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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
^ Shamber Mark		(Month/Day/Year)	UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC [UNFI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/01/2005	
260 LAKE ROAD,^ P.O. BOX 999			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
DAYVILLE,^ CT^ 06241			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			VP and Corporate Controller	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	216	I	By 401(k) Plan

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	06/23/2005	06/23/2013	Common Stock	3,750	\$ 13.73	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	06/23/2013	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 13.73	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	12/03/2013	Common Stock	11,250	\$ 18.655	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (3)	12/01/2014	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 28.14	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shamber Mark 260 LAKE ROAD P.O. BOX 999 DAYVILLE,Â CTÂ 06241	Â	Â	Â VP and Corporate Controller	Â

## Signatures

Mark E. Shamber 08/09/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The employee stock option vests in two equal annual installments commencing on June 23, 2006.
  - (2) The employee stock option vests in three equal annual installments commencing on December 3, 2005.
- The employee stock options were granted under the Company's 1996 Stock Option Plan on December 1, 2004, and vest immediately.
- (3) Shares of common stock obtained through the exercise of options under this grant become eligible to be sold in four equal annual installments, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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