UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4

March 06, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

Common

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ANTONELLI RICHARD

> (First) (Middle)

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC, 260 LAKE ROAD

(Street)

(State)

03/03/2006

03/03/2006

DAYVILLE, CT 06241

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC [UNFI]

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

03/03/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Person Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of Execution Date, if Transactionr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount

M 15,000 Α S

15,000 D

(A)

or

(D)

Price

\$ 28.14 23,400

8,400 (1)

2,191

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See footnote (2)

7. Nature of

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6.

Ownership

Direct (D)

or Indirect

(Instr. 4)

D

D

Form:

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

10% Owner

Other (specify

Issuer

below)

X Director

Applicable Line)

Securities

Owned

Beneficially

Following

Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

X_ Officer (give title

Estimated average

burden hours per

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 orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.14	03/03/2006		M		15,000	12/01/2005	12/01/2014	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ANTONELLI RICHARD C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC 260 LAKE ROAD DAYVILLE, CT 06241

X Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

Mark Shamber (Power of Attorney, 03/06/2006 in fact)

**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) Represents 8,400 shares of restricted stock vesting in four equal installments beginning on 12/8/2006.
- (2) Includes 2,191 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Antonelli under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of March 6, 2006.

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