

Howze Marc A
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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 *
Howze Marc A

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/04/2017

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

Sr. V.P. & Chief Admin Offer

(Street)

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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MOLINE, IL 61265

(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 | (D) | Price |
| \$1 Par Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/04/2017 | | M | | 7,731 | A | \$ 80.61 |
| \$1 Par Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/04/2017 | | S | | 7,731 | D | \$ 151.763 ⁽²⁾ |
| | | | | | | | 10,111 |
| | | | | | | | 2,380 ⁽³⁾ |

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 Acquired (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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Market Priced Options (1) (4) | \$ 80.61 | 12/04/2017 | | M | 7,731 | (5) 12/08/2020 | Common Stock | 7,731 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Howze Marc A DEERE & COMPANY ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE MOLINE, IL 61265 | | | Sr. V.P. & Chief Admin Offer | |

Signatures

/s/ Paul Wilczynski, Assistant Secretary, Deere & Company, Under Power of Attorney 12/05/2017

**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.
The sale price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$151.59 to \$152.10, 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 2,380 restricted stock units granted under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan to be settled solely in shares.
- (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 three approximately equal installments on December 8, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

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