

**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 24, 2019**

**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**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>CVGW</b>	<b>Nasdaq Global Market</b>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 24, 2019, Lecil E. Cole advised Calavo Growers, Inc. (“Calavo”) of his intention to retire as Calavo’s President and Chief Executive Officer, during the first quarter of calendar year 2020. Calavo’s Board of Directors is in the process of interviewing and evaluating several, qualified Chief Executive Officer candidates. Mr. Cole’s retirement will become effective on the date that his successor as Chief Executive Officer begins service in that capacity, following selection and appointment by the Board of Directors. Mr. Cole also advised Calavo that he intends to continue to serve as Calavo’s Chairman of the Board of Directors, with a focus on maintaining and enhancing Calavo’s business relationships with its investors and suppliers of avocados and other products.

**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.

Calavo Growers, Inc.

October 28, 2019

By: /s/ B. John Lindeman

B. John Lindeman  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)