

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)  
 10/10/2008

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |            |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V | Amount |   |  |                                   | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock                    | 01/10/2008                           |  | M                              |   |   | 8,000  | A   | \$ 7   | 31,821                            | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 10/10/2008                           |  | S                              |   |   | 4,875  | D   | \$ 11.6  | 26,946                            | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 7   | 10/10/2008                           |  | X                              | 8,000   | (1) 12/23/2008   | Common Stock  | 8,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Donald M. Sanders by Linda Kaufman 10/16/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

By Power of Attorney 10/16/2008

\_\_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 original stock option vested as to one-third annually beginning 12-23-04. Reporting Person's stock option agreement was modified in (1) December, 2005 to shorten the option life. Such modification was contemplated primarily because of Section 409A of the tax code. 17,000 option shares expired unexercised.

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