

SANDERSON FARMS INC
Form 8-K
October 18, 2016

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): October 13, 2016

SANDERSON FARMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Mississippi
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)**

**1-14977
(Commission File Number)**

**64-0615843
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)**

**127 Flynt Road
Laurel, Mississippi**

39443

(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))

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 October 13, 2016, Charles W. Ritter, Jr. notified the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Sanderson Farms, Inc. (the Registrant) that he will retire from the Board of Directors and thus will not stand for re-election at the Registrant s 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Mr. Ritter will continue to serve on the Board of Directors until the 2017 Annual Meeting, when his current term will expire. Mr. Ritter s decision to retire and not stand for reelection is not the result of any disagreement with the Registrant s operations, policies or practices.

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: October 18, 2016

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

Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer