

SANDERSON FARMS INC

Form 8-K

August 25, 2006

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**UNITED STATES  
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): August 22, 2006

**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)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On August 22, 2006, Donald W. Zacharias notified the Registrant that he will retire from the Registrant's board of directors at the end of his current term, which will expire at the Registrant's 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which is expected to be held on February 22, 2007. The press release announcing his retirement is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) The following exhibits are filed with this Current Report:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release of Sanderson Farms, Inc. dated August 25, 2006

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**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: *August 25, 2006*

By: */s/ D. Michael Cockrell*  
*D. Michael Cockrell*  
*Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer*

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