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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading JENKINS JOHN J Issuer Symbol DEERE & CO [DE] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify DEERE & COMPANY, ONE JOHN 12/05/2005 below) **DEERE PLACE** Pres WW Comm & Cons Equip Div (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MOLINE, IL 61265 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
\$1 Par Common	12/05/2005		Code V $M^{(2)}$	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price \$ 56.5	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	D	
Stock (1)	12/03/2003		1V1 <u>× /</u>	0,104	11	ψ 30.3	01,912	Ъ	
\$1 Par Common Stock (1)	12/05/2005		M(2)	2,813	A	\$ 41.47	70,785	D	
\$1 Par Common Stock (1)	12/05/2005		F(2)	9,210	D	\$ 69.085	61,575 <u>(3)</u>	D	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number tion Derivative Securities ) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Market Priced Options	\$ 56.5	12/05/2005		M		8,164	12/10/1998	12/10/2007	Common Stock	8,164
Market Priced Option	\$ 41.47	12/05/2005		M		2,813	12/08/2000	12/08/2009	Common Stock	2,813

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JENKINS JOHN J DEERE & COMPANY ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE MOLINE, IL 61265

Pres WW Comm & Cons Equip Div

### **Signatures**

/s/James H. Becht, Secretary, Deere & Company, Under Power of Attorney

12/21/2005

\*\*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) References to Deere & Company common stock includes preferred stock rights.

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- (2) Stock swap option exercise exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3 and related withholding of shares to pay the exercise price and required withholding taxes.
- (3) Includes 48,831 restricted stock units granted under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan. The Reporting Person also indirectly owns 4,821 shares through a trust established for the benefit of grandchildren and over which he has investment control.
- (4) All options include the ability to withhold shares upon the exercise of the options to satisfy income tax obligations.

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