FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FRANKLIN MUTUAL ADVISERS LLC						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FARMER BROTHERS CO [FARM]								S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 51 JOHN F KENNEDY PARKWAY						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/13/2004								Officer (give title Other (specif below) below)						
(Street) SHORT HILLS NJ 07078 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	,					
		Tal	le I - N	on-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quirec	d, Di	sposed o	f, or E	enefic	ially	Owne	ed				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day)						Execution Date,					4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			and 5) Secur Benef Owne		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)	
Common Shares 08/13/20							004		P		900	A	\$25.	.0068	2,0	029,504	I)		
Common Shares 08/19/20						004		P		3,100	A	\$25	.0239	2,0	032,604	Ι)			
Common Shares 08/23/20					2004	004		P		2,000	A	\$25	5.0255		2,034,604)			
	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)	if any	on Date,	Date, Transac				6. Date Expirat (Month	ion Da		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instrand 4)		Deri Sec (Inst	rice of ivative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	n: ct (D) ndirect	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Number of Shares							

Explanation of Responses:

Bradley D Takahashi, Vice President

08/24/2004

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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