

IOBST ELLEN D  
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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
IOBST ELLEN D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

FARMER BROS. CO., 1912  
FARMER BROTHERS DRIVE

(Street)

NORTHLAKE, TX 76262

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FARMER BROTHERS CO [FARM]

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

11/12/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

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)	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 (Instr. 3)	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
				Code	V			
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.04	11/12/2018	A	13,318	(1)	11/12/2025	Common Stock	
Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units (PBRsUs)	\$ 0	11/12/2018	A	4,138	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
IOBST ELLEN D FARMER BROS. CO. 1912 FARMER BROTHERS DRIVE NORTHLAKE, TX 76262			CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER	

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas J. Mattei, Jr., Attorney-In-Fact for Ellen D.  
Iobst 11/14/2018

\_\_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 under the Farmer Bros. Co. 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"); 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, subject to certain continued employment conditions and subject to accelerated vesting in certain circumstances.
- (2) Represents only the stock options granted on the Transaction Date and does not include stock options with different prices and/or vesting terms.
- (3) Grant of performance-based restricted stock units ("PBRsUs") under the Plan. The target number of PBRsUs is presented in the table. Subject to certain continued employment conditions and subject to accelerated vesting in certain circumstances, the PBRsUs are scheduled to vest based on achievement of certain financial performance goals for the performance period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. At the end of the three-year performance period, the number of PBRsUs that actually vest will be 0% to 150% of the target amount set forth in Table II, Item 5, depending on the extent to which Farmer Bros. Co. meets or exceeds certain financial performance goals measured over the full three-year performance period.

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