

May John C II  
Form 3  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 \*

May John C II  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

DEERE & COMPANY, ONE  
JOHN DEERE PLACE

(Street)

MOLINE, IL 61265

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
09/01/2012

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
President, Ag Solutions & CIO

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ 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)

\$1 Par Common Stock

2,440 <sup>(1)</sup>

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 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)  
Title

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:  
Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

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|   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date |                 | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |          | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---|
| Market Priced Employee<br>Stock Options <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> | 12/05/2008          | 12/05/2017         | Common<br>Stock | 7,606                            | \$ 88.82 | D                                | Â |
| Market Priced Employee<br>Stock Options <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> | 12/09/2010          | 12/09/2019         | Common<br>Stock | 4,571                            | \$ 52.25 | D                                | Â |
| Market Priced Employee<br>Stock Options <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> | 12/08/2011          | 12/08/2020         | Common<br>Stock | 5,411                            | \$ 80.61 | D                                | Â |
| Market Priced Employee<br>Stock Options <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> | 12/14/2012          | 12/14/2021         | Common<br>Stock | 5,597                            | \$ 74.24 | D                                | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| May John C II<br>DEERE & COMPANY<br>ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE<br>MOLINE, IL 61265 | Â             | Â         | Â President, Ag Solutions & CIO | Â     |

## Signatures

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

10/03/2012

\_\_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) Includes 2,440 restricted stock units granted under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan and to be settled solely in shares.
- (2) All options include the ability to withhold shares upon the exercise of the option to satisfy minimum required income tax obligations.
- (3) The options become exercisable in three approximately equal annual installments one, two and three years after grant. The date listed is the initial exercisable installment date.

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