

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC
 Form 4
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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 *
 Shamber Mark

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 260 LAKE ROAD, P.O. BOX 999
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/26/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP and Corporate Controller

DAYVILLE, CT 06241

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2005 | | M | 650 A \$ 13.73 | 650 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2005 | | S | 650 D \$ 35 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/27/2005 | | M | 3,100 A \$ 13.73 | 3,100 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/27/2005 | | S | 1,700 D \$ 35.28 | 1,400 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/27/2005 | | S | 1,400 D \$ 35.27 | 0 | D | |

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|-----------------|-----|---|------------------------|
| Common Stock | 237 | I | See footnote (1) |
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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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.73 | 09/26/2005 | | M | 650 | 06/23/2005 06/23/2013 | Common Stock | 11,250 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.73 | 09/27/2005 | | M | 3,100 | 06/23/2005 06/23/2013 | Common Stock | 10,600 | |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Mark E.
Shamber

09/28/2005

__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).

Includes the equivalent of 237 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Shamber under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) plan's
(1) UNFI Unitized Stock Fund. The number of equivalent shares is calculated based on the closing price of UNFI common stock on The NASDAQ National Market on September 27, 2005.

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