DEERE & CO Form 4 April 18, 2006

## FORM 4

## **OMB APPROVAL**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A MARKLEY	Address of Reporting Y H J	Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol DEERE & CO [DE]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle)		Middle)	3. Date of	Earliest Ti	ransaction	(Check an applicable)				
DEERE & O	COMPANY, ON ACE	E JOHN	(Month/Day/Year) 04/18/2006			Director _X_ Officer (giv below) Pres.,Ag I	e title 10% below) Div Europe,Afric	er (specify		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any		Code	4. Securities Acquired or(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial		

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. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
\$1 Par Common Stock (1) (2) (3)	04/18/2006		M	58,949	A	\$ 42.07	126,020 (4)	D	
\$1 Par Common Stock (1) (2)	04/18/2006		S	58,949	D	\$ 86	67,071 <u>(4)</u>	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 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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Market Priced Options (2) (3)	\$ 42.07	04/18/2006		M		58,949	<u>(5)</u>	12/08/2010	Common Stock	58,949

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MARKLEY H J DEERE & COMPANY ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE MOLINE, IL 61265

Pres., Ag Div Europe, Africa, SA

#### **Signatures**

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

04/18/2006

\*\*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) References to Deere & Company common stock include associated preferred stock rights.
- (2) Exercise of Rule 16b-3 options and related sale of shares pursuant to a Rule 10(b)5-1 stock option exercise plan executed on March 17, 2005.
- (3) All options include the ability to withhold shares upon the exercise of the options to satisfy income tax obligations.
- (4) Includes 49,113 restricted stock units granted under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan. The reporting person also indirectly owns 5,130 shares beneficially owned by his spouse.
- (5) The options vested in three approximately equal installments on December 13, 2001,2002 and 2003.

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