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FARMER BROS. CO.
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

CAROL FARMER WAITE

CAROL L. WAITE TRUST

1964 JEANNE ANN FARMER GROSSMAN TRUST

1964 RICHARD FRANCIS FARMER TRUST

1964 ROY EDWARD FARMER TRUST

1964 CAROL LYNN FARMER WAITE TRUST

1969 ROY EDWARD FARMER TRUST

1969 JEANNE ANN FARMER TRUST

1969 RICHARD FRANCIS FARMER TRUST

1969 CAROL LYNN FARMER WAITE TRUST

1969 ROY F. FARMER TRUST

1969 EMILY MARJORIE FARMER TRUST

1972 ROY EDWARD FARMER TRUST

1972 CAROL LYNN FARMER WAITE TRUST

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1972 RICHARD FRANCIS FARMER

1972 ROY F. FARMER TRUST

1972 EMILY MARJORIE FARMER TRUST

1987 ROY F. FARMER TRUST I

1987 ROY F. FARMER TRUST II

1987 ROY F. FARMER TRUST III

1987 ROY F. FARMER TRUST IV

1988 ROY F. FARMER TRUST I

FARMER INSURANCE TRUST

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Item 1: On September 29, 2016, Save Farmer Bros. issued an Investor Presentation, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Item 2: On September 29, 2016, Save Farmer Bros. issued the following press release:

Save Farmer Bros. Files Detailed Investor Presentation on Farmer Bros.

Calls on the Board to Form Special Committee to Explore All Reasonable Options Available to Maximize Shareholder Value

Launches Website at www.SaveFarmerBros.com

Fort Worth, Texas, September 29, 2016 – Save Farmer Bros. announced today that it has released a detailed investor presentation in relation to its long-term investment in Farmer Bros. Co. (NASDAQ:FARM) and launched a website at www.SaveFarmerBros.com.

The investor presentation is available for download at the following link:
[www.SaveFarmerBros.com/downloads/Save_Farmer_Bros-Investor_Presentation_\(September_2016\).pdf](http://www.SaveFarmerBros.com/downloads/Save_Farmer_Bros-Investor_Presentation_(September_2016).pdf).

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CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PARTICIPANTS

Carol Farmer Waite, together with the other the participants named herein (collectively, “Save Farmer Bros.”) intends to file a preliminary proxy statement and accompanying proxy card with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) to be used to solicit votes for the election of their slate of three highly-qualified director nominees at the 2016 annual meeting of stockholders of Farmer Bros. Co., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”).

SAVE FARMER BROS. STRONGLY ADVISES ALL STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER PROXY MATERIALS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. SUCH PROXY MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE ON THE SEC’S WEB SITE AT [HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV](http://www.sec.gov). IN ADDITION, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS PROXY SOLICITATION WILL PROVIDE COPIES OF THE PROXY STATEMENT WITHOUT CHARGE, WHEN AVAILABLE, UPON REQUEST. REQUESTS FOR COPIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE PARTICIPANTS’ PROXY SOLICITOR.

The participants in the proxy solicitation are anticipated to be the Carol L. Waite Trust, Tom Mortensen, John Samore, Jr., Jennifer Gonzalez-Yousef, 1964 Jeanne Ann Farmer Grossman Trust (the “JAF Trust”), 1964 Richard Francis Farmer Trust (the “RAF Trust”), 1964 Roy Edward Farmer Trust (the “Roy E Trust”), 1964 Carol Lynn Farmer Waite Trust (the “1964 Carol Waite Trust”), 1969 Roy Edward Farmer Trust (the “1969 Roy E Trust”), 1969 Jeanne Ann Farmer Trust (the “1969 JAF Trust”), 1969 Richard Francis Farmer Trust (the “1969 RAF Trust”), 1969 Carol Lynn Farmer Waite Trust (the “1969 Carol Waite Trust”), 1969 Roy F. Farmer Trust, 1969 Emily Marjorie Farmer Trust (the “1969 Emily Farmer Trust”), 1972 Roy Edward Farmer Trust (the “1972 Roy E Trust”), 1972 Carol Lynn Farmer Waite Trust (the “1972 Carol Waite Trust”), 1972 Jeanne Anne Farmer Grossman Trust (the “1972 JAF Trust”), 1972 Richard Francis Farmer (the “1972 RAF Trust”), 1972 Roy F. Farmer Trust, 1972 Emily Marjorie Farmer Trust (the “1972 Emily Farmer Trust”), 1987 Roy F. Farmer Trust I, (the “1987 I Roy F. Farmer Trust”), 1987 Roy F. Farmer Trust II (the “1987 II Roy F. Farmer Trust”), 1987 Roy F. Farmer Trust III (the “1987 III Roy F. Farmer Trust”), 1987 Roy F. Farmer Trust IV, (the “1987 IV Roy F. Farmer Trust”), 1988 Roy F. Farmer Trust I, Farmer Insurance Trust (the “Farmer Insurance Trust”), 1984 Jonathan Michael Waite Trust (the “1984 Jonathan Trust”), The 2012 Waite Trust, 2012 Grossman Irrevocable Trust (the “2012 Grossman Trust”), Ms. Waite, Austin Waite, Emily Waite, Jonathan Michael Waite, Suzanna Waite, Scott Grossman, Brett Grossman, and Brynn Grossman.

