

SANDERSON FARMS INC

Form 8-K

November 22, 2004

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): November 18, 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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 18, 2004, the Registrant issued a press release announcing its earnings expectations for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004. The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1. The information in the press release 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 exhibit is filed with this Current Report:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release of Sanderson Farms, Inc. dated November 18, 2004

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: November 22, 2004

By: /s/ D. Michael Cockrell

*D. Michael Cockrell
Treasurer and Chief Financial
Officer*

EXHIBIT INDEX

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