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### **FORM 11-K**

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For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2014

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** 

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_

#### **COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-4121**

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

JOHN DEERE TAX DEFERRED SAVINGS PLAN FOR WAGE EMPLOYEES

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

#### **DEERE & COMPANY ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE MOLINE, ILLINOIS 61265**

#### **REQUIRED INFORMATION**

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1. The Financial Statements and Schedule of the John Deere Tax Deferred Savings Plan for Wage Employees prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

Exhibit 23. Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

#### JOHN DEERE TAX DEFERRED SAVINGS PLAN FOR WAGE EMPLOYEES

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All other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Participants in the John Deere Tax Deferred Savings Plan for Wage Employees:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the John Deere Tax Deferred Savings Plan for Wage Employees (the "Plan") as of October 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended October 31, 2014. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of October 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended October 31, 2014, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of October 31, 2014, has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's financial statements. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental schedule reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental schedule. In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, such schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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February 24, 2015

## JOHN DEERE TAX DEFERRED SAVINGS PLAN FOR WAGE EMPLOYEES

#### STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2014 AND 2013 (IN THOUSANDS)

ASSETS:		2014	2013
PARTICIPANT-DIRECTED INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE - Investment in John Deere Savings Plans Master Trust	\$	726,468	\$ 700,148
RECEIVABLES - Loans to participants		18,824	17,451
NET ASSETS REFLECTING ALL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE		745,292	717,599
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	<b></b>	(2,716)	(3,637)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$</u>	742,576	<u>\$ 713,962</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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## JOHN DEERE TAX DEFERRED SAVINGS PLAN FOR WAGE EMPLOYEES

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2014 (IN THOUSANDS)

ADDITIONS:

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CONTRIBUTIONS:	
Participant	\$ 40,122
Company	4,863
Total contributions	44,985
INVESTMENT INCOME - Net participation in activity of John Deere	
	54 274
Savings Plans Master Trust	54,374
Interest on participant loans	878
TOTAL ADDITIONS	_100,237
DEDUCTIONS:	
Benefits paid to participants	70,883
Net transfers to affiliate plan	578
Administrative expenses	162
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	71 (00
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INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	28,614
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:	
Beginning of year	713,962
End of year	<u>\$ 7</u> 42,576
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See notes to financial statements.

### JOHN DEERE TAX DEFERRED SAVINGS PLAN FOR WAGE EMPLOYEES

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2014 AND 2013 AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2014

#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following is a general description of the John Deere Tax Deferred Savings Plan for Wage Employees (the "Plan"). This description applies to each of the years for which financial statements are presented and provides only general information. For a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, participants should refer to the Plan agreement.

Deere & Company (the "Company") maintains two defined contribution plans in the U.S. for the benefit of its employees. The investment assets of these plans are commingled and held in the John Deere Savings Plans Master Trust (the "Master Trust"). These plans are the John Deere Savings and Investment Plan and the John Deere Tax Deferred Savings Plan for Wage Employees. Each of the participating plans has an interest in the net assets of the Master Trust and changes therein.

*General* – The Plan was established September 1, 1987 by the Company for certain eligible employees of the Company and its subsidiaries. The purpose of the Plan is to provide employees with a tax deferred method of savings and investment. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The Company is the administrator of the Plan. Fidelity Management Trust Company, Boston, Massachusetts, is the Plan trustee ("Trustee"), and Fidelity Investment Institutional Operations Company, Inc., an affiliate of the Trustee, is the recordkeeper (collectively, "Fidelity").

*Eligibility* – Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan immediately upon hire if they are hourly employees on the United States ("U.S.") payroll of the Company or its participating subsidiaries. Certain non-bargained hourly employees on the U.S. payroll are participants in the John Deere Savings and Investment Plan.

