

ALLEN SAMUEL R  
Form 4  
December 15, 2011

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ALLEN SAMUEL R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

DEERE & CO, 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)  
12/14/2011

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) Chairman & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)     | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of<br>(A) or (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$1 Par<br>Common<br>Stock <sup>(1)</sup> | 12/14/2011                              |                                                             | A                                       | 29,431 A \$ 0                                                                 | 208,275.5172<br><sup>(2)</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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Market<br>Priced<br>Options<br>(3)                  | \$ 74.24                                                           | 12/14/2011                              |                                                             | A                                    | 135,897                                                                                                   | 12/14/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>                                      | Common<br>Stock                                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                           | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|                                                                          | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| ALLEN SAMUEL R<br>DEERE & CO<br>ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE<br>MOLINE, IL 61265 | X             |           | Chairman & CEO |       |

## Signatures

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

12/15/2011

\*\*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) Grant of restricted stock units under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan. Awards include the ability to withhold shares upon conversion to satisfy tax obligations.
- (2) Includes 128,177 restricted stock units under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan.
- (3) All options include the ability to withhold shares upon the exercise of the option to satisfy income tax obligations.
- (4) The options become exercisable in three approximately equal installments on December 14, 2012, December 14, 2013, and December 14, 2014.

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