Merrell John H Form 4 December 14, 2009

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad Merrell John	Symbol	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol FARMER BROTHERS CO [FARM]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	iddle) 3. Date of	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)			
(=33.5)	(First) (M	(Month/Da		ansaction			X Director	109	6 Owner	
20333 SOUT AVENUE	`	12/10/2009					ve title Oth			
	(Street)	4. If Amer	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	ecurity (Month/Day/Year) Execut Instr. 3) any (Month		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. SecurionAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (D	))	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)	
Common Stock	12/10/2009		A	2,173	A	<u>(1)</u>	6,373	D		

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)

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# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Merrell John H 20333 SOUTH NORMANDIE AVENUE X TORRANCE, CA 90502

## **Signatures**

/s/ John H. 12/14/2009 Merrell

\*\*Signature of Date Reporting Person

## **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).
- Grant of restricted stock under 2007 Omnibus Plan; one third of the total shares vest each year on the anniversary of the grant date, commencing on December 10, 2010, subject to acceleration provisions of the 2007 Omnibus Plan and restricted stock agreement.

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