*Contributions* – An eligible employee may elect to become a participant in the Plan by contacting Fidelity to authorize the Company to withhold contributions from his or her compensation during the period of participation. Participant contributions and investment elections are processed through Fidelity using a voice-response system, on-line through NetBenefits, or through a Fidelity representative. For all payrolls processed after July 20, 2014 participant contributions can range from one percent to 75 percent of compensation, as elected by the participant, as limited by the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Prior to July 20, 2014 participant contributions could be between one percent and 50 percent, with a separate election for catch-up up to 25 percent. Participants may amend or revoke their elections as of the next occurring payroll period. The Plan accepts Roth elective contributions, as well as Roth catch-up contributions, made on behalf of eligible participants, which are allocated to a separate account source.

The Company provides a matching contribution to employees hired after October 1, 1997 generally equal to 25 percent (30 percent for John Deere Horicon Works and 50 percent for John Deere Commercial Products) of the employee's contributions up to six percent of eligible compensation. Beginning January 1, 2015, the matching contribution for John Deere Commercial Products increases to 75 percent. Contributions are sent to Fidelity as soon as practicable following each payroll period, and are invested by Fidelity in funds as specified by the participants. Monies will be held and invested by Fidelity in a BlackRock Lifepath Index Fund closest to the employee's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday (the default investment option) until designated investments have been elected by the participant.

All contributions are considered tax deferred under section 401(a) of the IRC, with the exception of Roth elective deferrals, which are made on an after-tax basis.

**Participant Accounts** – Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited with contributions made by the participant and the Company together with earnings and losses allocated daily among participants based on the ratio of their respective account balances as of the preceding day. Participants are immediately vested in their contributions and allocated earnings or losses. The Company matching contributions and allocated earnings or losses related to matching are vested after a participant has three years of service with the Company. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is one that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

*Forfeited Accounts* – At October 31, 2014 and 2013, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$13,612 and \$17,164, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future Company contributions. During the year ended October 31, 2014, Company contributions were reduced by \$54,000 from forfeited nonvested accounts.

*Fund Elections* – Participants in the Plan direct the investment of their account balances into one or more investment funds, which include the following as of October 31, 2014:

- Blended Interest Fund
- Wells Fargo Core Plus Bond Fund
- Deere & Company Common Stock Fund\*
- Any of 20 Common Collective Trust Funds
- Any of 3 Mutual Funds

\*Beginning January 27, 2014, participants may not invest more than 20% of their future contributions in the Deere & Company Common Stock Fund. As of this same date, exchanges into the Deere & Company Common Stock Fund may not result in more than a 20% investment in the Deere & Company Stock Fund.

In addition, participants have access to Fidelity BrokerageLink, which is a self-directed brokerage account. Through this account, a participant has access to over 3,000 open-ended mutual funds from a variety of fund families.

The Plan includes an Employee Stock Ownership Plan and dividend payout feature whereby participants may elect to receive dividends on their vested shares of Company common stock in the Deere & Company Common Stock Fund in either cash or as a reinvestment in Company common stock. If no election is made, the default option is reinvestment in Company common stock.

Loans - Employees who participate in the plan are eligible to borrow against their account balances. Loans must be at least \$1,000 and are limited to the lesser of \$50,000 (reduced by the participant's highest outstanding loan balance during the immediately preceding one year period) or 50 percent of their vested account balances on the effective dates of the loans, and the term of a loan may not exceed five years (ten years if the loan proceeds are used to purchase a primary residence). The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and interest is assessed at a rate which is determined based on the published prime interest rate. Repayment for actively employed participants is intended to be made via payroll deductions. A participant with an outstanding loan at the time of unpaid leave of absence, retirement or separation from service may opt to continue making loan payments through the financial institution of their choice, which sends payments to Fidelity via Automated Clearing House transfers. A minimum of one payment must be made each quarter (equal to all payments due for the quarter) to keep the loan current. The entire loan must be repaid within five years of the effective date of the loan or the original loan term, whichever is less. Failure by the participant to make a quarterly payment or pay the loan off within five years of inception or the original loan term, whichever is less, will result in the outstanding loan balance becoming a taxable distribution to the participant. If an eligible participant elects to take full distribution of their account balance and a loan balance remains, the entire loan balance remaining will be taxable.

