

DELTA & PINE LAND CO  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**DYKES EARL**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ONE COTTON ROW, 100 MAIN STREET**

(Street)

**SCOTT, MS 38772**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**DELTA & PINE LAND CO [DLP]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/18/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

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			
Common Stock	05/18/2005		A <sup>(1)</sup>	2,256 A \$ 0	69,990	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)**

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.85					10/15/2002 10/15/2011	Common Stock 10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.31	05/18/2005		A	12,067	07/02/2005 05/18/2012	Common Stock 12,067
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.56	05/18/2005		A	4,392	05/18/2005 05/18/2012	Common Stock 4,392
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 28.81	05/18/2005		A	4,797	05/18/2005 05/18/2012	Common Stock 4,797
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 30.06	05/18/2005		A	5,224	05/18/2005 05/18/2012	Common Stock 5,224

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DYKES EARL ONE COTTON ROW 100 MAIN STREET SCOTT, MS 38772			Vice President	

## Signatures

Rhonda Strickland 05/19/2005

\_\_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) Grant of Restricted Stock - approved by the Compensation committee of Delta and Pine Land Company with a vesting schedule of 40% in year two, 30% in year three, and the remaining 30% in year four.

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