

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â SPINNER STEVEN                          |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC [UNFI]                    |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 09/16/2008   |  |
| 260 LAKE ROAD                             |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| DAYVILLE,Â CTÂ 06241                      |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director       | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                                     |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
|   |         |                                      | President and CEO                                  |  |
|   |         |                                      |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|                                 |   |  |   |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

|  |  |   |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   |  |   |   |
|  |  | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares                             |   |   |

|   |       |            |                 |        |              |   |   |
|---|-------|------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|---|---|
| Employee Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | Â (1) | 09/16/2018 | Common<br>Stock | 30,000 | \$ 24.54 (2) | D | Â |
| Restricted Stock Unit                   | Â (3) | Â (3)      | Common<br>Stock | 36,000 | \$ 0         | D | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| SPINNER STEVEN<br>260 LAKE ROAD<br>DAYVILLE,Â CTÂ 06241 | Â X           | Â         | Â President and CEO | Â     |

## Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon (Power of Attorney,  
in fact) 09/26/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 employee stock option vests in four equal annual installments commencing on September 16, 2009.
- (2) United Natural Foods, Inc.'s closing price on the NASDAQ National Market on September 16, 2008.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on September 16, 2009.

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