FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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EMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HARDING MARK A					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FARMER BROTHERS CO [FARM]								Relationship leck all appli Directo	cable)	,			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 20333 SOUTH NORMANDIE AVE.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2011								helow)	(give title R. V.P. OPERA		Other (specify below)		
(Street)	(Street) TORRANCE CA 90502				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Lin	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)									Person				ung		
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date,			Code (Instr. 5)				Benefici	es Form ally (D) of Following (I) (Ir		n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
							Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Price		Transact	saction(s) r. 3 and 4)			,		
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)	rivative Conversion Date Execution Date, Ti curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any C			Cod	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 Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)			ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Cod	de V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (Right to	\$9.63	05/19/2011		A			20,000	(1)		05/19/2018	Common Stock	20,000	\$0	47,675	;	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Grant of non-qualified stock option; 100% of the shares issuable under the option becomes exercisable on the first anniversary of the grant date, on May 19, 2012, subject to acceleration provisions of the 2007 Omnibus Plan and stock option agreement.

> /s/ Jeffrey A Wahba, Attorney-05/23/2011 iin-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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