

SANDERSON FARMS INC  
 Form 4  
 March 13, 2002

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or  
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

Baker, III	John	H.
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)

P. O. Box 988

(Street)

Laurel	Mississippi	39441-0988
(City)	(State)	(Zip)

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Sanderson Farms, Inc.	SAFM
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3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

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4. Statement for Month/Year

March 2002

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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

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6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)

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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

- Form filed by one Reporting Person
- Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,  
or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) or (D)	Price
		Code V	Amount		
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share	3/04/02	S	40,000	D	\$25.40
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share	3/04/02	S	5,000	D	\$25.40

\* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Print or Type Response) (Over)

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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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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion cisable Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/John H. Baker III

March 11, 2002

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 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.

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