SEC Form 3

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Levin Easterly Partners LLC</u>			2. Date of Event Requiring Stater (Month/Day/Yea 03/31/2019	ment 📘	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FARMER BROTHERS CO</u> [FARM]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 595 MADISON AVENUE 17TH FLOOR		(Middle)			4. Relationship of Reporting Pers (Check all applicable) Director X Officer (give title below)	on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)		 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person 		
(Street) NEW YORK	NY	10022						х	Form filed b	y More than One
,		10022	_						Reporting P	erson
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					Amount of Securities eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)			I. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Instr. 5)		
Common Stock	(1)(2)				1,822,456	I			fanaged Acc rly Partners	counts of Levin LLC ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock	(1)(2)				1,115	I			Managed A al Strategies	ccount of Levin , LP ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)										
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)			2. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate		Title and Amount of Securities derlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		sion cise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
						Amount or	Price of Derivati Security	ive	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
			Date	Expiration		Number			(i) (iii3(i: 3)	
			Exercisable	Date	Title	Shares				
1. Name and Addr										
(Last) 595 MADISOI 17TH FLOOR		(Mi	ddle)							
(Street) NEW YORK	NY	10	022							
(City)	(State)	(Zip))							
1. Name and Addr LE Partners				1						
(Last) 138 CONANT	(First) STREET	(Mi	ddle)							
(Street) BEVERLY	МА	019	915							
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							
1. Name and Addr LE Partners				1						
(Last) 138 CONANT	(First) STREET	(Mi	ddle)							
(Street)										

BEVERLY	MA	01915						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] LE Partners Holdings III LLC								
(Last) 138 CONANT STR	(First) EET	(Middle)						
(Street) BEVERLY	МА	01915						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <u>LE Partners Holdings IV LLC</u>								
(Last) 138 CONANT STR	(First) EET	(Middle)						
(Street) BEVERLY	МА	01915						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						
1. Name and Address o <u>Murphy John W</u>								
(Last) 595 MADISON AV 17TH FLOOR	(First) ENUE	(Middle)						
(Street) NEW YORK	NY	10022						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Kalichstein Avshalom								
(Last) 138 CONANT STR SUITE 500	(First) EET	(Middle)						
(Street) BEVERLY	МА	01915						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						
1. Name and Address o CRATE DARR								
(Last) 138 CONANT STR	(First) EET	(Middle)						
(Street) BEVERLY	МА	01915						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

Explanation of Responses:

1. This Form 3 is being jointly filed by Levin Easterly Partners LLC ("Levin Easterly"), LE Partners Holdings LLC ("LEPH"), LE Partners Holdings II LLC ("LEPH II"), LE Partners Holdings II LLC ("LEPH II"), LE Partners Holdings IV LLC ("LEPH IV"), Darrell Crate ("Mr. Crate"), Avshalom Kalichstein ("Mr. Kalichstein"), John Murphy ("Mr. Murphy"), and Levin Capital Strategies, LP ("LCS") (collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

2. The Reporting Persons are voluntarily filing this Form 3 as a result of acquiring over 10% of the Issuer's outstanding shares of Common Stock. Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), this filing shall not be construed as an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act or otherwise, the beneficial owners of any of the securities reported herein under Section 16 or otherwise. Each of the Reporting Persons specifically disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein that are not directly owned by such Reporting Person, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

3. Shares held in certain separately managed accounts (the "LEP Managed Accounts"). Levin Easterly, as the investment manager to the LEP Managed Accounts, may be deemed to beneficially own such shares. Levin Easterly does not have a reportable pecuniary interest under Section 16a-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act in the shares held in the LEP Managed Accounts as Levin Easterly receives an asset-based management fee for serving as investment manager to the LEP Managed Accounts, except that with respect to 12,133 shares held in the LEP Managed Accounts, Levin Easterly receives a performance-based incentive fee. The performance-based incentive fee Levin Easterly receives also does not constitute a reportable pecuniary interest under Section 16a-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act, as such fee is based on the performance of the overall account, over a period of one year or more, and the shares of the Issuer held in such accounts constitute nor more than 10% of the market value thereof.

4. For the reasons set forth above in footnote 3, none of LEPH, LEPH II, LEPH III, LEPH IV, Mr. Crate, Mr. Kalichstein and Mr. Murphy have a reportable pecuniary interest in the shares held in the LEP Managed Accounts.

5. Shares held in a certain separately managed account (the "LCS Managed Account"). LCS, as the investment manager to the LCS Managed Account, may be deemed to beneficially own such shares. LCS does not have a reportable pecuniary interest under Section 16a-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act in the shares held in the LCS Managed Account as LCS receives an asset-based management fee for serving as investment manager to the LCS Managed Account.

6. For the reasons set forth above in footnote 5, Mr. Murphy does not have a reportable pecuniary interest in the shares held in the LCS Managed Account.

in the LCO Managed Account.	
<u>Levin Easterly Partners; By: /s/</u> <u>Darrell Crate, Chairman</u>	<u>04/10/2019</u>
LE Partners Holdings LLC; By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing Director	<u>04/10/2019</u>
LE Partners Holdings II LLC; By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing Director	<u>04/10/2019</u>
LE Partners Holdings III LLC; By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing Director	<u>04/10/2019</u>
LE Partners Holdings IV LLC; By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing Director	<u>04/10/2019</u>
<u>/s/ Darrell Crate</u>	04/10/2019
/s/ Avshalom Kalichstein	04/10/2019
<u>/s/ John Murphy</u>	04/10/2019
<u>Levin Capital Strategies, LP;</u> <u>By: /s/ John A. Levin, Chief</u> <u>Executive Officer</u>	<u>04/10/2019</u>
** 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 5 (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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