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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549							OMB Number:	3235-0287				
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(Print or Type Resp	onses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BUTTS LAMPKIN			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 RC					ransaction			X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President and COO				
				Amendment, Date Original 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				
(City)		Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-F	Derivative	Secu	rities Aca	Person uired, Disposed of	or Beneficia	llv Owned		
Security (Ma (Instr. 3)	-	Execution any	ed Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ties Adispose 4 and (A) or	cquired d of (D)	5. Amount of	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial		
Common Stock 01	/29/2013			F	4,513	D	\$ 50.65	107,322	D			
Common Stock								26,093 <u>(1)</u>	I	Allocated to Reporting Person's Account in Issuer ESOP.		
Common Stock								2,291	I	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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BUTTS LAMPKIN 127 FLYNT ROAD LAUREL, MS 39443	Х		President and CO	00			
Signatures							
/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorney-in-Fact		01/31	01/31/2013				
**Signature of Reporting Person		Dat	e				

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) Reflects allocations made since the date of the Reporting Person's last report.

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