

FARMER BROTHERS CO

Form 4

December 11, 2014

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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Section 16.  
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See Instruction  
1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MORTENSEN THOMAS W

(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)  
12/08/2014

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)

SR VP Route Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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)
Common Stock, \$1.00 Par Value	12/08/2014 <sup>(1)</sup>		F <sup>(2)</sup>	377	D	\$ 27.07 22,609 <sup>(3)</sup>	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)

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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				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
MORTENSEN THOMAS W FARMER BROS. CO., 20333 S NORMANDIE AVE TORRANCE, CA 90502			SR VP Route Sales	

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas J. Mattei, Jr., Attorney-In-Fact for Thomas W. Mortensen 12/11/2014

\_\_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) This Form 4 is being filed late due to an inadvertent administrative error.

Exempt transaction pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e) - payment of exercise price or tax liability by delivering or withholding securities incident to the receipt, exercise or vesting of a security issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3. All of the shares reported as disposed of in this Form 4 were relinquished by the reporting person and cancelled by the issuer in exchange for the issuer's agreement to pay federal and state tax withholding obligations of the reporting person resulting from the vesting on December 8, 2014 of restricted stock granted on December 8, 2011. The reporting person did not sell or otherwise dispose of any of the shares reported on this Form 4 for any reason other than to cover required taxes. The price shown in Box 4 is the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on the vesting date (December 8, 2014).

(3) Includes a total of 8,051 shares (including 566 shares in fiscal 2014) allocated as of the reporting date to the reporting person pursuant to the Farmer Bros. Co. Employee Stock Ownership Plan.

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