

DEERE & CO
Form 8-K
December 20, 2016

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: December 20, 2016

(Date of earliest event reported)

DEERE & COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One John Deere Place

Moline, Illinois 61265

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(309) 765-8000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

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

Alan C. Heuberger has been elected to the Deere & Company board of directors effective December 20, 2016. Mr. Heuberger is a senior investment manager at BMGI, the office responsible for all non-Microsoft investments for William H. Gates III as well as for the investments of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust.

Mr. Heuberger will be a member of the Audit Review Committee and the Finance Committee of the board of directors.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 News Release

Signature

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 hereto duly authorized.

DEERE & COMPANY

By:

/s/ Todd E. Davies
Todd E. Davies
Secretary

Dated: December 20, 2016

EXHIBIT INDEX

Number and Description of Exhibit

(99.1) News Release