

SANDERSON FARMS INC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|---|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â KHAYAT ROBERT C                         |         | (Month/Day/Year)  | SANDERSON FARMS INC [SAFM]                         |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)  | 02/22/2007   |  |
| 127 FLYNT ROAD                            |         | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                                |  | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         | (Check all applicable)  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| LAUREL,Â MSÂ 39443                        |         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)     |  |
|   |         |   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)              | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|---|--|---|
| No securities beneficially owned. <u>(1)</u> | 0 <u>(1)</u>  | D <u>(1)</u>   | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of  |   |

Shares (I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                        | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KHAYAT ROBERT C<br>127 FLYNT ROAD<br>LAUREL, MS 39443 | X             | ^         | ^       | ^     |

## Signatures

/s/ Robert C. Khayat 02/22/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The Reporting Person does not beneficially own any securities of the Issuer directly or indirectly.

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