**Payment of Benefits** – Distributions are not permitted while the participants are employed by the Company unless a distribution is required to meet legal requirements or the participant has reached age 59-1/2. Participants who have terminated employment with the Company or retired may elect an immediate distribution or may defer the start of distributions up to age 70-1/2. Effective October 18, 2014, retired and separated participants with vested balances of \$1,000 or less are required to take full distribution of their account. The beneficiary of a participant who died may elect a deferred distribution payable not later than five years after the participant's death. Distributions from the Deere & Company Common Stock Fund may be in cash or whole shares and residual cash. Distributions from all of the other funds are in cash.

Participants may take a lump-sum distribution or elect one of the following distribution options:

- (a) Level Sum Distribution A specified dollar amount is distributed monthly.
- (b) Decremental Distribution A decremental withdrawal is made over a specified period of time.
- (c) Unscheduled, Partial Distribution Unscheduled amounts are distributed at the discretion of the participant with a minimum distribution of \$1,000.
- (d) Mandated Distribution after 70-1/2 By April 1 of the year following the year in which the participant turns 70-1/2, if no longer employed by the Company, the participant must either take a lump-sum distribution or begin systematic withdrawals which are actuarially determined.

*Hardship Withdrawals* – Participants in the Plan, under Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") guidelines, may request hardship withdrawals for heavy and immediate financial needs which cannot be reasonably met from other resources of the participant. A hardship withdrawal results in a six-month suspension of participant contributions and Company matching contributions. Only one hardship withdrawal is allowed in a 12-month period.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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**Basis of Accounting** – The Plan's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

*Use of Estimates* – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Risks and Uncertainties** – The Plan utilizes various investment instruments, including mutual funds, common collective trusts, common stock, fixed income securities, and investment contracts. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the value of the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

*Valuation of Investments* – Investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Deere & Company Common Stock Fund – Fair value is based on the closing sales price reported on recognized securities exchanges on the last business day of the fiscal year.

The Deere & Company Common Stock Fund is maintained on a unit value basis and includes a money market fund for liquidity purposes. The number of units and related net asset value per unit as of October 31, 2014 and 2013 for the fund are as follows:

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Mutual Funds – The mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices which represent the net asset values of shares held by the Plan on the last business day of the fiscal year.

Blended Interest Fund – The Blended Interest Fund is invested in synthetic guaranteed investment contracts ("GICs") as described in Note 3. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 962, *Plan Accounting-Defined Contribution Plans*, the statements of net assets available for benefits presents the GICs at fair value (as described in Note 3), as well as an additional line item showing an adjustment of the fully benefit-responsive contracts from fair value to contract value. Contract value represents contributions made to the Fund, plus credited earnings, less participant withdrawals. GICs are accounted for in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits on a contract value basis.

Wells Fargo Core Plus Bond Fund – The fund is a separately managed fund for the benefit of the Master Trust only and has an underlying portfolio of financial instruments consisting of various fixed income securities and is stated at fair value. The fair values are estimated by using pricing models, where the inputs to those models are based on observable market inputs. The inputs to the valuation techniques vary depending on the type of security being priced but are typically benchmark yields, benchmark security prices, credit spreads, prepayment speeds, reported trades, and broker-dealer quotes.

Fidelity BrokerageLink Accounts – The BrokerageLink accounts are valued at the closing net asset values of the mutual funds comprising the account.

Common Collective Trust Funds – These funds are valued at redemption price which is based on the net asset values of units held by the Plan on the last business day of the fiscal year, as determined by the issuers of the funds based on the fair value of the underlying investments.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis.

Income Recognition – Interest on bank and insurance contracts in the Blended Interest Fund and shortterm investment funds is accrued daily and credited to the funds at the end of each month. Dividends are accrued in the Deere & Company Common Stock Fund as of the ex-dividend date and are reflected as an increase in the fund's net asset value on that day. Dividends in other funds are recorded on the exdividend date and are allocated to participants' accounts on that day. Earnings, including unrealized appreciation or depreciation in market value of investments, are allocated daily among participants based on the ratio of their respective account balances as of the close of the preceding day.

