

DEERE & CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**JENKINS JAMES R**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**DEERE & COMPANY, ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE**

(Street)

**MOLINE, IL 61265**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**DEERE & CO [DE]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/17/2006**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Senior V.P. & General Counsel**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|   |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| \$1 Par Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> | 04/17/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 2,500 A \$ 61.64  | 67,046 <u>(4)</u>  | D                                 |
| \$1 Par Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>            | 04/17/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 2,500 D \$ 85.71  | 64,546 <u>(4)</u>  | D                                 |
| \$1 Par Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(5)</u>            | 04/18/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 1,000 D \$ 86   | 63,546 <u>(4)</u>  | D                                 |
|   | 04/18/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 1,000 D \$ 87   | 62,546 <u>(4)</u>  | D                                 |

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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) | 8. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
|   |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                     | Amount or Number of Shares |
|   |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)                                       | (D)                        |
| Market Priced Options <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> | \$ 61.64   | 04/17/2006                           |  | M                              | 2,500   | <u>(6)</u> 12/10/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 2,500                                     |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| JENKINS JAMES R<br>DEERE & COMPANY<br>ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE<br>MOLINE, IL 61265 |               |           | Senior V.P. & General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

/s/Paul Wilczynski, Assistant Secretary, Deere & Company, Under Power of Attorney

04/18/2006

\_\_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 stock include associated preferred stock rights.
- (2) Exercise of Rule 16b-3 options and related sale of shares pursuant to a Rule 10(b)5-1 stock option exercise plan executed on June 2, 2005.
- (3) All options include the ability to withhold shares upon the exercise of the options to satisfy income tax obligations.  
Includes 45,457 restricted stock units subject to restrictions or limitations under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan.
- (4) Shares are not held by reporting person during the period of limitation or restriction. Units include the ability to have shares withheld to satisfy income tax obligations.
- (5) Sale of shares pursuant to a Rule 10(b)5-1 sale plan executed on August 26, 2005.
- (6) The options vest in three approximately equal installments on December 10, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

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