

May John C II
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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 *
May John C II

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/23/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President, Ag Solutions & CIO

MOLINE, IL 61265

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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⁾ | 10/23/2017 | | M | | 8,128 | A | \$ 88.185 37,462 |
| \$1 Par Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/23/2017 | | S | | 8,128 | D | \$ 130.0329 ⁽²⁾ 29,334 |
| \$1 Par Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/24/2017 | | M | | 10,498 | A | \$ 88.185 39,762 |
| \$1 Par Common | 10/24/2017 | | S | | 10,498 | D | \$ 29,334 ⁽⁴⁾ 131.3145 |

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 sales of shares pursuant to a Rule 10(b)5-1 stock option exercise plan adopted on June 6, 2017.
The sale price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$130.00 to \$130.14, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- (2) The sale price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$131.05 to \$131.59, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- (3) Includes 14,070 restricted stock units granted under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan to be settled solely in shares. Units include the ability to have shares withheld to satisfy income tax obligations.
- (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 two approximately equal tranches on December 10, 2015 and 2016.

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