Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.

Form 4

February 25, 2016

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Lombardi Brandon F.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc. [SFM]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director X\_ Officer (give title 10% Owner

02/23/2016

below)

Other (specify

5455 EAST HIGH STREET, SUITE 111

Chief Legal Officer

below)

(Street)

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

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

PHOENIX, AZ 85054

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(State)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

\$0.001 per share

Stock, par value

02/23/2016

6,646 (1)

Code V Amount

16,278 (2)

Price

(A)

or

(D)

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)

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				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Director 10% Owner Other

Lombardi Brandon F. 5455 EAST HIGH STREET SUITE 111 PHOENIX, AZ 85054

Chief Legal Officer

## **Signatures**

/s/ Brandon F. 02/25/2016 Lombardi

\*\*Signature of Reporting 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).
- Represents performance share awards granted to the Reporting Person on March 11, 2015 under the Issuer's 2013 Incentive Plan, as amended. On February 23, 2016, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer determined that the performance conditions were met with respect to such performance share awards. 50% of such shares will vest on each of the second and third anniversaries of the grant date, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service through such dates.
- In addition to the shares underlying the performance share awards described in footnote 1 above, amount includes 8,004 shares of common stock and 1,628 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 vested on March 4, 2015; one-third vesting on March 4, 2016; and the remaining one-third vesting on March 4, 2017, assuming continued employment through such dates.

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