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FARMER BROTHERS CO Form 8-K July 25, 2012 **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): July 20, 2012 Farmer Bros. Co. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter) 001-34249 95-0725980 Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction (I.R.S. Employer (Commission File Number) of Incorporation) Identification No.) 20333 South Normandie Avenue, Torrance, California 90502 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) (310) 787-5200 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report) 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) [] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

(b) On July 20, 2012, John H. Merrell advised the Board of Directors of Farmer Bros. Co. (the "Company") that he does not intend to stand for re-election at the Company's 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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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: July 25, 2012

FARMER BROS. CO.

By: /s/ JEFFREY A. WAHBA Jeffrey A. Wahba Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer