

SANDERSON FARMS INC  
Form 8-K  
July 26, 2017

**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): July 20, 2017**

**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**

**39443**

**Laurel, Mississippi**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**(601) 649-4030**

**(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):

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))  
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

## 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 July 20, 2017, Suzanne T. Mestayer was elected to the Board of Directors (the **Board**) of Sanderson Farms, Inc. (the **Company**), effective July 20, 2017, to fill a Class B director vacancy with a term expiring at the next annual meeting of shareholders in 2018. There are no understandings or arrangements between Ms. Mestayer and any other person pursuant to which Ms. Mestayer was elected as a director. There are no relationships between Ms. Mestayer and the Company that would require disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

The Board expects to appoint Ms. Mestayer to one or more committees of the Board at a later date. The Company will file an amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K to report any such appointment within four business days after the information is determined or becomes available.

As a non-employee director, Ms. Mestayer will participate in the non-employee director compensation arrangements described in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the **SEC**) on January 12, 2017.

## Section 7 Regulation FD

### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 20, 2017, the Registrant issued a press release regarding the matter referenced above. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2, the information contained in this Item 7.01 and the attached Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished to the SEC and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities under such section. Furthermore, such information shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, unless specifically identified as being incorporated therein by reference.

## Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) The following exhibits are furnished with this Current Report:

Exhibit	Description
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No.	
99.1	Press Release dated July 20, 2017.

**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: July 26, 2017*

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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