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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Â Zernell James T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY.E.,#2020

(Street)

HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77060

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
12/01/2005

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [NFX]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director
_____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)
Vice President - Production

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

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
common stock	45,035	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title			

	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
employee stock opt.-right to buy	Â (1)	02/10/2010	common stock	15,000	$ 0	D	Â
employee stock opt.-right to buy	Â (2)	02/10/2010	common stock	5,000	$ 0	D	Â
employee stock opt.-right to buy	Â (3)	02/09/2011	common stock	15,000	$ 0	D	Â
employee stock opt.-right to buy	Â (4)	02/07/2012	common stock	10,000	$ 0	D	Â
employee stock opt.-right to buy	Â (5)	08/14/2012	common stock	10,000	$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Zernell James T 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY.E.,#2020 HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77060	Â	Â	Â Vice President - Production	Â

Signatures

_____ James T. Zernell — 12/12/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person — Date

Explanation of Responses:

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 15,000 shares from the Issuer's 1998 Stock Plan, exercisable at $14.91 per share. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/10/2001.

(2) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 5,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan, exercisable at $14.91 per share. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/10/2001.

(3) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 15,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan, exercisable at $19.02 per share. The options vest(ed) in five annual installments beginning 2/09/2002.

(4) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 10,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan, exercisable at $16.87 per share. The options vest(ed) in five annual installments beginning 2/07/2003.

(5) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 10,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan, exercisable at $16.25 per share. The options vest(ed) in five annual installments beginning 8/14/2003.

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