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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT**

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**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **January 7, 2009**

**Farmer Bros. Co.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**0-1375**  
(Commission File Number)

**95-0725980**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**20333 South Normandie Avenue, Torrance, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**90502**  
(Zip Code)

**(310) 787-5200**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

**(b) Retirement of Named Executive Officer**

On January 7, 2009, Michael J. King, Senior Vice President of Farmer Bros. Co., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), announced his retirement after 35 years of service with the Company effective March 2, 2009. Effective immediately, his responsibilities have been assumed by Thomas W. Mortensen, Vice President of DSD Sales and Operations of the Company, who will report to Drew Webb, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. King will continue to assist the Company on special projects.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 13, 2009

FARMER BROS. CO.

By: /S/ JOHN E. SIMMONS  
Name: John E. Simmons

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