

SANDERSON FARMS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 03, 2011

**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 (Date of earliest event reported): April 27, 2011**  
**SANDERSON FARMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Mississippi

1-14977

64-0615843

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

127 Flynt Road  
Laurel, Mississippi

39443

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(601) 649-4030

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Check the appropriate box if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management**

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

On April 27, 2011, Rowan H. Taylor, a member of the Registrant's board of directors since 1989, notified the Registrant that he had determined to retire from the board of directors. Mr. Taylor's retirement will be effective when his current term on the board expires at the Registrant's 2012 annual meeting of stockholders, which is expected to be held on February 16, 2012. The press release announcing his retirement is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) The following exhibits are furnished with this Current Report:

Exhibit No. Description

99 Press release of Sanderson Farms, Inc. dated May 3, 2011.

**SIGNATURES**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

**SANDERSON FARMS, INC.**

(Registrant)

*Date: May 3, 2011*

By: */s/ D. Michael Cockrell*

*D. Michael Cockrell*

*Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer*

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