

May John C II
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| May John C II | | (Month/Day/Year) | DEERE & CO [DE] | |
| (Last) | (First) | 09/01/2012 | | |
| | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| DEERE & COMPANY, ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE | | | | |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| MOLINE, IL 61265 | | | President, Ag Solutions & CIO | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 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) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| \$1 Par Common Stock | 2,440 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |

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) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|--|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Market Priced Employee Stock Options <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> | 12/05/2008 | 12/05/2017 | Common Stock 7,606 \$ 88.82 | D Â |
| Market Priced Employee Stock Options <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> | 12/09/2010 | 12/09/2019 | Common Stock 4,571 \$ 52.25 | D Â |
| Market Priced Employee Stock Options <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> | 12/08/2011 | 12/08/2020 | Common Stock 5,411 \$ 80.61 | D Â |
| Market Priced Employee Stock Options <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> | 12/14/2012 | 12/14/2021 | Common Stock 5,597 \$ 74.24 | D Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| May John C II DEERE & COMPANY ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE MOLINE, IL 61265 | Â | Â | Â President, Ag Solutions & CIO | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Paul Wilczynski, Assistant Secretary, Deere & Company, Under Power of Attorney 10/03/2012

__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) Includes 2,440 restricted stock units granted under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan and to be settled solely in shares.
- (2) All options include the ability to withhold shares upon the exercise of the option to satisfy minimum required income tax obligations.
- (3) The options become exercisable in three approximately equal annual installments one, two and three years after grant. The date listed is the initial exercisable installment date.

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