

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SPINNER STEVEN

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/10/2012

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

(Street)  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/10/2012                           |  | M                              | 5,918 A \$ 0  | 100,275   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/10/2012                           |  | F <sup>(1)</sup>               | 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 <sup>(2)</sup>               | 1,992 D \$ 55.24  | 102,471   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,966   | I  | See footnote                      |

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                   |       |     | 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-------|-----|--|------------------|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | V     | (A) | (D)  | Date Exercisable |   |                            |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | (4)  | 09/10/2012                           |  | M                              |  | 5,918 |     | (5)  | (5)              | Common Stock  | 5,918                      |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | (4)  | 09/11/2012                           |  | M                              |  | 6,094 |     | (5)  | (5)              | Common Stock  | 6,094                      |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | (4)  | 09/11/2012                           |  | D                              |  | 2,031 |     | (5)  | (5)              | Common Stock  | 2,031                      |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$ 0   | 09/11/2012                           |  | A(2)                           |  | 2,031 |     | (6)  | (6)              | Common Stock  | 2,031                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| SPINNER STEVEN<br>C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC.<br>313 IRON HORSE WAY<br>PROVIDENCE, RI 02908 | X             |           | President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,  
in-fact 09/12/2012

\_\_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) 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 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.
- (2) Includes 466 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership 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.
- (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.
- (6)

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