

FARMER BROTHERS CO
Form 8-K
September 17, 2014

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 11, 2014

Farmer Bros. Co.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-34249
(Commission File Number)

95-0725980
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

20333 South Normandie Avenue, Torrance, California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

90502
(Zip Code)

310-787-5200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e) Approval of FY2014 Executive Officer Bonus Awards, Approval of FY2015 Executive Officer Base Salaries, and Approval of FY2015 Executive Officer Target Awards

Approval of FY2014 Executive Officer Bonus Awards

On September 11, 2014, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Farmer Bros. Co., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), approved the following executive officer bonus awards for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 under the Farmer Bros. Co. 2005 Incentive Compensation Plan (the “Incentive Plan”), a copy of which was previously filed as Exhibit 10.10 to the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2013:

Name	Fiscal 2014 Target Award	Fiscal 2014 Target Award as Corporate Percentage of Performance Goals (Weight)			Fiscal 2014 Actual Bonus Award
		Fiscal 2014 Base Salary		Individual Performance Goals (Weight)	
Michael H. Keown	\$475,000	100%	90%	10%	\$688,748
Mark J. Nelson(1)(2)	\$180,000	60%	90%	10%	\$255,913
Thomas W. Mortensen(1)	\$132,500	50%	90%	10%	\$190,270
Mark A. Harding (1)(3)	\$130,689	50%	90%	10%	\$188,410

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- (1) Fiscal 2014 target awards for Messrs Nelson, Harding and Mortensen were based on each of their respective average monthly base salaries for fiscal 2014.
- Pursuant to Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2014 (“Amendment No. 1 to Nelson Employment Agreement”), by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Mark J. Nelson, a copy of which was previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 5, 2014, the Applicable Percentage of Mr. Nelson’s Target Award, as such terms are defined in the Incentive Plan, increased from fifty percent (55%) of Mr. Nelson’s base annual salary to sixty percent (60%) of his base annual salary effective as of July 1, 2013 (for the entirety of fiscal 2014).
- Pursuant to the Separation Agreement, dated as of July 16, 2014, by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Mark A. Harding, a copy of which was previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 17, 2014, Mr. Harding was entitled to receive an amount equal to his final bonus under the Incentive Plan for the Company’s fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, as determined by the Compensation Committee, which final bonus amount was required to be greater than or equal to \$130,689.
- Fiscal 2014 bonuses were awarded based on the level of achievement of Company financial performance criteria and individual goals. The form of bonus award letter under the Incentive Plan for fiscal 2014 is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Approval of Executive Officer Base Salaries

On September 11, 2014, the Compensation Committee also approved changes in base salaries, which changes shall apply and be effective as of September 1, 2014, for the Company's executive officers, as follows:

Name	Title	Fiscal 2015 Annual Base Salary	Fiscal 2014 Annual Base Salary	Percentage Change Over Fiscal 2014 Base Salary
Michael H. Keown	President and Chief Executive Officer	\$507,000	\$475,000	6.7%
Mark J. Nelson(1)	Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer	\$320,000	\$310,000	3.2%
Thomas W. Mortensen	Senior Vice President of Route Sales	\$270,300	\$265,000	2.0%

- (1) Based on fiscal 2014 annual base salary in effect at the end of fiscal 2014 as increased effective January 1, 2014 pursuant to Amendment No. 1 to Nelson Employment Agreement.

Approval of FY2015 Executive Officer Target Awards

On September 11, 2014, the Compensation Committee also established fiscal 2015 target incentive compensation awards under the Incentive Plan for the Company's executive officers shown in the table below as a percentage of base salary. The target incentive percentages could result in target bonus dollar amounts, which are also shown in the table below.

Name	Title	Fiscal 2015 Target Award(1)	Percent of Fiscal 2015 Base Salary
Michael H. Keown	President and Chief Executive Officer	\$507,000	100%
Mark J. Nelson	Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer	\$208,000	65%
Thomas W. Mortensen	Senior Vice President of Route Sales	\$148,665	55%

- (1) Dollar amounts shown assume achievement at 100% of established targets and will change if base salary changes during fiscal 2015. The fiscal 2015 target awards shown for Messrs. Keown, Nelson, and Mortensen reflect the changes in their respective base salaries effective as of September 1, 2014.

The Compensation Committee determined that for purposes of fiscal 2015 bonus determinations under the Incentive Plan, the Company's financial performance will be gauged by the level of achievement of modified net income and modified operating cash flow, in each case as determined from the Company's audited financial statements. "Modified net income" is defined as net income (GAAP) before taxes and excluding any gains or losses from sales of assets. "Modified operating cash flow" is defined as net income from operations (GAAP) after taking into account adjustments for the following items: (i) depreciation and amortization, (ii) provision for doubtful accounts, (iii) changes in: (a) accounts and notes receivable, (b) inventories, (c) income tax receivables, (d) prepaid expenses, (e) other assets, (f) accounts payable, and (g) accrued payroll, expenses and other current liabilities. Subject to the Compensation Committee's discretion under the Incentive Plan, threshold modified net income equal to no less than 90% of the modified net income target approved by the Compensation Committee must be achieved in fiscal 2015 to earn any bonus payout under the Incentive Plan. Assuming this threshold is reached, then a percentage of achievement ranging from 90% to 200% will be assigned for each of modified net income and modified operating cash flow, respectively, in proportion to the level of modified net income and modified operating cash flow, respectively, achieved. Following that calculation of achievement for each of modified net income and operating cash flow, an overall Company financial performance achievement percentage will be calculated by giving modified net income percentage achievement 80% weight and giving modified operating cash flow 20% weight. The Compensation Committee also assigned individual goals for fiscal 2015 to each of the executive officers shown in the table above.

At the end of the fiscal year, bonus awards will be determined primarily by measuring the Company's financial performance and the executive officer's achievement of individual goals. The method for calculating bonus awards is

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forth in the form of target award notification letter under the Incentive Plan for fiscal 2015 filed herewith as Exhibit 10.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

10.1 Form of Bonus Award Letter (Fiscal 2014) under Farmer Bros. Co. 2005 Incentive Compensation Plan.*

10.2 Form of Target Award Notification Letter (Fiscal 2015) under Farmer Bros. Co. 2005 Incentive Compensation Plan.*

* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 17, 2014

FARMER BROS. CO.

By: /s/ Mark J. Nelson
Mark J. Nelson
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

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