

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: September 30, 2012

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☐ adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: Harvest Capital Strategies LLC  
Address: 600 Montgomery Street, Suite 1700  
San Francisco, CA 94111

13F File Number: 028-10826

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Kevin C. Lynch  
Title: Chief Operating Officer  
Phone: 415-835-3900

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Kevin C. Lynch San Francisco, CA Date November 12, 2012

Report Type (Check only one.):

☒ 13F HOLDINGS REPORT.

☐ 13F NOTICE.

☐ 13F COMBINATION REPORT.

List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:

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FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers:

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List of Other Included Managers:

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ARROW ELECTRONICS INC	COM	042735100	5291	156953	SH		Sole		156953		
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BUFFALO WILD WINGS INC	COM	119848109	1622	18915	SH		Sole		18915		
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CEVA INC	COM	157210105	2564	178290	SH		Sole		178290		
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JABIL CIRCUIT INC	COM	466313103	3142	167845	SH	Sole	167845
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CHINA FINANCE ONLINE CO-ADR	SPONSORED ADR	169379104	1827	1438350	SH	Sole	1438350
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LAZARD LTD-CL A	SHS A	G54050102	6138	210000	SH	Sole	210000
LINDSAY CORP	COM	535555106	1556	21622	SH	Sole	21622
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LOGMEIN INC	COM	54142L109	3723	165962	SH	Sole	165962
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MOVE INC	COM NEW	62458M207	4871	565063	SH	Sole	565063
MARVELL TECHNOLOGY GROUP LTD	ORD	G5876H105	21331	2330000	SH	Sole	2330000
MORGAN STANLEY	COM NEW	617446448	982	58659	SH	Sole	58659
MVC CAPITAL INC	COM	553829102	1326	103605	SH	Sole	103605
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RF MICRO DEVICES INC	COM	749941100	1363	345625	SH	Sole	345625
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RUBY TUESDAY INC	COM	781182100	840	115801	SH	Sole	115801
ECHOSTAR CORP-A	CL A	278768106	14258	497500	SH	Sole	497500
SHUTTERFLY INC	COM	82568P304	15093	485000	SH	Sole	485000
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TRIMBLE NAVIGATION LTD	COM	896239100	1984	41626	SH	Sole	41626
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