

Nielsen James Leroy
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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 *
 Nielsen James Leroy

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc. [SFM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 5455 EAST HIGH STREET, SUITE 111
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/26/2018

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Interim Co-CEO, President & COO

PHOENIX, AZ 85054
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.21	12/26/2018			A		20,000		<u>(1)</u>	12/26/2025	Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer
Nielsen James Leroy 5455 EAST HIGH STREET SUITE 111 PHOENIX, AZ 85054			Interim Co-CEO, President & COO
			Other

Signatures

/s/ Brandon F. Lombardi, Attorney-in-Fact for James L. Nielsen	12/26/2018
__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) These options were granted in connection with the reporting person's appointment as Interim Co-Chief Executive Officer and become exercisable in three equal annual installments on December 26, 2019, December 26, 2020 and December 26, 2021.

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