As of the date hereof, the participants beneficially own 4,437,584 shares of common stock, \$1.00 par value per share, of the Company (the "Common Stock"). As of the date hereof, Ms. Waite, directly owns beneficial owner of 3,832,964 shares of Common Stock, of which Ms. Waite holds (i) sole voting and dispositive power related to 1,355,236 shares and (ii) shared voting and dispositive power related to 2,477,728 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the Carol L. Waite Trust directly beneficially owns 937,250 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the JAF Trust directly beneficially owns 321,750 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the RAF Trust directly beneficially owns 321,750 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the Roy E. Trust directly beneficially owns 321,750 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1964 Carol Wait Trust directly beneficially owns 321,750 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1969 Roy E Trust directly beneficially owns 77,960 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1969 JAF Trust directly beneficially owns 77,960 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1969 RAF Trust directly beneficially owns 77,960 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1969 Carol Waite Trust directly beneficially owns 77,960 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1969 Roy F. Farmer Trust directly beneficially owns 77,960 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1969 Emily Farmer Trust directly beneficially owns 77,960 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1972 Roy E Trust directly beneficially owns 24,000 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1972 Carol Waite Trust directly beneficially owns 24,000 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1972 JAF Trust directly beneficially owns 24,000 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1972 RAF Trust directly beneficially owns 24,000 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1972 Roy F. Farmer Trust directly beneficially owns 24,000 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1972 Emily Farmer Trust directly beneficially owns 24,000 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1987 I Roy F. Farmer Trust directly beneficially owns 65,930 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1987 II Roy F. Farmer Trust directly beneficially owns 65,930 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1987 III Roy F. Farmer Trust directly beneficially owns 65,930 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1987 IV Roy F. Farmer Trust directly beneficially owns 65,930 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1988 Roy F. Farmer Trust I directly beneficially owns 6,060 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the Farmer Insurance Trust directly beneficially owns 303,158 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 1984 Jonathan Trust directly beneficially owns 6,030 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 2012 Grossman Trust directly beneficially owns 417,986 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, the 2012 Waite Trust directly beneficially owns 340,000 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Austin Waite directly beneficially owns 50 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Emily Waite directly beneficially owns 50 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Jonathan Michael Waite, as the trustee for the 2012 Waite Trust, may be deemed to beneficially own the 340,000 shares of Common Stock owned by the 2012 Waite Trust. As of the date hereof, Suzanna Waite directly beneficially owns 500 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Scott Grossman directly beneficially owns 100 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Brett Grossman directly beneficially owns 100 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Brynn Grossman directly beneficially owns 100 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Mr. Mortensen, directly owns 6,392 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Mr. Samore does not directly or indirectly own any shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Ms. Yousef does not directly or indirectly own any shares of Common Stock.

Item 3: The following materials were posted by Save Farmer Bros. to www.SaveFarmerBros.com:

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The views expressed on this website represent the opinions of Carol Farmer Waite, who beneficially owns shares of Farmer Bros. Co. (the “Company”), and are based on publicly available information with respect to the Company. Ms. Waite recognizes that there may be confidential information in the possession of the Company that could lead it or others to disagree with Ms. Waite’s conclusions. Ms. Waite reserves the right to change any of her opinions expressed herein at any time as she deems appropriate and disclaims any obligation to notify the market or any other party of any such changes. Ms. Waite disclaims any obligation to update the information or opinions contained on this website.

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Additional Information

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