

Green Plains Inc.  
Form SC 13G  
February 14, 2018  
UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

GREEN PLAINS INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

393222104

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2017

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see Instructions).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
Daruma Capital Management, LLC  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE  
PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)  
45-2515607

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A  
MEMBER OF A GROUP  
(a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION  
Delaware

|  |   |                                       |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY EACH<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH | 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER<br>0                |
|  | 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER<br>1,628,427      |
|  | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>0           |
|  | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>3,452,925 |

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
3,452,925

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY  
AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
8.39%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
IA

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| 1  | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON<br>Mariko O. Gordon<br>I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE<br>PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)<br>N/A            |
| 2  | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A<br>MEMBER OF A GROUP<br>(a) <input type="checkbox"/><br>(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3  | SEC USE ONLY   |
| 4  | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF<br>ORGANIZATION<br>USA   |
| 5  | NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY EACH<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH   |
| 6  | SOLE VOTING POWER<br>0   |
| 7  | SHARED VOTING POWER<br>1,628,427   |
| 8  | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>0  |
| 9  | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>3,452,925  |
| 10 | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON<br>3,452,925   |
| 11 | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE<br>AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES<br>CERTAIN SHARES<br><input type="checkbox"/>                         |
| 12 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY<br>AMOUNT IN ROW (9)<br>8.39%  |
| 13 | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON<br>IN, HC   |

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**ITEM**     **NAME OF ISSUER:**  
**1(a).**     GREEN PLAINS INC.

**ITEM**     **ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:**  
**1(b).**     1811 Aksarben Drive  
            Omaha, NE 68106

**ITEM**     **NAME OF PERSON FILING:**  
**2(a).**     Daruma Capital Management, LLC  
            Mariko O. Gordon

**ITEM**     **ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:**  
**2(b).**     626 King Avenue  
            Bronx, NY 10464

**ITEM**     **CITIZENSHIP:**  
**2(c).**     Delaware  
            USA

**ITEM**     **TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:**  
**2(d).**     Common Stock

**ITEM**     **CUSIP NUMBER:**  
**2(e).**     393222104

**ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 240.13d-1(b), or 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. 78c);
- (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)     Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8);
- (e)     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)     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);  
[ ]

(k) Group, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in  
[ ] accordance with 240.13d1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

**ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP**

**(a) Amount beneficially owned:**

3,452,925

**(b) Percent of class:**

8.39%

**(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:**

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

Daruma Capital Management, LLC - 0  
Mariko O. Gordon - 0

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

Daruma Capital Management, LLC - 1,628,427  
Mariko O. Gordon - 1,628,427

(iii) sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of:

Daruma Capital Management, LLC - 0  
Mariko O. Gordon - 0

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

Daruma Capital Management, LLC - 3,452,925  
Mariko O. Gordon - 3,452,925

**ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS:**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [ ].

**ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:**

The 3,452,925 shares beneficially owned by Daruma Capital Management, LLC and Mariko O. Gordon are held in the accounts of private investment vehicles and managed accounts advised by Daruma Capital Management, LLC.

**ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY:**

N/A

**ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:**

N/A

**ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:**

N/A

**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.

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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.

February 14 2018 Daruma Capital Management, LLC

By:

/s/ Daniel L. Sendrowitz

Name:

Daniel L. Sendrowitz

Title:

Chief Compliance Officer

February 14 2018 By:

/s/ Mariko O. Gordon

Name:

Mariko O. Gordon, CFA

Title:

Chief Executive Officer

Attention — Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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Exhibit A

AGREEMENT

The undersigned agree that this Schedule 13G dated February 14, 2018 relating to the Common Stock of GREEN PLAINS INC. shall be filed on behalf of the undersigned.

DARUMA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Daniel L. Sendrowitz

Name: Daniel L. Sendrowitz

Title: Chief Compliance Officer

MARIKO O. GORDON

By: /s/ Mariko O. Gordon

Name: Mariko O. Gordon, CFA

Title: Chief Executive Officer