# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### **SCHEDULE 13D**

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 4)1

Farmer Bros. Co. (Name of Issuer)

<u>Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share</u>
(Title of Class of Securities)

307675108 (CUSIP Number)

ARON R. ENGLISH
22NW, LP
590 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S
Unit C1
Seattle, Washington 98104
(206) 227-3078

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

October 12, 2023
(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 that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box  $\boxtimes$ .

*Note:* Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. *See* § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

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 disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on 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*).

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON		
	Bryson O. Hirai-Hadley		
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The following constitutes Amendment No. 4 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned ("Amendment No. 4"). This Amendment No. 4 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

#### Item 2. <u>Identity and Background</u>.

Item 2 is hereby amended to add the following:

The Reporting Persons are parties to that certain Group Agreement (as further described in Item 4) with JCP Investment Partnership, LP ("JCP Partnership"), JCP Investment Partners, LP, JCP Investment Holdings, LLC, JCP Investment Management, LLC and James C. Pappas (collectively, "JCP"), Troy A. Ellis, Emily K. Keeton and David R. Tresko (together with JCP, Mr. Ellis and Ms. Keeton, the "JCP Parties"). As a result, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to be members of a "group," within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), comprised of the Reporting Persons and the JCP Parties. It is the understanding of the Reporting Persons that the JCP Parties will file a separate Schedule 13D with respect to their ownership of Shares pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k)(2) of the Exchange Act. Reference is made to such Schedule 13D for information concerning the JCP Parties and their investment in the Issuer.

#### Item 4. <u>Purpose of Transaction</u>.

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

On October 12, 2023, the Reporting Persons and the JCP Parties entered into a Group Agreement (the "Group Agreement"). Pursuant to the Group Agreement, the parties agreed, among others things, (i) to form a group with respect to the securities of the Issuer, (ii) to solicit proxies for the election of certain persons nominated for election to the board of directors of the Issuer (the "Board") at the Issuer's 2023 annual meeting of stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") (including those nominated by JCP) and (iii) that expenses incurred in connection with the group's activities would be split evenly between JCP and the 22NW Group (as defined in the initial Schedule 13D) with each such party paying 50% of the expenses. A copy of the Group Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

On October 13, 2023, JCP Partnership delivered a letter to the Issuer nominating Troy A. Ellis, Emily K. Keeton and David R. Tresko for election to the Board at the Annual Meeting.

#### Item 5. <u>Interest in Securities of the Issuer.</u>

Item 5(a) is hereby amended to add the following:

The JCP Parties have represented to the Reporting Persons that they beneficially own an aggregate of 992,826 Shares. Collectively, the Reporting Persons and the JCP Parties beneficially own 2,958,623 Shares, which represents approximately 14.5% of the outstanding Shares. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares that he or it does not directly own. Furthermore, the Reporting Persons expressly disclaim beneficial ownership of the 992,826 Shares beneficially owned in the aggregate by the JCP Parties.

Item 6. <u>Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.</u>

Item 6 is hereby amended to add the following:

The description of the Group Agreement contained in Item 4 above is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. <u>Material to be Filed as Exhibits</u>.

Item 7 is hereby amended to add the following exhibit:

99.1 Group Agreement, dated October 12, 2023.

#### **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: October 16, 2023

22NW FUND, LP

By: 22NW Fund GP, LLC

General Partner

By: /s/ Aron R. English

Name: Aron R. English

Title: Manager

22NW, LP

By: 22NW GP, Inc.

General Partner

By: /s/ Aron R. English

Name: Aron R. English

Title: President and Sole Shareholder

22NW FUND GP, LLC

By: /s/ Aron R. English

Name: Aron R. English Title: Manager

22NW GP, INC.

By: /s/ Aron R. English

Name: Aron R. English

Title: President and Sole Shareholder

/s/ Aron R. English

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/s/ Bryson O. Hirai-Hadley

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#### **GROUP AGREEMENT**

This Group Agreement (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of October 12, 2023 by and among (i) JCP Investment Partnership, LP, JCP Investment Partners, LP, JCP Investment Holdings, LLC, JCP Investment Management, LLC and James C. Pappas (collectively, "<u>JCP</u>"), (ii) 22NW Fund, LP, 22NW, LP, 22NW Fund GP, LLC, 22NW GP, Inc. and Aron R. English (collectively, "<u>22NW</u>"), (iii) Bryson O. Hirai-Hadley (together with 22NW, the "<u>22NW Parties</u>") and (iv) Troy Ellis, Emily Keeton and David Tresko (together with JCP, the 22NW Parties, Troy Ellis and Emily Keeton, each a "<u>Party</u>" and collectively, the "Parties" or the "Group").

WHEREAS, certain of the undersigned are stockholders, direct or beneficial, of Farmer Bros. Co., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to form the Group for the purpose of (i) seeking representation on the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") at the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders of the Company (including any other meeting of stockholders held in lieu thereof, and any adjournments, postponements, reschedulings or continuations thereof, the "Annual Meeting"), (ii) soliciting proxies for the election of certain persons nominated for election to the Board at the Annual Meeting (including those nominated by JCP), (iii) taking all other action necessary to achieve the foregoing and (iv) taking any other actions the Group determines to undertake in connection with their respective investment in the Company (the "Coordinated Activities").

