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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Levin Easterly Partners LLC | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) | 2. Issuel 14a | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FARMER BROTHERS CO [FARM] | | | | |
|--|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) | (Middle) | 03/31/2019 | 4. Relationsl Person(s) to | hip of Reporting Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | |
| 595 MADISON AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR | | | ` , | k all applicable) | T ired(Mondin/Day/Teat) | | | |
| (Street) NEW YORK, NY 10 | | | Directore Officer (give title below | Other | Filing(Check Applicable Line) —— Form filed by One Reporting Person —— X_ Form filed by More than One | | | |
| (City) (State) | (Zip) | Table I | - Non-Deriva | ntive Securiti | Reporting Person es Beneficially Owned | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | 2. Amoun | t of Securities lly Owned | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | |
| Common Stock (1) (2) | | 1,822,45 | 56 | I | By: Managed Accounts of Levin Easterly Partners LLC (3) (4) | | | |
| Common Stock (1) (2) | | 1,115 | | I | By: A Managed Account of Levin Capital Strategies, LP (5) (6) | | | |
| Reminder: Report on a separate owned directly or indirectly. | e line for ea | ach class of securities bene | ficially | SEC 1473 (7-02) |) | | | |
| Person informa | ation conta | pond to the collection ained in this form are n and unless the form dis | not | | | | | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Expiration Title

Date

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Amount or

Number of

Shares

Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Date

Exercisable

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|
| Reporting Owner Palme / Palmess | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| Levin Easterly Partners LLC 595 MADISON AVENUE 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | |
| LE Partners Holdings LLC 138 CONANT STREET BEVERLY, MA 01915 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | |
| LE Partners Holdings II LLC 138 CONANT STREET BEVERLY, MA 01915 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | |
| LE Partners Holdings III LLC 138 CONANT STREET BEVERLY, MA 01915 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | |
| LE Partners Holdings IV LLC 138 CONANT STREET BEVERLY, MA 01915 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | |
| Murphy John W 595 MADISON AVENUE 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | |
| Kalichstein Avshalom 138 CONANT STREET SUITE 500 BEVERLY, MA 01915 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | |
| CRATE DARRELL W 138 CONANT STREET BEVERLY, MA 01915 | Â | ÂX | Â | Â | |
| Signatures | | | | | |
| Levin Easterly Partners; By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Chairman | 04/10/2019 | | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | | Date | | | |

Reporting Owners 2 LE Partners Holdings LLC; By:

/s/ Darrell Crate, Managing 04/10/2019

Director

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

LE Partners Holdings II LLC;

By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing 04/10/2019

Director

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

LE Partners Holdings III LLC;

By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing 04/10/2019

Director

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

LE Partners Holdings IV LLC;

By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing 04/10/2019

Director

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Darrell Crate 04/10/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Avshalom Kalichstein 04/10/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ John Murphy 04/10/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Levin Capital Strategies, LP;

By: /s/ John A. Levin, Chief 04/10/2019

Executive Officer

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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This Form 3 is being jointly filed by Levin Easterly Partners LLC ("Levin Easterly"), LE Partners Holdings LLC ("LEPH"), LE Partners Holdings II LLC ("LEPH II"), LE Partners Holdings IV LLC ("LEPH IV"), Darrell Crate ("Mr. Crate"), Avshalom Kalichstein ("Mr. Kalichstein"), John Murphy ("Mr. Murphy"), and Levin Capital Strategies, LP ("LCS") (collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

The Reporting Persons are voluntarily filing this Form 3 as a result of acquiring over 10% of the Issuer's outstanding shares of Common Stock. Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), this filing shall not be construed as an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act or otherwise, the beneficial owners of any of the securities reported herein under Section 16 or otherwise. Each of the Reporting Persons specifically disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein that are not directly owned by such Reporting Person, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

(3) Shares held in certain separately managed accounts (the "LEP Managed Accounts"). Levin Easterly, as the investment manager to the LEP Managed Accounts, may be deemed to beneficially own such shares. Levin Easterly does not have a reportable pecuniary interest under Section 16a-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act in the shares held in the LEP Managed Accounts as Levin Easterly receives an asset-based management fee for serving as investment manager to the LEP Managed Accounts, except that with respect to 12,133 shares held in the LEP Managed Accounts, Levin Easterly receives a performance-based incentive fee. The performance-based incentive fee Levin Easterly receives also does not constitute a reportable pecuniary interest under Section 16a-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act, as such fee is based on the performance of the overall account, over a period of one year or more, and the shares of the Issuer held in such accounts constitute nor

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more than 10% of the market value thereof.

Managed Account.

- (4) For the reasons set forth above in footnote 3, none of LEPH, LEPH II, LEPH III, LEPH IV, Mr. Crate, Mr. Kalichstein and Mr. Murphy have a reportable pecuniary interest in the shares held in the LEP Managed Accounts.
- Shares held in a certain separately managed account (the "LCS Managed Account"). LCS, as the investment manager to the LCS

 Managed Account, may be deemed to beneficially own such shares. LCS does not have a reportable pecuniary interest under Section 16a-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act in the shares held in the LCS Managed Account as LCS receives an asset-based management fee for
- serving as investment manager to the LCS Managed Account.

 For the reasons set forth above in footnote 5, Mr. Murphy does not have a reportable pecuniary interest in the shares held in the LCS

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