

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

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
 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)  
 07/31/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18	07/31/2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	110,000					<sup>(2)</sup>	07/31/2020	Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	110,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nielsen James Leroy 11811 N.TATUM BLVD SUITE 2400 PHOENIX, AZ 85028			Chief Operating Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Brandon F. Lombardi, Attorney-in-fact for James Leroy Nielsen 08/08/2013

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 securities were granted on July 31, 2013, but their issuance was conditioned upon the consummation of the issuer's initial public offering, which occurred on August 6, 2013.

(2) 55,000 options become exercisable in equal quarterly installments at the end of each calendar quarter beginning September 30, 2013 and continuing through June 30, 2016 and 55,000 options become exercisable at the end of fiscal 2013, fiscal 2014, fiscal 2015 or fiscal 2016, provided certain corporate performance targets are met.

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