

Reed Cory J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 *
Reed Cory J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

DEERE & COMPANY, ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE

(Street)

MOLINE, IL 61265

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/11/2017

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

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

Pres., John Deere Financial

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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⁾ | 12/11/2017 | | M | | 6,001 A \$ 79.24 | 11,383 | D |
| \$1 Par Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/11/2017 | | S | | 4,519 D \$ 150.921 | 6,864 | D |
| \$1 Par Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/13/2017 | | M | | 2,432 A \$ 88.185 | 9,296 | D |
| \$1 Par Common | 12/13/2017 | | S | | 1,897 D \$ 153 | 7,399 ⁽²⁾ | D |

Stock ⁽¹⁾

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 (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) | 8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | |
| Market Priced Options <u>(1) (3)</u> | \$ 79.24 | 12/11/2017 | | M | 6,001 | <u>(4)</u> | 12/09/2025 | Common Stock | 6,001 |
| Market Priced Options <u>(1) (3)</u> | \$ 88.185 | 12/13/2017 | | M | 2,437 | <u>(5)</u> | 12/10/2024 | Common Stock | 2,432 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Reed Cory J DEERE & COMPANY ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE MOLINE, IL 61265 | | | Pres., John Deere Financial | |

Signatures

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

12/13/2017

 **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 options and related sale of shares for the exercise price and taxes pursuant to a Rule 10(b)5-1 stock option exercise plan adopted on September 5, 2017.
- (2) Includes 2,436 restricted stock units granted under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan to be settled solely in shares.
- (3) All options include the ability to withhold shares upon the exercise of the option to satisfy income tax obligations.
- (4) The options became exercisable in two approximately equal tranches on December 9, 2016 and 2017.
- (5) The options became exercisable on December 10, 2017.

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