

DEERE & CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BOWLES CRANDALL CLOSE**

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)  
**P O BOX 70**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**09/30/2011**

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

**FORT MILL, SC 29715**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   | (D)                               | Price |

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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Securities Acquired (A) or | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----|
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| Derivative Security |                     |            | Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title      | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------|---|---|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|
|                     |                     |            | Code                                    | V |                  |                 |            |                            |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup> | 09/30/2011 | A                                       |   | 425.894          | <u>(2)</u>      | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock 425.894       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BOWLES CRANDALL CLOSE<br>P O BOX 70<br>FORT MILL, SC 29715 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Paul Wilczynski, Assistant Secretary, Deere & Company, Under Power of Attorney 10/03/2011

\*\*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) The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The phantom stock units were accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Director Deferred Compensation Plan and are to be settled solely in cash beginning in the calendar year following the reporting person's separation from service with the Issuer.  
The reported holdings of phantom stock units include units acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions that are exempt from line-item reporting. The reporting person also directly beneficially owns 22,716 \$1 par common shares of the Issuer and 7,650 restricted stock units. The stock units and 19,916 of the shares are restricted units and shares acquired under the Issuer's Nonemployee Director Stock Ownership Plan.
- (3)

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