

Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Buffa Sandra

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY  
 VITAMIN COTTAGE,, INC. 12612  
 WEST ALAMEDA PKWY

(Street)

LAKEWOOD, CO 80228

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc. [NGVC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/27/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/27/2014		M	(A) or (D) A	29,741 (1) \$ 0 189,357	D	

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

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	01/27/2014		M	29,741	01/27/2014 01/27/2014	Common Stock	29,741

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Buffa Sandra C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY VITAMIN COTTAGE, INC. 12612 WEST ALAMEDA PKWY LAKEWOOD, CO 80228			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Kemper Isely, by Power of Attorney 01/28/2014

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- Represents shares of NGVC common stock issued to the Reporting Person as a result of the vesting of 29,741 restricted stock units on
- (1) January 25, 2014 and the settlement of those restricted stock units as soon as practicable after vesting, on January 27, 2014, where each restricted stock unit represented the economic equivalent of one share of NGVC common stock.
  - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NGVC common stock.

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