Net appreciation includes the Master Trust's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Interest and Dividends – Interest and dividends investment income in the Master Trust includes dividends on mutual funds and Deere & Company Common Stock Fund, as well as interest earned from the Blended Interest Fund.

*Investment Fees* – Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return.

*Net Transfers to Affiliate Plan* – Transfers represent net assets transferred from the Plan during the year ended October 31, 2014 to the John Deere Savings and Investment Plan for participants who became participants in that plan.

**Payment of Benefits** – Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution. Amounts allocated to accounts of persons who have elected to withdraw from the Plan but have not yet been paid were immaterial at October 31, 2014 and 2013.

*Loans to Participants* – Loans to participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent loans are recorded as distributions based on the terms of the Plan document.

*Administrative Expenses* – Administrative expenses of \$2.00 per participant are deducted from participant accounts each calendar quarter. The remaining expense is paid by the Company and through credits provided by the recordkeeper for Plan investments. Participants also pay administrative costs for loans and qualified domestic relation orders.

#### 3. BLENDED INTEREST FUND

The Blended Interest Fund is a stable value investment option available to participants that includes several synthetic GICs which simulate the performance of guaranteed investment contracts through an issuer's guarantee of a specific interest rate and a portfolio of financial instruments that are owned by the Master Trust. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made to the fund, plus credited earnings, less participant withdrawals. The interest rate of the fund is reset quarterly based on market rates of other similar investments, the current yield of the underlying investments and the spread between the market value and contract value.

The synthetic GICs include underlying assets which are held in a trust owned by the Master Trust and utilize benefit-responsive wrapper contracts issued by JP Morgan Chase, State Street Bank and Trust Company, American General Life Company, Transamerica Premier Life (formerly known as Monumental Life Insurance Company prior to July 31, 2014), Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, and Nationwide Life Insurance Company. The wrapper contracts are designed to allow participants to execute Blended Interest Fund transactions at contract value in extreme circumstances. The Master Trust's ability to receive amounts due pursuant to the wrapper contracts depends on the issuers' ability to meet their financial obligations under the wrapper contracts, which may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments. In addition, certain events such as Plan termination or a Plan merger initiated by the Company may limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value or may allow for the termination of the wrapper contract which may result in transacting at less than contract value. Plan management believes that any events that may limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract at contract value are probable of not occurring.

	2014	2013
Average yields of the Blended Interest Fund:		
Based on annualized earnings (1)	1.63 %	1.72 %
Based on interest rate credited to participants (2)	1.66	1.56

- (1) Computed by dividing the annualized one-day actual earnings of the contract on the last day of the Plan year by the fair value of the investments on the same date.
- (2) Computed by dividing the annualized one-day earnings credited to participants on the last day of the Plan year by the fair value of the investments on the same date.

The underlying portfolio of financial instruments consists of various fixed income securities and is stated at fair value. The fair values are estimated by using pricing models, where the inputs to those models are based on observable market inputs. The inputs to the valuation techniques vary depending on the type of security being priced but are typically benchmark yields, benchmark security prices, credit spreads, prepayment speeds, reported trades, and broker-dealer quotes. Fair market value of the wrappers is estimated by converting the difference between the current basis points assigned to the wrap fees and rebid basis points into an intrinsic dollar value.

