

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC  
 Form 4  
 September 28, 2005

**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 \*  
 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)  
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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	

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
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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