

Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Cerkovnik Edward

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc. [NGVC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY VITAMIN COTTAGE, 12612 W. ALAMEDA PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/02/2016

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
 LAKEWOOD, CO 80228

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/04/2016		M	A	2,054 (1) \$ 0	7,684	D

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)**

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/02/2016		A	2,941	(3) (3)	Common Stock	2,941
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/04/2016		M	2,054	03/04/2016 03/04/2016	Common Stock	2,054

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cerkovnik Edward  
 C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY VITAMIN COTTAGE  
 12612 W. ALAMEDA PARKWAY  
 LAKEWOOD, CO 80228

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## Signatures

/s/ Kemper Isely, by Power of Attorney 03/04/2016

\*\*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 2,054 restricted stock units on March 4, 2016, where each restricted stock unit represented the economic equivalent of one share of NGVC common stock.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NGVC common stock.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest on March 2, 2017 and will be settled in shares of NGVC common stock upon vesting.

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