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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SANDERSON FARMS INC [SAFM]				ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 127 FLYN7		Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2012				_X_ Director Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify		
				Amendment, Date Original Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			od of (D) 5)	5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownersh Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/31/2012			Code V A	Amount 31	(D)	Price \$ 47.55	13,877	D		
Common Stock	12/31/2012			A	7	A	\$ 0 (1)	13,884	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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							Expiration	Title	Number		
						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
KHAYAT ROBERT C 127 FLYNT ROAD LAUREL, MS 39443	X						

Signatures

/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorney-in-Fact 01/03/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares granted by the Issuer pursuant to the matching contribution provisions of the Issuer's Management Share Purchase Plan.

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