

Criteser Patrick G
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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)
 12/09/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 PRESIDENT & CEO, CBI

TORRANCE, CA 90502
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) Price			
Common Stock	12/09/2010		A	3,000 A	9,027 (2)	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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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.03	12/09/2010		A	12,138	(3)	12/09/2017	Common Stock	12,138		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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TORRANCE, CA 90502

PRESIDENT & CEO, CBI

Signatures

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

12/13/2010

__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 restricted stock under the 2007 Omnibus Plan; 100% of the shares will vest on December 9, 2013, subject to acceleration provisions of the 2007 Omnibus Plan and restricted stock agreement.
- (2) Includes a total of 2,165 shares (including 677 shares in fiscal 2010) allocated as of the reporting date to the reporting person pursuant to the Employee Stock Ownership Plan.
Grant of non-qualified stock option; the stock option vests pursuant to a three year vesting schedule, whereby one-third of the total number of shares issuable under the option becomes exercisable each year on the anniversary of the grant date, commencing on December 9, 2011, subject to acceleration provisions of the 2007 Omnibus Plan and stock option agreement.
- (3) number of shares issuable under the option becomes exercisable each year on the anniversary of the grant date, commencing on December 9, 2011, subject to acceleration provisions of the 2007 Omnibus Plan and stock option agreement.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24 Limited Power of Attorney attached.

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