

Green Plains Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 31, 2016

**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 30, 2016**

**GREEN PLAINS INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Iowa**

**(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)**

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**001-32924**  
**(Commission file number)**

**84-1652107**  
**(IRS employer identification no.)**

**450 Regency Parkway, Ste. 400, Omaha, Nebraska**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**68114**  
**(Zip code)**

**(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:

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- .. 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))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On August 30, 2016, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri entered orders approving Green Plains Inc.'s acquisition agreements to purchase three ethanol plants from Abengoa Bioenergy. Under the terms of the agreements, the company will purchase the Madison, Illinois; Mount Vernon, Indiana and York, Nebraska ethanol facilities, with combined annual production capacity of 236 million gallons, for approximately \$237 million in cash, subject to certain adjustments.

The acquisitions are expected to be complete no later than September 30, 2016, subject to regulatory approval and customary closing conditions, at which time the ethanol storage and transportation assets will be offered to Green Plains Partners.

**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 30, 2016

By: /s/ Jerry L. Peters  
Jerry L. Peters

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)