

PUCKETT RICK D
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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 *
PUCKETT RICK D

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Vice President and CFO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC, 260 LAKE ROAD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/28/2004

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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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)
Common Stock	12/28/2004		M			10,000	\$ 18.655	10,000	D	Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	12/28/2004		M			1,500	\$ 12.255	11,500	D	Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	12/28/2004		S			400	\$ 31.73	11,100	D	Indirect Ownership
Common Stock	12/28/2004		S			400	\$ 31.72	10,700	D	Indirect Ownership
Common Stock	12/28/2004		S			600	\$ 31.7	10,100	D	Indirect Ownership

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Common Stock	12/28/2004	S	1,100	D	\$ 31.6	9,000	D
Common Stock	12/28/2004	S	9,000	D	\$ 31.5	0	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)

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)	\$ 12.255	12/28/2004		M	1,500	01/06/2004	01/06/2013	Common Stock	1,500
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.655	12/28/2004		M	10,000	12/03/2004	12/03/2013	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PUCKETT RICK D C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC 260 LAKE ROAD DAYVILLE, CT 06241			Vice President and CFO	

Signatures

Rick D. Puckett

12/30/2004

**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).

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