

Gauthier Mark  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Gauthier Mark</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY VITAMIN COTTAGE,,Â INC.<br/>12612 W. ALAMEDA PARKWAY</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>LAKewood,Â COÂ 80228</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>03/07/2013</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc. [NGVC]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>13D Group Member</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 100  | D   | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|                  |                 | Title      |                            |                              |   |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gauthier Mark  
 C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY VITAMIN COTTAGE,  
 INC. 12612 W. ALAMEDA PARKWAY  
 LAKEWOOD, CO 80228

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13D Group Member

## Signatures

/s/ Mark Gauthier 03/11/2013

Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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**Remarks:**

The Reporting Person is a member of a Schedule 13D Group that is subject to a Stockholders A

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