

Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Nielsen James Leroy

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5455 EAST HIGH STREET, SUITE 111

(Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85054

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc. [SFM]

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

05/23/2016

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)
President & COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	05/23/2016		A		2,601 (1)	A	\$ 0
					17,077	(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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$ 24.48	05/23/2016		A	33,439	06/30/2018	08/11/2022	Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	33,439

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nielsen James Leroy 5455 EAST HIGH STREET SUITE 111 PHOENIX, AZ 85054			President & COO	

Signatures

/s/ Brandon F. Lombardi, Attorney-in-Fact for James L. Nielsen 05/25/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents shares of restricted stock granted to compensate the reporting person for options to purchase shares of the Issuer's common stock originally granted to the reporting person on August 11, 2015 that have subsequently been determined to have been null and void. These shares of restricted stock vest on June 30, 2018.

(2) Includes, in addition to the 2,601 restricted shares described in Note (1), 3,620 shares of common stock, 2,219 restricted stock units and 8,637 performance share awards. Each restricted stock unit and performance share award represent the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of common stock. The restricted stock units will vest on March 4, 2017, and the performance share awards will vest one-half on March 11, 2017 and one-half on March 11, 2018, in each case, assuming continued employment through such dates.

(3) Represents options granted to compensate the reporting person for options to purchase shares of the Issuer's common stock originally granted to the reporting person on August 11, 2015 that have subsequently been determined to have been null and void.

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