

SANDERSON FARMS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 25, 2012

# 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): September 20, 2012

## SANDERSON FARMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Mississippi  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

127 Flynt Road

1-14977  
(Commission

File Number)

(64-0615843  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

39443

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**Laurel, Mississippi**  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
**(601) 649-4030**

(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On September 20, 2012, James A. Grimes, who has served as the Registrant's Secretary since 1993 and its Controller and Chief Accounting Officer since 1985, notified the Registrant that he will retire effective October 31, 2012. On September 25, 2012 the Registrant appointed Tim Rigney to serve as the Registrant's Controller effective November 1, 2012. Mr. Rigney, who is 47, has been the Registrant's Corporate Accounting Manager since 2004 and has been employed by the Registrant in various capacities since 1990. The role of Controller is not a corporate office under the Registrant's By-Laws, but Mr. Rigney, as Controller, will perform the functions of a principal accounting officer as that term is used in the rules promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**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: September 25, 2012*

*By: /s/ D. Michael Cockrell  
D. Michael Cockrell*

*Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer*