

Criteser Patrick G
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Criteser Patrick G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FARMER BROTHERS CO [FARM]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 20333 SOUTH NORMANDIE AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/13/2012

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

TORRANCE, CA 90502
 (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	S
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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)	\$ 10.82	02/13/2012			A		15,000		<u>(1)</u>	02/13/2019	Common Stock	15,000
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 10.82	02/13/2012			A		70,000		<u>(2)</u>	02/13/2019	Common Stock	70,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Criteser Patrick G 20333 SOUTH NORMANDIE AVENUE TORRANCE, CA 90502			Interim Co-CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey A. Wahba,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/15/2012

 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) Grant of non-qualified stock option; one hundred percent (100%) of the total number of shares subject to the option vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the acceleration provisions of that certain Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, effective as of April 19, 2011, between the Company and Patrick G. Criteser, as the same may be amended, and the stock option award agreement.

(2) Grant of non-qualified stock option; one hundred percent (100%) of the total number of shares subject to the option vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the acceleration provisions of that certain Second Amended and Restated employment agreement, effective as of February 13, 2012, between the Company and Patrick G. Criteser, as the same may be amended, and the stock option award agreement.

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