FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FARMER ROY FRANCIS						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FARMER BROTHERS CO [farm]									ck all ap Dire	olicable) ctor	Otho	Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 20335 S NORMANDIE AVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/24/2003										Officer (give title X Other (specify below) Trustee of Childrens Trust				
(Street) TORRAN	FORRANCE CA 90502					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2003									ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) 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																			
Date					th/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			Secui Benet Owne	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or F	Price		action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Farmer Brothers Co 12/24/					2003	003 12/24/2		2003	S		146,365	5 <i>I</i>	A S	\$259.7	3 4	48,336	I	Trustee of trusts for family members	
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. Deen Executio if any (Month/D			ransaction Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Exerci on Da Day/Y		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		D S (II	Price of erivative ecurity estr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber					

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Roy Farmer declares that the filing of this statement shall not be construed that he is the beneficial owner of the shares disposed of in the reported transaction.

12/30/2003 Roy F. Farmer

** 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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