#### 4. MASTER TRUST AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The investment in the Master Trust represents the Plan's proportionate share of the net assets of the Master Trust which have been accumulated through participant and Company contributions and investment activity of the Master Trust less benefit payments and certain administrative expenses. Use of the Master Trust permits the commingling of the Plan's assets with the assets of the John Deere Savings and Investment Plan for investment and administrative purposes. Although assets of both plans are commingled in the Master Trust, Fidelity, as Trustee, maintains supporting records for the purpose of allocating the net assets and net gain or loss of the investment accounts to each of the participating plans. The net earnings or loss of the accounts for each day are allocated by Fidelity to each participating plan investment fund based on the relationship of the interest of each plan to the total of the interests of both participating plans. The Master Trust at October 31, 2014 and 2013 is summarized as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	2014	2013
Noninterest-Bearing Cash	<u>\$ 522</u>	<u>\$ 444</u>
Blended Interest Fund	621,913	679,117
Deere & Company Common Stock	511,201	594,378
Common Collective Trusts	3,504,646	2,309,704
Wells Fargo Core Plus Bond Fund	61,581	67,770
Mutual Funds	357,771	1,106,029
Fidelity BrokerageLink Accounts	309,086	279,632
Total Investments at Fair Value	5,366,198	5,036,630
Receivables	11,454	9,019
Total Assets in Master Trust - Investments at Fair Value	5,378,174	5,046,093
Liabilities	28,172	34,256
Net Assets in Master Trust - Investments at Fair Value	5,350,002	5,011,837
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully		
benefit-responsive investment contracts	(13,570)	(17,413)
Net Assets in Master Trust	\$ 5,336,432	<u>\$ 4,994,424</u>
Plan's Interest in Net Assets of		
Master Trust at Fair Value	<u>\$ 726,468</u>	<u>\$ 700,148</u>
Plan's Interest in Master Trust		
as a Percentage of the Total	14 %	<u> </u>

The net investment income of the Master Trust for the year ended October 31, 2014 consisted of the following (in thousands of dollars):

Net appreciation (depreciation):	
Fidelity BrokerageLink Accounts*	\$ 8,160
Common Collective Trusts:	
Lifepath Index Funds	122,649
Stock Index Funds	67,840
Bond Index Funds	1,470
Real Estate Index Fund	1,799
Small-Mid Cap Fund	16,165
Large Cap Funds	97,017
Commodity Index Fund	(455)
International Stock Fund	137
Total Common Collective Trusts	306,622
Wells Fargo Core Plus Bond Fund	3,286
Mutual Funds:	
Domestic Stock Funds	(2,890)
International Stock Funds	(6,835)
Total Mutual Funds	(9,725)
Deere & Company Common Stock*	29,778
Net appreciation	338,121
Interest and dividends	97,475
Net investment income	\$ 435,596
Plan's portion of Master Trust investment income	<u>\$ 54,374</u>

\* Represents a party-in-interest to the Plan.

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The Fidelity BrokerageLink Accounts consist entirely of mutual funds.

The Master Trust's investments at fair value that exceeded 5 percent of Master Trust net assets as of October 31, 2014 and 2013 were as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	2014	2014 Percent of Net Assets	2013	2013 Percent of Net Assets
Fidelity Growth Company Pool*	\$ 781,527	15%		
Deere & Company Common Stock*	511,201	10%	\$ 594,378	12%
S&P 500 Stock Index Fund - BlackRock	,		•	
Equity Index Fund	398,914	8%	333,026	7%
BlackRock LifePath Index 2020 Fund	294,073	6%	271,529	5%
BlackRock LifePath Index 2030 Fund	275,390	5%		- / •
Fidelity Growth Company Fund*			731,689	15%

\* Represents a party-in-interest to the Plan.

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The Plan's proportionate share of investments that exceed 5 percent of the Plan's net assets as of October 31, 2014 and 2013 were as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	2014	2014 Percent of Net Assets	2013	2013 Percent of Net Assets
Deere & Company Common Stock*	\$ 119,558	16%	\$ 136,578	19%
Fidelity Growth Company Pool*	84,559	11%		
BlackRock LifePath Index 2020 Fund	49,164	7%	45,325	6%
S&P 500 Stock Index Fund - BlackRock				
Equity Index Fund	37,217	5%	32,299	5%
Fidelity Growth Company Fund*			80,575	11%
* Represents a party-in-interest to the Plan.			-	

