FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  KEOWN MICHAEL H					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FARMER BROTHERS CO [ FARM ]							elationship o ck all applica Director	able)	Persor	n(s) to Issu 10% Ow			
(Last) FARMER 1 1912 FARM		t) (M	liddle)		3. Date		of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 2018					X	below)	(give title	Other (specification)	pecify		
(Street)  NORTHLA  (City)	AKE TX		5262 ip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						//Year)	Line)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
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						Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 a				Instr. 4)				
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/V	Co	Transaction Code (Instr.		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly [	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Co	ode V	,	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$25.04	11/12/2018			A		39,233		(1)	11/12/2025	Common Stock	39,233	\$0	39,233 <sup>(3</sup>	2)	D		
Performance- Based Restricted Stock Units (PBRSUs)	\$0.0	11/12/2018		1	A		12,190		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	12,190	\$0	12,190	)	D		

## Explanation of Responses

- 1. Grant of non-qualified stock option under the Farmer Bros. Co. 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"); the stock option vests pursuant to a three year vesting schedule, whereby one-third of the total number of shares issuable under the option becomes exercisable each year on the anniversary of the grant date, subject to certain continued employment conditions and subject to accelerated vesting in certain
- 2. Represents only the stock options granted on the Transaction Date and does not include stock options with different prices and/or vesting terms.
- 3. Grant of performance-based restricted stock units ("PBRSUs") under the Plan. The target number of PBRSUs is presented in the table. Subject to certain continued employment conditions and subject to accelerated vesting in certain circumstances, the PBRSUs are scheduled to vest based on achievement of certain financial performance goals for the performance period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. At the end of the three-year performance period, the number of PBRSUs that actually vest will be 0% to 150% of the target amount set forth in Table II, Item 5, depending on the extent to which Farmer Bros. Co. meets or exceeds certain financial performance goals measured over the full three-year performance period.

## Remarks:

/s/ Thomas J. Mattei, Jr., Attorney-in-fact for Michael H. 11/14/2018 Keown

\*\* 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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