

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 *
 ATWOOD DANIEL V

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, 260 LAKE ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/07/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Chief Marketing Officer

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
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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) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Restricted Common Stock | 12/07/2006 | | A | 8,400 (1) | A | \$ 0 | 144,076 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 48,381 | I |
| | | | | | | | | See 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. 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 36.6 | 12/07/2006 | | A | 7,000 | <u>(3)</u> 12/07/2016 | Common Stock | 7,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ATWOOD DANIEL V C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC 260 LAKE ROAD DAYVILLE, CT 06241 | | | EVP, Chief Marketing Officer | |

Signatures

Mark Shamber 12/07/2006
 **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) The shares vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Includes 48,381 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Atwood under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 11, 2006.
- (3) The stock option vests and becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (4) United Natural Foods, Inc.'s closing price on the NASDAQ National Market on December 7, 2006.

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