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FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <u>RITTERBUSH DAVID W</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FARMER BROTHERS CO</u> [FARM]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner			
FARMER BROS. CO.						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2018								Officer (give title	below)	Other (sp	ecify below)
	X State)	76. (Zir	-		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·								tividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
			т	able I - I	Non-Deri	ivative Sec	curities A	cquired,	Dispo	sed of,	, or Benef	ficially Ow	ned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)					2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		ition Date,	3. Transacti Code (Instr. Code	str. 8) 3, 4 and 5)		d Of (D) (Instr. Price	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value					12/07/2	/07/2018 A 2,711 A \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ 4,612			D								
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	version Date Exercise (Month/Day/Year) te of ivative		4. Transac (Instr. 8)	tion Code	on Code 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Expiratio	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			Amount of Seci ecurity (Instr. 3	urities Underlying and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following	Born: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Explanation of Responses:
1. Grant of restricted stock under the Farmer Bros. Co. 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("Plan"), granted on December 7, 2018 ("Grant Date"); the restricted stock cliff vests on the earlier of (i) the one year anniversary of the Grant Date or (ii) the date of the first annual meeting of the Company's stockholders immediately following the Grant Date (as applicable, the "Vesting Date"), subject to continued service to the Company through the Vesting Date and the acceleration provisions of the Plan and restricted stock grant agreement. Remarks:

/s/ Thomas J. Mattei, Jr., Attorney-In-Fact for David W. Ritterbush <u>12/11/2018</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of David G. Robson and Thomas J. Mattei, Jr., each acting individually,

(1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of Farmer Bros. Co., a Del

(2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third particles from any the format f

(3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection The undersigned acknowledges that:

(1) this Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, each such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fac

(2) any documents prepared and/or executed by either such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney will be in such

(3) neither the Company nor either of such attorneys-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the

(4) this Limited Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, The undersigned hereby gives and grants each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever rec

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 6th day of December, 2018.

David W. Ritterbush Print Name of Reporting Person or Entity

/s/ David W. Ritterbush Signature