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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MATTEI THOMAS J JR</u> | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FARMER BROTHERS CO [FARM]</u> | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>GEN COUNSEL, ASST. SECRETARY</u> | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/10/2017</u> | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| FARMER BROS CO. 1912 FARMER BROTHERS DRIVE | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| (Street) NORTHLAKE TX 76262 | | | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | |

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units (PBRsUs) | \$31.7 | 11/10/2017 | | A | | 8,993 | | (1) | 11/10/2024 | Common Stock | 8,993 | \$0 | 8,993 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$31.7 | 11/10/2017 | | A | | 8,993 | | (2) | 11/10/2024 | Common Stock | 8,993 | \$0 | 38,242 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$32.85 | 11/10/2017 | | D | | | 1,953 | (3) | 11/10/2023 | Common Stock | 1,953 | \$0 | 36,289 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Grant of performance-based restricted stock units ("PBRsUs") under the Farmer Bros. Co. 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The target number of PBRsUs is presented in the table. Subject to certain continued employment conditions and subject to accelerated vesting in certain circumstances, the PBRsUs are scheduled to vest based on achievement of certain financial performance goals for the performance period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. At the end of the three-year performance period, the number of PBRsUs that actually vest will be 0% to 150% of the target amount, depending on the extent to which Farmer Bros. Co. meets or exceeds certain financial performance goals measured over the full three-year performance period. The maximum number of PBRsUs that may vest at the end of the three-year performance period is 13,489 (150% of the target amount).
- Grant of non-qualified stock option under the Plan; the stock option vests pursuant to a three year vesting schedule, whereby one-third of the total number of shares issuable under the option becomes exercisable each year on the anniversary of the grant date, commencing on November 10, 2018, subject to certain continued employment conditions and subject to accelerated vesting in certain circumstances.
- Forfeiture of performance-based non-qualified stock options ("PNQs") granted to the reporting person on 11/10/2016 under the farmer Bros. Co. Amended and Restated 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan that were eligible to vest based on time and the achievement of certain financial performance objectives. Upon grant, the target vesting amount was reported in Table II of Form 4 filed with the SEC on 11/14/2016. On 11/10/2017, based on the Issuer's failure to achieve certain financial performance objectives over the applicable performance period, a total of 1,953 PNQs were forfeited. Of the remaining 7,815 PNQs subject to the award, as of 11/10/2017, 2,605 PNQs have vested and 5,210 PNQs remain eligible to vest. Subject to certain continued employment conditions and subject to accelerated vesting in certain circumstances, one half of the remaining PNQs are scheduled to vest on each of 11/10/2018 and 11/10/2019.

Remarks:

/s/ Thomas J. Mattei, Jr. 11/14/2017
** 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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