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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Shamber Mark

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC [UNFI]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

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

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title below) below)

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS.

(Street)

(State)

INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY

09/12/2012

SVP, Chief Financial Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3.

5. Amount of

Securities

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

4. Securities Acquired

Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)

PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

Person Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Common \$0 09/12/2012 1.250 15,995 M A D Stock Common 09/12/2012  $\mathbf{F}^{(1)}$ 424 D 15,571 D Stock 58.12

See Common footnote 3,899 I Stock (2)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Form: Direct Indirect

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)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0 (3)	09/12/2012		M		1,250	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,250
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0 (3)	09/12/2012		D		1,250	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,250
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	09/12/2012		A(1)	1,250		<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	1,250

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shamber Mark C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

SVP, Chief Financial Officer

## **Signatures**

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney, 09/14/2012 in-fact

\*\*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).
- On September 12, 2012, 2,500 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested. Of these shares, the reporting person had previously elected to defer 1,250 shares to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan. The Company retained 424 shares on that date to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting.
  - Includes 2,210 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock
- (2) Ownership Plan and 1,689 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) Plan's UNFI Stock Fund as of September 13, 2012.

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- (3) 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.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (5) 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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