

SANDERS DONALD M  
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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 \*  
 SANDERS DONALD M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CALAVO GROWERS INC  
 [CVGW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1141A CUMMINGS RD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/10/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

SANTA PAULA, CA 93060  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/10/2012		M		13,600	A	\$ 14.58
Common Stock	10/10/2012		S		12,911	D	\$ 24
Common Stock	10/10/2012		M		5,000	A	\$ 21.82

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)	\$ 14.58	10/10/2012		M	13,600	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	13,600
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.82	10/10/2012		M	5,000	03/24/2012	03/24/2013	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDERS DONALD M 1141A CUMMINGS RD SANTA PAULA, CA 93060		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Donald M. Sanders  
12/10/2012

\*\*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).
- The stock option, representing the right to purchase up to a total of 34,000 shares of Issuer common stock, vested as to 6,800 shares of Issuer common stock on May 21, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively, and the stock option is to vest as to the last installment of 6,800 shares on May 21, 2013, provided the Reporting Person remains a director of the Issuer on such vesting date.

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