

DEERE & CO  
Form DEFA14A  
January 13, 2012

SCHEDULE 14A

(Rule 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on February 29, 2012.

DEERE & COMPANY

DEERE & COMPANY  
STOCKHOLDER RELATIONS  
ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE  
MOLINE, IL 61265

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual  
For holders as of: December 31, 2011  
Date: February 29, 2012 Time: 10:00 a.m., CST  
Location: Deere & Company World Headquarters  
One John Deere Place  
Moline, IL 61265

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This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.



## Before You Vote

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

Notice of the 2012 Annual Meeting, the Fiscal 2011 Proxy Statement, Form of Proxy, and the Fiscal 2011 Annual Report  
How to View Online:

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- 2) *BY TELEPHONE:* 1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL\*:* [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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## How To Vote

### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote By Telephone:** Follow the instructions on the proxy card to submit your voting instructions telephonically.

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**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Vote In Person:** Submit your voting instructions at the meeting by filling out a ballot which, upon request, will be provided to you during the meeting.

Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all Nominees.

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| 1a. | Election of Director: Crandall C. Bowles       |
| 1b. | Election of Director: Vance D. Coffman         |
| 1c. | Election of Director: Charles O. Holliday, Jr. |
| 1d. | Election of Director: Dipak C. Jain            |
| 1e. | Election of Director: Clayton M. Jones         |
| 1f. | Election of Director: Joachim Milberg          |
| 1g. | Election of Director: Richard B. Myers         |
| 1h. | Election of Director: Thomas H. Patrick        |
| 1i. | Election of Director: Sherry M. Smith          |

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR proposals 2, 3, and 4:**

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| 2. | Non-binding vote on executive compensation  |
| 3. | Approval of the Nonemployee Director Stock Ownership Plan   |
| 4. | Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Deere's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2012 |
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