Green Plains Inc. Form 8-K August 16, 2017 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) August 16, 2017

GREEN PLAINS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Iowa

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-32924 (Commission file number) 84-1652107 (IRS employer identification no.)

1811 Aksarben Drive, Omaha, Nebraska68106(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip code)

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(402) 884-8700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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))

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 8.01. Other Events.

On August 16, 2017, Green Plains Inc. announced that its board of directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.12 per share on the company's common stock. The dividend is payable on September 15, 2017, to shareholders of record at the close of business on August 28, 2017.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed as part of this report.

NumberDescription

99.1Press release, dated August 16, 2017

#### SIGNATURES

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.

Green Plains Inc.

Date: August 16, 2017

By: /s/ Jerry L. Peters

Jerry L. Peters Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

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(d) Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(e) CUSIP No.:

000957100

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# Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) "Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780);
- (b) " Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (c) " Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (d) <sup>"</sup> Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);
- (e) x An investment adviser in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  $\ddot{}$  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) A non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);

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## Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 4,943,298
- (b) Percent of class: 7.49%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 4,943,298
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 4,943,298
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

#### Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not Applicable

## Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not Applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person

# Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable

## Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

## Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect. CUSIP No. 000957100

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# **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 14, 2019

ArrowMark Colorado Holdings, LLC

By: Richard Grove Name: Richard Grove Title: Chief Compliance Officer