

Waite Carol Farmer  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Waite Carol Farmer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

20333 S. NORMANDIE AVE

(Street)

TORRANCE, CA 90502

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FARMER BROTHERS CO [FARM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

01/20/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Trustee, Beneficiary, Settlor

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |           |   |                               |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------|---|-------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |           |   |                               |
| Farmer Bros. Co. Common Stock   | 01/20/2012                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 204,399   | D  | \$ 7.86   | 6,399,822 | I | See Footnote 1 <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Farmer Bros. Co. Common Stock   | 01/20/2012                           |  | J <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 119,430   | D  | \$ 7.86   | 6,399,822 | I | See Footnote 2 <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Farmer Bros. Co. Common Stock   | 01/20/2012                           |  | J <sup>(3)</sup>               |   | 323,829   | A  | \$ 7.86   | 6,399,822 | I | See Footnote 3 <sup>(3)</sup> |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
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**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |                               |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                         |
| Waite Carol Farmer<br>20333 S. NORMANDIE AVE<br>TORRANCE, CA 90502           |               | X         |         | Trustee, Beneficiary, Settlor |
| Grossman Jeanne Farmer<br>20333 SOUTH NORMANDIE AVENUE<br>TORRANCE, CA 90502 | X             | X         |         | Trustee, Beneficiary, Settlor |
| Farmer Richard F<br>20333 S NORMANDIE AVE<br>TORRANCE, CA 90502              |               | X         |         | Trustee, Beneficiary, Settlor |

**Signatures**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| /s/ Carol Farmer Waite  | 01/23/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person                                     | Date       |
| /s/ Carol Farmer Waite, Attorney-In-Fact for Jeanne Farmer Grossman | 01/23/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person                                     | Date       |
| /s/ Carol Farmer Waite, Attorney-In-Fact for Richard F. Farmer      | 01/23/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person                                     | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) On January 20, 2012, a Farmer family trust for which Carol Farmer Waite and Jeanne Farmer Grossman are the co-trustees distributed 204,399 shares of Farmer Brothers Co. common stock held by it to a separate family trust for which Ms. Waite and Richard F. Farmer serve as trustees. No shares were purchased or sold.

(2) On January 20, 2012, a Farmer family trust for which Ms. Waite and Ms. Grossman are the trustees distributed 119,430 shares of Farmer Brothers Co. common stock held by it to a separate family trust for which Ms. Waite and Mr. Farmer serve as trustees. No shares were purchased or sold.

(3) In connection with the distributions described in Notes 1 and 2 above, 323,829 shares of Farmer Brothers Co. common stock held by two Farmer family trusts were distributed to a separate family trust for which Ms. Waite and Mr. Farmer are the co-trustees. The shares held by such trust are beneficially owned by each of Ms. Waite, Ms. Grossman and Mr. Farmer to the extent of their proportionate interests in such trust. At the option of the Reporting Persons, the entire amount of the trust's interest in the shares is being reported. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his or her pecuniary interest therein. No shares were purchased or sold.

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