer ESOP.		
Common Stock			2,291	Ι	By 401(k) Plan		

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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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		R		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUTTS LAMPKIN 127 FLYNT ROAD LAUREL, MS 39443	Х		President and COO	
Signatures				
/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorney-in-Fact		01/03		
**Signature of Reporting Person		Dat	te	

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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