UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SPINNER STEVEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

President and CEO

below)

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC [UNFI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/10/2012

X Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY

(First)

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PROVIDENCE, RI 0290	8
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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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	09/10/2012		M	5,918	A	\$ 0	100,275	D	
Common Stock	09/10/2012		F <u>(1)</u>	1,906	D	\$ 60.43	98,369	D	
Common Stock	09/11/2012		M	6,094	A	\$ 0	104,463	D	
Common Stock	09/11/2012		F(2)	1,992	D	\$ 55.24	102,471	D	
Common Stock							4,966	I	See footnote

(3)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	orDerivative		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)) or (D)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(4)</u>	09/10/2012		M		5,918	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	5,918
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(4)</u>	09/11/2012		M		6,094	(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	6,094
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(4)</u>	09/11/2012		D		2,031	(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	2,031
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	09/11/2012		A(2)	2,031		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	2,031

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SPINNER STEVEN C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908	X		President and CEO				
Signatures							
Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney, in-fact	09/1	12/2012					
**Signature of Reporting Person	1	Date					

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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 10, 2012, 5,918 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested. The Company retained 1,906 shares on that date to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of such shares.
- On September 11, 2012, 8,125 shares of the Company's restricted stock units vested. Of these shares, the reporting person had previously (2) elected to defer 2,031 shares to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan. The Company retained 1,992 shares on September 11, 2012 to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of such shares.
- Includes 466 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership (3) Plan as well as 1,500 shares held by a daughter(1) of the reporting person, 1,500 shares held by a daughter(2) of the reporting person, and 1,500 shares held by the brother of the reporting person, as custodian for a daughter(3) of the reporting person as of September 11, 2012.
- (4) 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.
- (5) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis subject to the terms of the United Natural Foods, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan.

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