

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. )

Farmer Brothers Co.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$1  
(Title of Class of Securities)

307675108  
(CUSIP Number)

David Winters  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notices and Communications)

November 20, 2000  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box [X].

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) [ ]  
(b) [X]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS

See Item 3

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED  
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) [ ]

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

7. SOLE VOTING POWER
- 187,488 (See Item 5)
8. SHARED VOTING POWER
9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
- 187,488 (See Item 5)
10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
- 187,488 (See Item 5)
12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 11 EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES [ ]
13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11
- 9.7% (See Item 5)
14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IA

Item 1. Security and Issuer

This statement relates to the Common Stock (the "Common Stock ") of Farmer Brothers Co., a California corporation (the "Issuer"). The Issuer's principal executive offices are located at 20333 South Normandie Avenue, Torrance, CA 90502

Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) Name:

Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC ("FMA")

(b) State of Organization:

Delaware

(c) Principal Business:

An investment adviser registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and investment adviser to the Franklin Mutual Series Fund Inc.

Address of Principal Business/Principal Office:

51 John F. Kennedy Parkway  
Short Hills, NJ 07078

(d) Criminal Convictions:

None

(e) Civil Proceedings:

None

Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) The name, residence or business address, and the principal occupation or employment and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted, of each executive officer and director and each controlling person, if any, of the reporting persons named above is set forth in Exhibit A hereto. To the best knowledge of the persons listed in Item 2 hereof, each person listed on Exhibit A is a United States citizen and, during the last five years, no person listed in Exhibit A attached (i) has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) has been a party to a civil proceeding of a

judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to, a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The securities reported herein were acquired with funds of approximately \$26.2 million (including brokerage commissions). All such funds were provided from investment capital of FMA's respective advisory clients.

### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The securities covered by this statement were acquired by FMA's advisory clients for the purpose of investment. Neither FMA nor any executive officer or director of FMA has any present plans or intentions to acquire or dispose of any securities of the Issuer other than on behalf of FMA's clients for the purpose of investment.

FMA's clients have been investors in the Issuer for many years. FMA believes that Issuer's management has consistently ignored the interests of its public shareholders. The Issuer's management and ownership structure are more akin to a closely-held family operation than to a publicly-held corporation. There are no independent directors on Issuer's board of directors. The management of Issuer is dominated by relatives of the majority shareholder of the Issuer. Exorbitant payments have been made to family members of the majority shareholder. Issuer's long-term strategies are indifferent at best, and hostile at worst, to the long term prospects for increases in shareholder value. Issuer routinely sends out annual reports to shareholders that do not include a letter from management. FMA believes that this fact alone clearly reflects management's blindness to the need to inform public shareholders about the company's past performance as well as its future direction.

If the Issuer desires the benefits of operating as a publicly-held company, then management should assume the responsibilities that come with the territory. FMA strongly recommends that the Issuer add independent directors to its board who would provide guidance on professionally managing the Issuer's business in accordance with normal corporate governance business practices and who would review compensation practices which appear to bear no relation to productivity or enhancement in shareholder value.

In light of the above, FMA intends to cast its votes against the re-election of any of the present board members and urges other shareholders to do the same. The reality is that the Issuer's management has the power to elect anyone it chooses to the board. Nevertheless, all shareholders should be insistent about the rights due to them under the law and do all they can to elect a board of directors that would enhance shareholder values for all of the Issuer's shareholders.

FMA may decide to purchase on behalf of its advisory clients additional shares of the Common Stock or other securities of the Issuer. In addition, FMA may cause its advisory clients to dispose of any or all securities of the Issuer in any manner permitted by applicable securities laws. FMA's advisory clients reserve the right to exercise any and all of their respective rights as a stockholder of the Issuer in a manner consistent with their equity interests.

Other than as described above, neither FMA nor any executive officer or director of FMA, has any present plans or proposals which relate to or would result in:

(i) an extraordinary corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation, involving the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries;

(ii) the sale or transfer of a material amount of assets of the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries;

(iii) any change in the present board of directors or management of the Issuer, including any plans or proposals to change the number or term of directors or to fill any existing vacancies on the board;

(iv) any material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of the Issuer;

(v) any other material change in the Issuer's business or corporate structure;

(vi) changes in the Issuer's charter, bylaws or instruments corresponding thereto or other actions which may impede the acquisition of control of the Issuer by any person;

(vii) causing a class of securities of the Issuer to be delisted from a national securities exchange or to cease to be authorized to be quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system of a registered national securities association;

(viii) a class of equity security of the Issuer becoming eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or

