

Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
 Sanders James Douglas

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 11811 N.TATUM BLVD, SUITE 2400  
 (Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85028

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc. [SFM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/16/2014

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_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**

| 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) |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                           |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (A) or (D)                                               | Price                             |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 10/16/2014                           |                                                    | G                              |                                                                   | 100,000<br>(1)                                                                                | D                                                        | \$ 0                              |
|                                           |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 35,449                                                                                        | (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)

| 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                                |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                 | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Sanders James Douglas<br>11811 N.TATUM BLVD<br>SUITE 2400<br>PHOENIX, AZ 85028 |               |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Brandon F. Lombardi, Attorney-in-Fact for James Douglas Sanders 10/17/2014

\*\*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) The reported transaction represents a transfer of common stock by gift to a charitable foundation for which no payment or consideration was received by the reporting person.  
Consists of 19,911 shares of common stock and 15,538 restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of common stock. These restricted stock units will vest over three years, with one-third vesting on March 4, 2015; one-third vesting on March 4, 2016; and the remaining one-third vesting on March 4, 2017, assuming continued employment through the applicable vest date. Excludes 1,910,315 outstanding options to purchase common stock held by the reporting person at various strike prices.

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