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UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC Form 4 September 21, 2016 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Griffin Sean Issuer Symbol UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC (Check all applicable) [UNFI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS. 09/19/2016 Chief Operating Officer INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting PROVIDENCE, RI 02908 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 4. Securities Acquired 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price (D) Common \$0(1) 09/19/2016 989 M A 13,156 D Stock Common 09/19/2016 $F^{(2)}$ 338 D 12,818 D Stock 39.31 See Common footnote 1.675 I Stock (3)

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)	Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(4)</u>	09/19/2016		М		989	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	989	\$
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(4)</u>	09/19/2016		D		330	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	330	\$
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	09/19/2016		A <u>(2)</u>	330		(6)	(6)	Common Stock	330	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Griffin Sean C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908			Chief Operating Officer				
Signatures							

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,

in fact	09/21/201
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis. Accordingly, there was no purchase price paid by the reporting person.

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On September 19, 2016, 1,319 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested, 25% of which the reporting person had previously elected to defer to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan. The Company retained 338 shares on that date to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting.

- (3) Includes 1,675 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 15, 2016.
- (4) 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.
- (5) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (6) 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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