(ix) any action similar to any of those enumerated above.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a-b) One or more of FMA's advisory clients is the owner of 187,488 shares of the Common Stock. Investment advisory contracts with FMA's advisory clients grant to FMA sole voting and investment discretion over the securities owned by its advisory clients. Therefore, FMA may be deemed to be, for purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the 1934 Act (the "1934 Act"), the beneficial owner of 187,488 shares, representing approximately 9.7% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

FMA is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc. ("FRI"). Beneficial ownership by investment advisory subsidiaries and other affiliates of FRI is being reported in conformity with the guidelines articulated by the SEC staff in Release No. 34-39538 (January 12, 1998) relating to organizations, such as FRI, where related entities exercise voting and investment powers over the securities being reported independently from each other. The voting and investment powers held by FMA are exercised independently from FRI, and from all other investment advisor subsidiaries of FRI (FRI, its affiliates and investment advisor subsidiaries other than FMA are collectively referred to herein as "FRI affiliates"). Furthermore, FMA and FRI internal policies and procedures establish informational barriers that prevent the flow between FMA and the FRI affiliates of information that relates to the voting and investment powers over the securities owned by their respective advisory clients. Consequently, FMA and the FRI affiliates are each reporting the securities over which they hold investment and voting power separately from each other.

Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. (the "Principal Shareholders") each own in excess of 10% of the outstanding Common Stock of FRI and are the principal shareholders of FRI. However, FMA exercises voting and investment powers on behalf of its advisory clients independently of FRI, the Principal Shareholders, and their respective affiliates. Consequently, beneficial ownership of the securities being reported by FMA is not attributed to FRI, the Principal Shareholders, and their respective affiliates other than FMA. FMA disclaims any economic interest or beneficial ownership in any of the securities covered by this statement.

Furthermore, FRI, the Principal Shareholders, and their respective affiliates including FMA, are of the view that they are not acting as a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d) under the Act and that they are not otherwise required to attribute to each other the "beneficial ownership" of securities held by any of them or by any persons or entities advised by FRI subsidiaries.

(c) Exhibit B sets forth all transactions in the shares of the Common Stock within the past sixty days.

(d) No person other than respective advisory clients of FMA have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds of the sale of the securities being reported herein.

(e) Not applicable.

#### Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings, or Relationships

with Respect  
to Securities of the Issuer

Other than as disclosed above, no persons named in Item 2 herein, nor to the best of such person's knowledge, no person named in Exhibit A hereto, has any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship (legal or otherwise) with any person with respect to any securities of the Issuer, including, but not limited to, transfer or voting of any securities, finders' fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or losses, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

Item 7. Materials to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit A Executive Officers and Directors of Reporting Persons  
Exhibit B Summary of Transactions Within the Last Sixty Days

After reasonable inquiry, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete, and correct.

November 21, 2000

Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC

By: Franklin/Templeton Distributors, Inc.  
Its Managing Member

/s/Leslie M. Kratter  
LESLIE M. KRATTER

Secretary  
Exhibit A

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS  
Name  
Present Principal Occupation/Employment  
Residence or Business Address

Martin L. Flanagan  
Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer -FMA  
FRI

Leslie M. Kratter  
Secretary - FMA  
FRI

Kenneth A. Lewis  
Controller - FMA  
FRI

Jeffrey A. Altman  
Senior Vice President - FMA  
FMA

Jeff Diamond  
Vice President - FMA  
FMA

Robert L. Friedman  
Senior Vice President - FMA  
FMA

Raymond Garea  
Senior Vice President - FMA  
FMA

Ephraim Karpel  
Vice President - FMA  
FMA

Andrea Kraszewski  
Vice President - FMA  
FMA

Peter A. Langerman  
President/Chief Executive Officer - FMA  
FMA

Stuart Pistol  
Assistant Vice President - FMA

Susan Potto  
Vice President - FMA  
FMA

Michael F. Price  
Chairman - FMA  
FMA

Charles R. Sims  
Treasurer - FMA  
FMA

Lawrence N. Sondike  
Senior Vice President - FMA  
FMA

Bradley Takahashi  
Assistant Vice President - FMA  
FMA

David Winters  
Senior Vice President and Director of Research - FMA  
FMA

FRI Franklin Resources, Inc.  
777 Mariners Island Blvd.  
San Mateo, CA 94404

Parent Company of Franklin/Templeton Distributors, Inc., (the Parent Company of Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC) and a number of investment advisers and administrative companies providing investment advice and administrative services to the Franklin/Templeton Group of Funds, Franklin Mutual Series Fund Inc., managed accounts and other investment products.

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An investment adviser registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and investment adviser to the Franklin Mutual Series Fund Inc.

Exhibit B

#### Summary of Transactions Within the Last Sixty Days

Date	Buy/Sell	No. of Shares	Price
11/08/00	sell	100	\$211.0000
09/12/00	sell	200	\$182.0000
09/07/00	sell	200	\$181.8750