

FARMER BROTHERS CO
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FORM 4

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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 *
Nelson Mark Joseph

(Last) (First) (Middle)
FARMER BROS. CO., 20333 S
NORMANDIE AVE
(Street)

TORRANCE, CA 90502

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FARMER BROTHERS CO [FARM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/09/2015

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)
Treasurer, CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 23.44 | 02/09/2015 | A | 21,400 | | | | | (1) | 02/09/2022 | Common Stock | 21,400 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Nelson Mark Joseph FARMER BROS. CO., 20333 S NORMANDIE AVE TORRANCE, CA 90502 | | | Treasurer, CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ Thomas J. Mattei Jr., Attorney-In-Fact for Mark J. Nelson
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 02/11/2015
 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 non-qualified stock option under the Farmer Bros. Co. Amended and Restated 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("Plan"); the stock option vests pursuant to a three year vesting schedule, whereby one-third of the total number of shares issuable under the option becomes exercisable each year on the anniversary of the grant date, commencing on February 9, 2016, based on the Company's achievement of a modified net income target for each fiscal year of the performance period as approved by the Compensation Committee, subject to catch-up vesting of previously unvested shares in a subsequent year within the three year period in which a cumulative modified net income target as approved by the Compensation Committee is achieved and the acceleration provisions of the Plan and stock option agreement, and subject to the participant's employment by the Company or service on the Board of Directors of the Company on the applicable vesting date.

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