

CALAVO GROWERS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 29, 2014

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**  
**TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 23, 2014**

**CALAVO GROWERS, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**California**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation)**

**000-33385**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**33-0945304**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**1141-A Cummings Road, Santa Paula, California 93060**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (805) 525-1245**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.**

Pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger between Calavo Growers, Inc. ( we, Calavo, or the Company ) and Renaissance Food Group, LLC ( RFG ) and Liberty Fresh Foods, LLC, Kenneth Catchot, Cut Fruit, LLC, James Catchot, James Gibson, Jose O. Castillo, Donald L. Johnson and RFG Nominee Trust (collectively, the Sellers ), as described in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 1, 2011, and the related Amendments, as described in our Current Reports on Form 8-Ks filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 4, 2013 and November 26, 2013 (collectively, the Amended Agreement ), we agreed to make Earn-Out Payments to the Sellers upon the satisfaction of certain performance requirements specified in the Amended Agreement. The Amended Agreement states that, upon the attainment of the Stage 3 Maximum Earn-Out Trigger, the Company shall be obligated to pay \$50,000,000 in Calavo common stock and an additional 434,783 shares of Calavo common stock. The Amended Agreement states that the Stage 3 Maximum Earn-Out Trigger shall be met if, for a trailing 12-month period, three months in a row, (1) the EBITDA for RFG is equal to or greater than \$15,000,000 and (2) the Revenue for RFG is equal to or greater than \$190,000,000.

On October 23, 2014, based on the results of operations to date, the Stage 3 Maximum Earn-Out Trigger was met and we issued 434,783 shares of unregistered Calavo common stock to the Sellers. Additionally, on October 23, 2014, we issued \$50,000,000 in unregistered Calavo common stock to a trust for the benefit of the Sellers using the closing stock price on October 23, 2014, which calculated to 1,097,213 shares. We anticipate filing a Form S-3 registration statement that will register the resale of these 1,097,213 shares. The issuance of the shares of common stock described in this Item 3.02 is exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933 by reason of the securities registration exemption contained in Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 for a transaction by an issuer not involving a public offering.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

October 29, 2014

Calavo Growers, Inc.

By: /s/ Lecil E. Cole  
Lecil E. Cole

Chairman of the Board of Directors,  
Chief Executive Officer and President

(Principal Executive Officer)