The Master Trust holds shares or interests in investments where the fair value is estimated based on the net asset value per share (or its equivalent). At October 31, 2014 and 2013, there were no unfunded commitments or redemption restrictions, and the fair values are summarized as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	2014 Fair Value	2013 Fair Value
Lifepath Index Funds (a)	\$ 1,746,074	\$ 1,497,419
Stock Index Funds (b)	507,667	415,513
Bond Index Funds (c)	56,455	50,882
Real Estate Index Fund (d)	20,351	15,570
Small-Mid Cap Fund (e)	149,745	135,092
Large Cap Funds (f)	975,016	156,344
Commodity Index Fund (g)	6,031	5,553
International Stock Index Fund (h)	43,307	33,331
	\$ 3,504,646	\$ 2,309,704

- (a) The funds' objectives are to maximize total return with a risk level that may be appropriate for each fund's particular timeframe, using a mix of income and inflation protection investments. The target date funds are a series of funds in five-year increments (from Retirement Fund to 2055) designed for participants with differing expected retirement/utilization dates.
- (b) These are index funds that seek to match the performance of the S&P 500® Index and the Dow Jones U.S. Completion Total Stock Market Index by investing in stocks that make up the indices. These funds are intended for long-term investors seeking to capture the earnings and growth potential of U.S. companies.
- (c) The index funds seek to match the performance of the Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond and the Barclays Capital U.S. TIPS Index by investing in a diversified sample of the bonds that make up the indices. These funds are intended for intermediate-term and long-term investors seeking moderate returns and protection against inflation.

- (d) This index fund seeks to match the performance of the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Real Estate Index by investing in stocks that make up the index. This fund is intended for long-term investors seeking to capture the dividend income and growth potential of real estate.
- (e) This fund seeks to generate consistent long-term investment performance superior to the Russell 2500 Index and appropriate peer groups.
- (f) These funds seek to outperform the Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Value and Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Growth over a market cycle.
- (g) This is an index fund that seeks to match the performance of the Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return. This index is a commodity benchmark for non-levered, fully collateralized investments.
- (h) This is an index fund that seeks to match the performance of the MSCI ACWI ex-US Investable Market Index. This fund is intended for long-term investors seeking to capture the earnings and growth potential of foreign companies in both developed and emerging countries throughout the world.

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, established a single authoritative definition of fair value, set a framework for measuring fair value, and requires disclosures about fair value measurements. In accordance with ASC 820, the Plan classifies its investments into Level 1, which refers to securities valued using quoted prices from active markets for identical assets; Level 2, which refers to securities not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available; and Level 3, which refers to securities valued based on significant unobservable inputs. Assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy a summary of the Master Trust's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at October 31, 2014 and 2013.

#### Fair Value Measurements (in thousands of dollars) at October 31, 2014, Using Quoted Prices in Significant **Active Markets** Other Significant for Identical Observable Unobservable Assets (Level 1) Inputs (Level 2) Inputs (Level 3) Total Blended Interest Fund: Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities \$ 59,254 \$ 59,254 Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities - Agency 16,012 16,012 **Residential and Commercial** Mortgage Obligations 12,261 12,261 Asset-Backed Securities 74,325 74,325 **Corporate Debt Securities** 104,866 104,866 Debt Securities Issued by the U.S.Treasury and Other U.S. **Government Corporations** and Agencies 348,239 348,239 Money Market Mutual Fund 6,767 \$ 6,767 Wrapper Contracts 189 189 \$ **Total Blended Interest Fund** 6,767 614,957 189 621,913 Deere & Company Common Stock 511,201 511,201 Wells Fargo Core Plus Bond Fund: Asset-Backed Securities 284 284 Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities 3,122 3,122 Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities - Agency 21,650 21,650 Residential and Commercial Mortgage Obligations 1,679 1,679 Corporate Debt Securities 22,089 22,089 Debt Securities Issued by the U.S. Treasury and Other U.S. **Government Corporations** and Agencies 12,757 12,757 Total Wells Fargo Core Plus Bond Fund 61,581 61,581 **Common Collective Trusts:** Lifepath Index Funds 1,746,074 1,746,074 Stock Index Funds 507,667 507,667 Bond Index Funds 56,455 56,455 Small-Mid Cap Fund 149,745 149,745 Large Cap Funds 975,016 975,016 **Real Estate Index Fund** 20,351 20,351 Commodity Index Fund 6,031 6,031 International Stock Index Fund 43,307 43,307 **Total Common Collective Trusts** 3,504,646 3,504,646

