

GREEN PLAINS RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.

Form 8-K

April 03, 2008

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)

April 3, 2008

GREEN PLAINS RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Iowa

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

333-121321

(Commission file number)

84-1652107

(IRS employer identification no.)

105 N. 31st Avenue, Suite 103, Omaha, Nebraska

68131

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

(402) 884-8700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ý Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

Earlier today, Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. completed the previously-announced merger with Great Lakes Cooperative. Pursuant to the terms of the merger, Great Lakes became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Green Plains. The cooperative's name has changed to Green Plains Grain Company LLC. As consideration, Great Lakes members received approximately \$12.5 million in cash and 550,352 shares of Green Plains' common stock. To finance the merger and ongoing operational requirements, Green Plains entered into term and revolving loan agreements with a group of lenders and financial institutions.

The press release relating to the completion of this merger is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release, dated April 3, 2008 |

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 RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Wayne B. Hoovestol

Date: April 3, 2008

Wayne B. Hoovestol

Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)