

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 HEFFERNAN JAMES P

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 RD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/11/2009

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

DAYVILLE, CT 06241  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)	Price		
Common Stock					7,320	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)**

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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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.3 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/11/2009		A	2,660	<sup>(1)</sup> 09/11/2019	Common Stock	2,660
Restricted Stock Unit	<sup>(2)</sup>	09/11/2009		A	3,592	<sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	3,592
Restricted Stock Unit	<sup>(2)</sup>	09/11/2009		D	1,197	<sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	1,197
Phantom Stock	<sup>(5)</sup>	09/11/2009		A	1,197	<sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	1,197

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEFFERNAN JAMES P 260 LAKE RD DAYVILLE, CT 06241		X		

## Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,  
in fact

09/15/2009

\*\*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) The stock option vests as follows: one-third vests immediately and the remaining stock options become exercisable in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) 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 Mr. Heffernan's restricted unit award agreement.
- (3) United Natural Foods, Inc.'s closing price on the NASDAQ National Market on September 11, 2009.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest as follows: one-third vests on the date of grant and the remaining two-thirds of the award vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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- (5) The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis subject to the terms of the United Natural Foods, Inc. Deferred Stock Plan.
- (6) Total of all phantom stock held by the reporting person in the United Natural Foods, Inc. Deferred Stock Plan.

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