**Master Trust Investments** 

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#### at October 31, 2014, Using **Quoted Prices in** Significant **Active Markets** Other Significant for Identical Observable Unobservable Assets (Level 1) Inputs (Level 2) Inputs (Level 3) Total Mutual Funds: **Fixed Income Funds** 170,840 170,840 International Stock Funds 186,931 186,931 **Total Mutual Funds** 357,771 357,771 Fidelity BrokerageLink Accounts, Mutual Funds: Alternative Funds 4,895 4,895 **Balanced** Funds 25,716 25,716 **Commodity Funds** 2,251 2,251 **Domestic Stock Funds** 173,481 173,481 **Fixed Income Funds** 54,595 54,595 International Stock Funds 48,148 48,148 Total BrokerageLink Accounts 309,086 309,086 **Total Investments** 1,184,825 4,181,184 \$ 189 <u>\$ 5,366,198</u> \$ \$

Master Trust Investments Fair Value Measurements (in thousands of dollars)

The following table presents a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the year ended October 31, 2014:

	Master Trust Fair Value Measurements (in thousands of dollars) Using Significant Unobservable <u>Inputs (Level 3)</u> Wrapper Contracts
Beginning balance — October 31, 2013 Unrealized losses	\$ 824 (635)
Ending balance — October 31, 2014	<u>\$ 189</u>

The Plan's policy is to recognize transfers between levels at the beginning of the reporting period. There were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2 during 2014.

	Master Trust Investments Fair Value Measurements (in thousands of dollars)							
	Acti for	ted Prices in ive Markets r Identical ets (Level 1)	¢	at October 31, Significant Other Observable uts (Level 2)	Sigr Unob	sing nificant servable (Level 3)		Total
Blended Interest Fund:	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		mp		mputo			IUtai
Commercial Mortgage-Backed								
Securities			\$	71,324			\$	71,324
Residential Mortgage-Backed								
Securities - Agency				32,835				32,835
Residential and Commercial								
Mortgage Obligations				17,565				17,565
Asset-Backed Securities				55,296				55,296
Corporate Debt Securities				103,322				103,322
Debt Securities Issued by the								
U.S.Treasury and Other U.S.								
Government Corporations and Agencies				205 005				
Money Market Mutual Fund	\$	12 146		385,805				385,805
Wrapper Contracts	Φ	12,146			¢	804		12,146
Total Blended Interest Fund		10 146		((( 147	<u>\$</u>	824		824
	<u> </u>	12,146		666,147		824		679,117
Deere & Company Common Stock		501 270						
		594,378						594,378
Wells Fargo Core Plus Bond Fund:								
Asset-Backed Securities				2,024				2,024
Commercial Mortgage-Backed								
Securities				5,032				5,032
Residential Mortgage-Backed								
Securities - Agency				22,072				22,072
Residential and Commercial								
Mortgage Obligations				2,886				2,886
Corporate Debt Securities				23,387				23,387
Debt Securities Issued by the								
U.S. Treasury and Other U.S.								
Government Corporations and Agencies				10.200				10 0 (0
Total Wells Fargo Core Plus				12,369				12,369
Bond Fund				( <b>- - - - )</b>				
			•••	67,770				67,770
Common Collective Trusts:								
Lifepath Index Funds				1,497,419				1,497,419
Stock Index Funds				415,513				415,513
Bond Index Funds				50,882				50,882
Small-Mid Cap Fund				135,092				135,092
Large Cap Fund Real Estate Index Fund				156,344				156,344
				15,570				15,570
Commodity Index Fund International Stock Index Fund				5,553				5,553
Total Common Collective Trusts				33,331				33,331
Control Contective Trusts	••••			2,309,704			-	2,309,704
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	Fair Val	Master Trust ue Measurements at October 31,	(in thousands of d	ollars)
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Mutual Funds:				
Domestic Stock Funds	731,689			731,689
Fixed Income Funds	177,981			177,981
International Stock Funds	196,359			196,359
Total Mutual Funds	1,106,029			1,106,029
Fidelity BrokerageLink Accounts, Mutual Funds:				
Alternative Funds	5,848			5,848
Balanced Funds	22,486			22,486
Commodity Funds	2,415			2,415
Domestic Stock Funds	150,188			150,188
Fixed Income Funds	56,892			56,892
International Stock Funds	41,803			41,803
Total BrokerageLink Accounts	279,632			279,632
Total Investments	<u>\$ 1,992,185</u>	\$ 3,043,621	<u>\$ 824</u>	\$ 5,036,630

