

FARMER BROTHERS CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Farmer Richard F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FARMER BROTHERS CO [FARM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O FARMER BROS CO., 13601  
NORTH FREEWAY, SUITE 200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/19/2016

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

FORT WORTH, TX 76177

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |             |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par value  | 05/19/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 600,000 (1)   | D  | \$ 25 2,709,674 (2) I             | Trustee (3) |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Farmer Richard F<br>C/O FARMER BROS CO.<br>13601 NORTH FREEWAY, SUITE 200<br>FORT WORTH, TX 76177 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Richard F.  
Farmer

05/19/2016

\*\*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) The shares of Common Stock were sold in a private sale to four institutional investors.

Reflects the Reporting Person's beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock as a member of the Farmer Group (as defined in Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC on September 21, 2006), as reported in the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on October 28, 2015, after giving effect to the reported transaction and the sale transactions reported by the Reporting Person in his Form 4s relating to the Common Stock filed with the SEC on December 10, 2015, December 17, 2015, December 28, 2015 and April 13, 2016.

(3) The shares of Common Stock were sold directly by a trust of which the Reporting Person is the sole settlor, trustee and beneficiary.

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