

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. ) \*

NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, INC.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, without par value  
(Title of Class of Securities)

639027 10 1  
(CUSIP Number)

See Preliminary Note  
(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 the Notes).

CUSIP No. 639027 10 1

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only)

Thomas W. Smith

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

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 CITIZEN OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

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5 SOLE VOTING POWER

316,200

NUMBER OF

SHARES

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6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

1,227,300  
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OWNED BY EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING 316,200  
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PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH 1,227,300  
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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
1,543,500  
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10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  
Not Applicable  
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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
8.3%  
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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
IN  
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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only)  
Thomas N. Tryforos  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) [ ]  
(b) [x]  
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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 CITIZEN OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
United States  
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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
12,398  
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NUMBER OF  
SHARES 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
BENEFICIALLY 1,227,300  
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OWNED BY EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING 12,398  
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PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH 1,227,300  
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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
1,239,698  
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10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  
Not Applicable  
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6.7%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN  
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Preliminary Note: This Statement on Schedule 13G is the initial filing on Schedule 13G by the filing persons pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c). The filing persons previously filed a Statement on Schedule 13D. This Schedule 13G filing updates certain information included in the prior Schedule 13D filing. The filing of this Statement shall not be deemed to be an admission that the filing persons comprise a "group" within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

ITEM 1. (a) Name of Issuer:

Nature's Sunshine Products, Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

75 East 1700 South  
Provo, UT 84606

ITEM 2. (a) Name of Person Filing:

(i) Thomas W. Smith

(ii) Thomas N. Tryforos

(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

The following is the address of the principal business office of each of the filing persons:

323 Railroad Avenue  
Greenwich, CT 06830

(c) Citizenship:

Each of Messrs. Thomas W. Smith and Thomas N. Tryforos is a United States citizen.

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, no par value

(e) CUSIP Number:

639027 10 1

ITEM 3. If this Statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not applicable.

If this Statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box [x]

ITEM 4. Ownership

(a) Thomas W. Smith -- 1,543,500 shares;  
Thomas N. Tryforos -- 1,239,698 shares.

(b) Thomas W. Smith -- 8.3%; Thomas N. Tryforos -- 6.7%.

(c) Each of Thomas W. Smith and Thomas N. Tryforos has shared power to vote or to direct the vote and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 1,227,300 shares, Thomas W. Smith has sole power to vote and dispose of 316,200 shares and Thomas N. Tryforos has sole power to vote

and dispose of 12,398 shares.

ITEM 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Messrs. Smith and Tryforos beneficially own 1,343,876 shares in their capacities as investment managers for certain managed accounts. The managed accounts have the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of, the managed accounts' shares.

ITEM 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. Certification

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above 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.

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.

Date: May 4, 1998

/s/ Thomas W. Smith  
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Thomas W. Smith

/s/ Thomas N. Tryforos  
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Thomas N. Tryforos

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned agree that the foregoing Statement on Schedule 13G, dated May 4, 1998, is being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of each of the undersigned pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k) Dated: May 4, 1998

/s/ Thomas W. Smith  
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Thomas W. Smith

/s/ Thomas N. Tryforos  
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Thomas N. Tryforos