

DEERE & CO
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LANE ROBERT W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

DEERE & COMPANY, 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)
05/16/2008

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------|---|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| \$1 Par Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/16/2008 | | M | | 103,446 | A | \$ 21.15 | 921,009 | D | |
| \$1 Par Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/16/2008 | | M | | 424,538 | A | \$ 22.9 | 1,345,547 | D | |
| \$1 Par Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/16/2008 | | M | | 179,488 | A | \$ 30.82 | 1,525,035 | D | |
| \$1 Par Common | 05/16/2008 | | F | | 406,026 | D | \$ 82.665 | 1,119,009 | D | |

Stock ⁽¹⁾

\$1 Par

Common 05/19/2008 S 241,156 D \$ 82.6822 877,853 ⁽³⁾ D

Stock ⁽²⁾

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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Market Priced Options ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 21.15 | 05/16/2008 | | M | 103,446 | ⁽⁵⁾ 12/12/2011 | Common Stock 103,44 |
| Employee Market Priced Options ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 22.9 | 05/16/2008 | | M | 424,538 | ⁽⁶⁾ 12/11/2012 | Common Stock 424,53 |
| Employee Market Priced Options ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 30.82 | 05/16/2008 | | M | 179,488 | ⁽⁷⁾ 12/10/2013 | Common Stock 179,48 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LANE ROBERT W DEERE & COMPANY ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE MOLINE, IL 61265 | | | Chairman & CEO | |

Signatures

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

05/20/2008

__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) Exercise of Rule 16b-3 employee stock options pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on September 4, 2007, and related delivery and withholding of shares to pay the option exercise prices and withholding taxes.
- (2) Sales effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on September 4, 2007.
- (3) Includes 606,571 restricted stock units granted under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan.
- (4) All options include the ability to withhold shares upon the exercise of the option to satisfy income tax obligations.
- (5) The options became exercisable in three approximately equal installments on December 12, 2002, December 12, 2003, and December 12, 2004.
- (6) The options became exercisable in three approximately equal installments on December 11, 2003, December 11, 2004, and December 11, 2005.
- (7) The options became exercisable in three approximately equal installments on December 10, 2004, December 10, 2005, and December 10, 2006.

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