

SANDERSON FARMS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 22, 2017

**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): February 21, 2017**

**SANDERSON FARMS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Mississippi  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)**

**1-14977  
(Commission  
File Number)**

**64-0615843  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)**

**127 Flynt Road**

**39443**

**Laurel, Mississippi**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)** **(Zip Code)**  
**(601) 649-4030**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not applicable.**

**(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))

**Section 8 Other Events**

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 21, 2017, Sanderson Farms, Inc. (the Registrant ) received an antitrust civil investigative demand from the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs, of the State of Florida. The Registrant intends to cooperate fully with the investigative demand. Among other things, the demand seeks information related to the Georgia Dock Index and other information on poultry and poultry products published by the Georgia Department of Agriculture and its Poultry Market News division.

**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:* February 22, 2017

*By: /s/ D. Michael Cockrell  
D. Michael Cockrell  
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer*