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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Common

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08/13/2018

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Dissinger Todd Issuer Symbol Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, (Check all applicable) Inc. [NGVC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY 08/13/2018 Chief Financial Officer VITAMIN COTTAGE, 12612 WEST ALAMEDA PARKWAY (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LAKEWOOD, CO 80228 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

1,802

(1)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (3)	08/13/2018		M		1,802	08/13/2018	08/13/2018	Common Stock	1,802

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dissinger Todd C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY VITAMIN COTTAGE 12612 WEST ALAMEDA PARKWAY LAKEWOOD, CO 80228

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Kemper Isely, by Power of Attorney

08/15/2018

**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).
- (1) Represents shares of NGVC common stock issued to the reporting person upon the vesting of 1,802 restricted stock units on August 13, 2018, where each restricted stock unit represented the economic equivalent of one share of NGVC common stock.
- Exempt transaction pursuant to Section 16b-3(e) payment of exercise price or tax liability by delivering or withholding securities incident to the receipt, exercise or vesting of a security issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3. All of the shares reported as disposed of on this line were relinquished by the Reporting Person and cancelled by the Issuer in exchange for the Issuer's agreement to pay federal and state tax withholding obligations of the Reporting Person resulting from the vesting of the restricted stock units.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NGVC common stock.
 - Of these restricted stock units: a) 1,802 restricted stock units will vest on each of August 13, 2019 and 2020; b) 1,620 restricted stock units will vest on each of November 1, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; c) 12,013 restricted stock units will vest on each of January 2,
- (4) 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 and 12,014 restricted stock units will vest on January 2, 2023; provided, however, that all the restricted stock units in this clause (c) that are unvested will become fully vested upon the occurrence of a change in control affecting the Company; and d) 4,000 restricted stock units will vest on each of June 27, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

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