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The following table presents a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the year ended October 31, 2013:

	Master Trust Fair Value Measurements (in thousands of dollars) Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)					
	Asset-Backed Securities	Commercial Mortgage- Backed Securities	v	/rapper ontracts	<b>.</b>	Total
Beginning balance — October 31, 2012 Unrealized (losses) gains	\$	\$	\$	952 (128)	\$	952 (128)
Ending balance — October 31, 2013	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	824	\$	824

#### 5. EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan held 1,397,681 and 1,668,141 shares of common stock of Deere & Company, the sponsoring employer, with a cost basis of approximately \$66 million and \$79 million at October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. During the year ended October 31, 2014, the Plan recorded dividend income of approximately \$3.3 million from the Company common stock.

The Plan also holds investments in mutual funds administered by Fidelity Investments Institutional Operations Company, Inc., an affiliate of the Plan trustee, investment manager and recordkeeper. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund.

#### 6. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

The IRS has determined and informed the Company, by a letter dated September 16, 2013, that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with the applicable regulations of the IRC. The Company believes that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan Administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2009.

Employees participating in the Plan are subject to federal income taxes on the pre-tax distributions from their accounts in the calendar year in which such distributions are received from Fidelity.

#### 7. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event of termination of the Plan, account balances would become fully vested and be distributed to participants.

#### 8. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

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The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of October 31, 2014 and 2013 (in thousands of dollars):

	2014	2013
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully	\$ 742,576	\$713 <b>,962</b>
benefit-responsive investment contracts Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>2,716</u> \$ 745,292	<u>3,637</u> \$717,599

For the year ended October 31, 2014, the following is a reconciliation of the increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 (in thousands of dollars):

Increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 28,614
Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully	
benefit-responsive investment contracts, October 31, 2014	2,716
Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully	·
benefit-responsive investment contracts, October 31, 2013	(3,637)
Increase in net assets per the Form 5500	\$ 27,693

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**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE** 

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JOHN DEERE TAX DEFERRED SAVINGS PLAN FOR WAGE EMPLOYEES EMPLOYER ID NO.: 36-2382580 PLAN NO.: 008	
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2014	
(In thousands of dollars)	Current Value
LOANS TO PARTICIPANTS (at interest rates of 4.75% to 9.75%,	
maturing from November 2014 to November 2024)*	<b>A 1 A A A A A A A A A A</b>

\*Represents a party-in-interest to the Plan.

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#### SIGNATURE

#### The Plan

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Administrator of the John Deere Tax Deferred Savings Plan for Wage Employees has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### DEERE & COMPANY (Registrant)

By: Marc'A. Howze

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Date: 26 February 2015



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#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statement Nos. 33-15949, 33-49740, 333-62669, and 333-140981 of Deere & Company and subsidiaries on Forms S-8 of our report dated February 24, 2015, relating to the financial statements and supplemental schedule of the John Deere Tax Deferred Savings Plan for Wage Employees, appearing in this Annual Report on Form 11-K of John Deere Tax Deferred Savings Plan for Wage Employees for the year ended October 31, 2014.

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Chicago, Illinois February 24, 2015

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