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UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC Form 4 December 10, 2008 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 KOCH CARL FREDERICK III 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) 260 LAKE RD 12/06/2008 VP, Human Resources (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 DAYVILLE, CT 06241 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 12/06/2008 M 900 Α \$0 12,961 D Stock Common D 12/08/2008 F 568 \$17 12,393 D (1) Stock Common D \$ F 12/08/2008 189 D 12,204 (1) Stock 17.4 Common See 8,393 Ι Stock footnote (2)

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)	actionof Expira Derivative (Month		5. 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	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	12/06/2006		М	900	12/06/2008	12/06/2011	Common Stock	900	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting o when runne / runness	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
KOCH CARL FREDERICK III 260 LAKE RD DAYVILLE, CT 06241			VP, Human Resources				
Signatures							
Lisa N'Chonon (Power of Attorney,		12/10/2008					

**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).

On December 6, 2008, December 7, 2008 and December 8, 2008, an aggregate of 2,400 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the (1) \"Company\") restricted common stock and restricted stock units vested. On December 8, 2008, the Company retained 757 shares to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of such shares.

Includes 2,006 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Koch under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 9, 2008 and 6,387 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Koch under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) plan's UNFI

(2)Unitized Stock Fund. The price is based on the closing price of UNFI common stock on The Nasdaq National Market on December 9, 2008.

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