SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102)

Information statement pursuant to Rules 13d-1 and 13d-2

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.10)

Farmer Bros. Co. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)

> 307675108 (CUSIP Number)

*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 the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in 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 S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Quest Advisory Corp. 13-2579297

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [X]

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

U.S.A.

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 71,325

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 71,325

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

71,325

- 10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES []
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

3.7%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON* IA

*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

CUSIP No. 307675108 13G Page 3 of 7 Pages NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Charles M. Royce ###-##-###

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [X]

(b)

SEC USE ONLY 3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

U.S.A.

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

See Item 2(a) of attached schedule SHARES

BENEFICIALLY SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER EACH

REPORTING See Item 2(a) of attached schedule

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER PERSON

WITH

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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- 12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON* IN

CUSIP No. 307675108 13G Page 4 of 7 Pages Item 1(a) Name of Issuer: Farmer Bros. Co. Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: Office of the Secretary 20333 South Normandie Avenue Torrance, CA 90502 Item 2(a) Name of Persons Filing: Quest Advisory Corp. ("Quest") and Charles M. Royce. Mr. Royce may be deemed to be a controlling person of Quest and as such may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Stock of Farmer Bros. Co. beneficially owned by Quest. Mr. Royce does not own any shares outside of Quest, and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Quest. Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or, if None, Residence: 1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019 Citizenship: Item 2(c) Quest is a New York Corporation, and Mr. Royce is a citizen of the U.S.A. Title of Class of Securities: Item 2(d) Common Stock CUSIP Number: Item 2(e) 307675108 Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a: (a) [] Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the (b) [] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (c) [] Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (d) [] Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act (e) [] Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (f) [] Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment (g) [] Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Rule 13d-1 (b)(ii)(G) (h) [X] Group

Item 4 Ownership

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned Quest: 71,325
- (b) Percent of Class:
 Quest: 3.7%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote Quest 71,325
 - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote
 - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of Quest 71,325
 - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
- See item 2(a) above for information relating to the beneficial ownership of Mr. Royce.
- Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class. (X)
- Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

NOT APPLICABLE

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

NOT APPLICABLE

This filing is on behalf of Quest and Mr. Royce as members of a group pursuant to Rule 13d-(1)(b)(ii)(H). Quest is an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group. NOT APPLICABLE

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Item 10 Certification.

By signing below each of the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its knowledge or belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

Exhibits 1. Agreement to file Schedule 13G jointly.

Signature

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

Date: April 25, 1997

Quest Advisory Corp.

By: Jack E. Fockler John E. Denneen atty - in - fact

Signature Charles M. Royce

AGREEMENT dated as of April 25, 1997 between Quest Advisory Corp. ("Quest"), a New York corporation, and Charles M. Royce.

WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraph (f) of Rule 13d-1 promulgated under Subsection 13(d)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), the parties hereto have decided to satisfy their filing obligations under the 1934 Act by a single joint filing:

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The Schedule 13G with respect to Farmer Bros. Co. to which this is attached as Exhibit 1 is filed on behalf of Quest and Mr. Royce.
- 2. Each of Quest and Mr. Royce is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning such person contained therein; provided that each person is not responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information concerning any other person making such filing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereunto set their hands as of the date first above written.

QUEST ADVISORY CORP.

By: Jack E. Fockler

John E. Denneen atty-in-fact Charles M. Royce