

GREEN PLAINS RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.

Form 8-K

April 03, 2008

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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. 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

| <b><u>Number</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>          |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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)