

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>FARMER BROS CO ESOP</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/09/2004</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FARMER BROTHERS CO</u> [<u>farm</u>]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) <u>X</u> Other (specify below) _____ <u>employee benefit plan</u>	
		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <u>X</u> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person _____	
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>20333 S NORMANDIE AVE</u>			
(Street) <u>TORRANCE CA 90502</u>			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Farmer Bros. Co. Common Stock</u>	<u>274,531</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Explanation of Responses:

1. On January 9, 2004 the Farmer Bros. Co. ESOP acquired 124,939 shares at a price of \$250 per share. The amount of securities beneficially owned after this transaction was 274,531 shares, which excludes 25,469 shares allocated to plan participants. A Form 4 was timely filed for 300,000 shares, including the allocated shares, because reporting person believed the reported transaction was exempt. The filing should have been a Form 3 which is filed herewith. The Form 4 filed on January 13, 2004 is withdrawn.

Farmer Bros. Co. ESOP

03/19/2004

** 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 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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