



JOHN DEERE

Biography:

Samuel R. Allen

President and Chief Executive Officer

Deere & Company

Sam Allen is President and Chief Executive Officer, Deere & Company, a position he's held since August 2009. He is also a member of the Deere & Company Board of Directors.

Before his present position, Allen was appointed president and chief operating officer of the company in June 2009. Previously, he served as President, Worldwide Construction & Forestry Division and was responsible for the global operations of John Deere Power Systems. He was also responsible for Deere's intelligent mobile equipment technologies and for Deere's advanced technology and engineering. He has served as a senior officer of the company since 2001, with additional responsibilities in human resources, industrial relations, and John Deere Credit's global operations.

Since joining John Deere in 1975, Allen had worked in positions of increasing responsibility in the Consumer Products Division, Worldwide Construction & Forestry Division, John Deere Power Systems, and the Worldwide Agricultural Division including managing operations in Latin America, China & East Asia, and Australia.

Allen is a 1975 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in industrial management. He is a native of Sumter, South Carolina.

John Deere (Deere & Company — NYSE: DE) is a world leader in providing advanced products and services for agriculture, forestry, construction, lawn and turf care, landscaping and irrigation. John Deere also provides financial services worldwide and manufactures and markets engines used in heavy equipment. Since it was founded in 1837, the company has extended its heritage of integrity, quality, commitment and innovation around the globe.

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