

Nielsen James Leroy
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)

12/01/2017

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 ____ Other (specify
below) below)

President & COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ 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 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)
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12/01/2017		M	110,000	A \$ 18	207,108	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12/01/2017		S	110,000	D \$ 23.1662 (1)	97,108 (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)	\$ 18	12/01/2017		M		110,000		<u>(3)</u>	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 5455 EAST HIGH STREET SUITE 111 PHOENIX, AZ 85054	President & COO

Signatures

/s/ Brandon F. Lombardi, Attorney-in-Fact for James L. Nielsen 12/01/2017

__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) The reported price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$23.0000 to \$23.36 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.

(2) Includes 10,158 shares of common stock, 82,632 restricted shares and 4,318 performance share awards. Each restricted share and performance share award represent the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of common stock. 2,601 restricted shares will vest on June 30, 2018, and 80,031 will vest annually over three years on March 3, 2018, 2019 and 2020. The performance share awards will vest on March 11, 2018. All such vests assume continued employment through the applicable dates.

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(3) All such options are presently exercisable.

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