

Nielsen James Leroy  
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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc. [SFM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 5455 EAST HIGH STREET, SUITE 111  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/04/2019

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Interim Co-CEO, President & COO

PHOENIX, AZ 85054

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	03/04/2019		S <sup>(1)</sup>		13,535	D	\$ 22.951 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share <sup>(3)</sup>	03/04/2019		A		30,117	A	\$ 0
Common Stock, par value	03/06/2019		S <sup>(1)</sup>		3,732	D	\$ 157,135 <sup>(5)</sup>
							22.8808

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value  
\$0.001 per  
share

(4)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Brandon F. Lombardi, Attorney-in-Fact for James L. Nielsen  
03/06/2019

\_\_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).

This transaction was a broker-assisted sale of shares of common stock to satisfy the withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of (1) restricted stock units, as mandated by the Issuer's election under its equity incentive plan documents, and does not represent a discretionary trade by the reporting person.

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(2) The reported price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$22.95 to \$23.1367 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

(3) Consists of a grant of restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of common stock. These restricted stock units will vest over three years, with one-third vesting on March 4, 2020; one-third vesting on March 4, 2021; and the remaining one-third vesting on March 4, 2022, assuming continued employment through the applicable vest date.

(4) The reported price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$22.88 to \$23.027 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

(5) Includes, in addition to the 30,117 shares described in Note (3), 65,782 shares of common stock, 43,266 restricted shares and 17,970 performance share awards. Each restricted share and performance share award represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of common stock. 26,676 restricted shares will vest on March 3, 2020, and 16,590 restricted shares will vest evenly over two years on March 5, 2020 and March 5, 2021. The 17,970 performance shares will vest on March 3, 2020. All such vests assume continued employment through the applicable dates.

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