FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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HARDING MARK A (Mo			2. Date of Event Requiring Stater Month/Day/Yea 08/26/2010	ment	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FARMER BROTHERS CO [FARM]						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 20333 SOUTH NORMANDIE AVE.			Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable) Director	on(s) to Issue	(Mo	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
20555 SOUTH NORWANDIE AVE.				 X Officer (give title below) 	Other (spe		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street)				SR. V.P. OPERATIONS			X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
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(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. Ownersh Form: Direct or Indirect ((Instr. 5)	t (D) (Instr. 5)				
Common Stock					300(1)	D					
Common Stock					300(2)	D	D				
Common Stock					1,463(3)	D					
Common Stock					1,337 ⁽⁴⁾	D					
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 (Ins		4. Conversion or Exercise	Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	1 Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)				
Stock option (r	ight to buy)		(5)	03/03/2015	Common Stock	3,000	22.11	D			
Stock option (r	ight to buy)		(6)	12/11/2015	Common Stock	3,000	21.76	D			
Stock option (right to buy)			(7)	12/10/2016	Common Stock	9,537	18.41	D			

${\bf Explanation\ of\ Responses:}$

- 1. Grant of restricted stock under the 2007 Omnibus Plan; 100% of the shares will vest on March 3, 2011, subject to acceleration provisions of the 2007 Omnibus Plan and restricted stock agreement.
- 2. Grant of restricted stock under the 2007 Omnibus Plan; 100% of the shares will vest on December 11, 2011, subject to acceleration provisions of the 2007 Omnibus Plan and restricted stock agreement.
- 3. Grant of restricted stock under the 2007 Omnibus Plan; 100% of the shares will vest on December 10, 2012, subject to acceleration provisions of the 2007 Omnibus Plan and restricted stock agreement.
- 4. Shares that have been allocated to the reporting person as of the reporting date pursuant to the Employee Stock Ownership Plan.
- 5. Grant of non-qualified stock option; the stock option vests pursuant to a three year vesting schedule, whereby one-third of total number of shares issuable under the option becomes exercisable each year on the anniversary of the grant date, commencing on March 3, 2009, subject to acceleration provisions of the 2007 Omnibus Plan and stock option agreement.
- 6. Grant of non-qualified stock option; the stock option vests pursuant to a three year vesting schedule, whereby one-third of total number of shares issuable under the option becomes exercisable each year on the anniversary of the grant date, commencing on December 11, 2009, subject to acceleration provisions of the 2007 Omnibus Plan and stock option agreement.
- 7. Grant of non-qualified stock option; the stock option vests pursuant to a three year vesting schedule, whereby one-third of total number of shares issuable under the option becomes exercisable each year on the anniversary of the grant date, commencing on December 10, 2010, subject to acceleration provisions of the 2007 Omnibus Plan and stock option agreement.

<u>/s/ MARK A HARDING</u> <u>09/09/2010</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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