

Zechmeister Michael Paul
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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 *
 Zechmeister Michael Paul

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC
 [UNFI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/15/2018

PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 09/15/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 2,845 A \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | 8,185 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/15/2018 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | 864 D \$ 33.53 | 7,321 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/15/2018 | | M ⁽³⁾ | 2,903 A \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | 10,224 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/15/2018 | | F ⁽³⁾ | 881 D \$ 33.53 | 9,343 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/17/2018 | | M ⁽⁴⁾ | 7,353 A \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | 16,696 | D | |

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Common Stock 09/17/2018 F⁽⁴⁾ 2,231 D \$ 34.18 14,465 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)

| 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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Restricted Stock Unit | (5) | 09/15/2018 | | M | 2,845 | (6) (6) | Common Stock | 2,845 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (5) | 09/15/2018 | | M | 2,903 | (6) (6) | Common Stock | 2,903 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (5) | 09/17/2018 | | M | 7,353 | (6) (6) | Common Stock | 7,353 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Zechmeister Michael Paul C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

Joseph McGrail, Power-of-Attorney, in fact 09/18/2018

__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).
- (1) On September 15, 2018, 2,845 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested. The Company retained 864 shares on that date to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting.
- (2) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis. Accordingly, there was no purchase price paid by the reporting person.
- (3) On September 15, 2018, 2,903 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested. The Company retained 881 shares on that date to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting.
- (4) On September 17, 2018, 7,353 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested. The Company retained 2,231 shares on that date to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of United Natural Foods, Inc. common stock upon vesting in accordance with the terms of the reporting person's restricted stock unit agreement.
- (6) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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