## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SANDERS DONALD M |   |            |  |             |              | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CALAVO GROWERS INC [ DVGW ] |     |                                      |            |                                      |             |                    |                 |                            |               | elationshipeck all app  | licable)  | rting Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner |  |  |  |
|---|---|------------|--|-------------|--------------|---|-----|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| (Last)  | (UMMINC   | First)     | (Middle)                                       |             |              | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/10/2008             |     |                                      |            |                                      |             |                    |                 |                            |               | Office<br>below   | r (give title                                       |                                      | Other (s<br>below)   | specify  |  |
| (Street) SANTA PAULA CA 93060 (City) (State) (Zip)        |   |            |  |             |              | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) $10/16/2008$   |     |                                      |            |                                      |             |                    |                 |                            |               | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable 2)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |                                      |  |  |  |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/L  |   |            |  | ay/Year) if |              | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)             |     | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) |            | ties Acqu<br>d Of (D) (I             | ired (A     | A) or<br>3, 4 and  | Benefi<br>Owned | ies<br>cially<br>Following | Form<br>(D) o | n: Direct<br>r Indirect<br>istr. 4)   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |                                      |  |  |  |
|   |   |            |  |             |              |   |     |                                      |            | Code                                 | ,           | Amount             | (A)<br>(D)      | or                         | Price         | Report<br>Transa<br>(Instr. :   | ed<br>ction(s)<br>and 4)                            |                                      |  | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Common Stock 10/10/                                       |   |            |  |             | 0/2008       | :008  |     |                                      | М          |                                      | 8,000       | 00 A               |                 | \$7                        | 31,821        |   |   | D                                    |  |  |  |
| Common Stock 10/10/                                       |   |            |  |             | 0/200        | 008   |     |                                      | S          |                                      | 4,875 D     |                    | \$11.6          | 5 2                        | 26,946        |   | D   |                                      |  |  |  |
|   |   |            | Table II -                                     |             |              |   |     |                                      |            |                                      |             | sed of,<br>onverti |                 |                            |               | Owned   |   |                                      |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)       | 2.<br>Conversior<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |            | 3A. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | ed<br>Date, | 4.<br>Transa | ransaction<br>Code (Instr.  |     | 5. Number of                         |            | Date Exer<br>piration D<br>onth/Day/ | cisa<br>ate | ble and            |                 |                            | curity        | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   |   | e<br>s<br>Illy                       | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |   |            |  |             | Code         | v   | (A) | (D)                                  | Dat<br>Exe | te<br>ercisable                      |             | xpiration<br>ate   | Title           | or<br>Nu<br>of             | ımber         |   |   |                                      |  |  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>buy)                      | \$7   | 10/10/2008 |  |             | Х            |   |     | 8,000                                |            | (1)                                  | 12          | 2/23/2008          | Commor<br>Stock | 8,                         | ,000          | \$0   | 0(1)  |                                      | D  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The original stock option vested as to one-third annually beginning 12-23-04. Reporting Person's stock option agreement was modified in 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.

Donald M. Sanders by Linda

Kaufman

10/16/2008

By Power of Attorney

10/16/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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