FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Levin Easterly Partners LLC</u>				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FARMER BROTHERS CO [ FARM ]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director X 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (specify				Owner (specify					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 595 MADISON AVENUE 17TH FLOOR				07	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/31/2019					below) below)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable								
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Da		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)					5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	irect direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
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## of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) Derivative Security (Instr. 3) Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Amount of Ownership Conversion Execution Date. Transaction Derivative derivative or Exercise Price of (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 8) Derivative Securities Underlying Security (Instr. 5) Securities Beneficially Form: Direct (D) Securities Acquired Derivative Derivative or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Owned (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Following Reported Security Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) Amount or Number Date Exercisable Expiration Date

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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This Form 4 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 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 4 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 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 44,366 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. Amount includes only those Shares of the Issuer held in an account managed by Mr. Murphy for whom LCS acts as investment manager and does not include any other Shares of the Issuer beneficially owned by LCS for which Mr. Murphy does not have investment discretion or voting power.
- 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.
- 7. The price reported is a weighted average price. The reported shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.45 to \$16.47. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

Levin Easterly Partners LLC;
By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Chairman

08/02/2019

LE Partners Holdings LLC;

By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing 08/02/2019

Director

LE Partners Holdings II LLC;

By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing 08/02/2019

Director

LE Partners Holdings III LLC;

By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing 08/02/2019

Director

LE Partners Holdings IV LLC;

By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing 08/02/2019

Director

 /s/ Darrell Crate
 08/02/2019

 /s/ Avshalom Kalichstein
 08/02/2019

<u>/s/ John Murphy</u> <u>08/02/2019</u>

Levin Capital Strategies, LP;

By /s/ John A. Levin, Chief 08/02/2019

**Executive Officer** 

\*\* 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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