NOW, IT IS AGREED, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023 by the Parties:

- 1. Each of the undersigned agrees to form a "group" (as such term is defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) with respect to the securities of the Company. In furtherance of the foregoing and in accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) of the Exchange Act, the Parties shall file, separately or jointly, a Schedule(s) 13D and any amendments thereto with respect to the securities of the Company to the extent required by applicable law. Each member of the Group shall be responsible for the accuracy and completeness of its own disclosure therein, and is not responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the information concerning the other members of the Group, unless such member knows or has reason to know that such information is inaccurate.
- 2. So long as this Agreement is in effect, each of the undersigned shall provide written notice to Olshan Frome Wolosky LLP ("Olshan"), such notice to be given no later than four (4) hours after each such transaction, of (i) any of their purchases or sales of securities of the Company, or (ii) any securities of the Company over which they acquire or dispose of beneficial ownership; provided, however, that each Party agrees not to purchase or sell securities of the Company or otherwise increase or decrease its economic exposure to or beneficial ownership over the securities of the Company if it reasonably believes that, as a result of such action, the Group or any member thereof would be likely to be required to make any regulatory filing (including, but not limited to, a Schedule 13D or amendment thereto, Form 3 or Form 4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC")) without using its reasonable efforts to give the other members of the Group at least twelve (12) hours prior written notice; provided, further, that prior to the Annual Meeting, no Party shall sell, or dispose of any beneficial ownership over, any securities of the Company without the prior consent of JCP and 22NW. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "beneficial ownership" shall have the meaning of such term set forth in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act.
  - 3. Each of the undersigned agrees to form the Group for the purpose of the Coordinated Activities.

- 4. JCP and 22NW hereby agree to jointly pay all expenses and costs incurred in connection with the Group's activities (collectively, the "Expenses") on a percentage basis as follows: (i) JCP 50% of the Expenses and (ii) 22NW 50% of the Expenses. Any reimbursement from the Company regarding the Expenses paid pursuant to this Section 4 shall be split by the Parties in proportion to the Expenses paid pursuant to this Section 4.
- 5. Each Party agrees that any filing with the SEC, press release or other communication proposed to be made or issued by the Group or any member of the Group in connection with the Group's activities shall first be approved by a representative of JCP and 22NW. The Parties agree to work in good faith to resolve any disagreement that may arise between or among any of the members of the Group concerning decisions to be made, actions to be taken or statements to be made in connection with the Group's activities.
- 6. The relationship of the Parties shall be limited to carrying on the business of the Group in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Such relationship shall be construed and deemed to be for the sole and limited purpose of carrying on such business as described herein. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize any Party to act as an agent for any other Party, or to create a joint venture or partnership, or to constitute an indemnification. Each Party agrees to use its reasonable efforts to avoid taking any action that may cause any other person or entity to be deemed to be a member of the Group without the prior consent of each of JCP and 22NW. Except as provided in Section 2, nothing herein shall restrict any Party's right to purchase or sell securities of the Company, as it deems appropriate, in its sole discretion, provided that all such purchases and sales are made in compliance with all applicable securities laws and the provisions of this Agreement.
- 7. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same instrument, which may be sufficiently evidenced by one counterpart.
- 8. This Agreement is governed by and will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. In the event of any dispute arising out of the provisions of this Agreement or their investment in the Company, the Parties consent and submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York located in the Borough of Manhattan or the courts of the State of New York located in the County of New York.
- 9. Each Party hereby waives the application of any law, regulation, holding, or rule of construction providing that ambiguities in an agreement or other document will be construed against the party drafting such agreement or document.
- 10. The Parties' rights and obligations under this Agreement (other than the rights and obligations set forth in Section 4 (solely with respect to Expenses incurred prior to the termination of the Agreement) and Section 8, which shall survive any termination of this Agreement) shall terminate immediately after the conclusion of the activities set forth in Section 3 or as otherwise agreed to by JCP and 22NW.
  - 11. Each Party acknowledges that Olshan shall act as counsel for both the Group and JCP relating to their investment in the Company.
- 12. Each Party hereby agrees that this Agreement shall be filed as an exhibit to the Schedule(s) 13D required to be filed by them as contemplated under Section 1 of this Agreement.

[Signature pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

## JCP INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, LP

By: JCP Investment Management, LLC

Investment Manager

By: /s/ James C. Pappas

Name: James C. Pappas Title: Managing Member

#### JCP INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LP

By: JCP Investment Holdings, LLC

General Partner

By: /s/ James C. Pappas

Name: James C. Pappas Title: Sole Member

## JCP INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, LLC

By: /s/ James C. Pappas

Name: James C. Pappas Title: Sole Member

#### JCP INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ James C. Pappas

Name: James C. Pappas Title: Managing Member

/s/ James C. Pappas

JAMES C. PAPPAS

## 22NW FUND, LP

By: 22NW Fund GP, LLC

General Partner

By: /s/ Aron R. English

Name: Aron R. English Title: Manager

22NW, LP

By: 22NW GP, Inc.

General Partner

By: /s/ Aron R. English

Name: Aron R. English

Title: President and Sole Shareholder

22NW FUND GP, LLC

By: /s/ Aron R. English

Name: Aron R. English Title: Manager

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Name: Aron R. English

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22NW GP, INC.

ARON R. ENGLISH

/s/ Bryson O. Hirai-Hadley

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/s/ Troy Ellis TROY ELLIS