

DEERE & CO  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

## SCHEDULE 14A

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on February 28, 2018.**

**DEERE & COMPANY**

DEERE & COMPANY  
STOCKHOLDER RELATIONS  
ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE  
MOLINE, IL 61265

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual  
**For holders as of:** December 29, 2017  
**Date:** February 28, 2018 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. CST  
**Location:** Deere & Company World Headquarters  
One John Deere Place  
Moline, IL 61265

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This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

## Before You Vote

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

#### Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

Notice of the 2018 Annual Meeting, the Fiscal 2017 Proxy Statement, Form of Proxy, and the Fiscal 2017 Annual Report

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## How To Vote

### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote By Telephone:** Follow the instructions on the proxy card to submit your voting instructions telephonically.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Vote In Person:** Submit your voting instructions at the meeting by filling out a ballot which, upon request, will be provided to you during the meeting.

**Shareholder Meeting Registration:** To vote and/or attend the meeting, go to the "Register for Meeting" link at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).



**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all Nominees.**

- 1a. Election of Director: Samuel R. Allen
- 1b. Election of Director: Vance D. Coffman
- 1c. Election of Director: Alan C. Heuberger
- 1d. Election of Director: Charles O. Holliday, Jr.
- 1e. Election of Director: Dipak C. Jain
- 1f. Election of Director: Michael O. Johanns
- 1g. Election of Director: Clayton M. Jones
- 1h. Election of Director: Brian M. Krzanich
- 1i. Election of Director: Gregory R. Page
- 1j. Election of Director: Sherry M. Smith
- 1k. Election of Director: Dmitri L. Stockton
- 1l. Election of Director: Sheila G. Talton

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the following Proposal:**

- 2. Advisory vote on executive compensation

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the following Proposal:**

- 3. Re-approve the John Deere Long-Term Incentive Cash Plan

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the following Proposal:**

- 4. Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Deere's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2018

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote AGAINST the following Proposal:**

- 5. Stockholder Proposal - Special Shareowner Meetings
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