UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PUCKETT RICK D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

below)

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[UNFI]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner Officer (give title __X_ Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

03/10/2006

below) Former Executive VP and CFO

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC, 260 LAKE ROAD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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DAYVILLE, CT 06241

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		M	7,500	A	\$ 12.255	8,700	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		M	432	A	\$ 18.655	9,132	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S	1,973	D	\$ 34.58	7,159	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S	400	D	\$ 34.6	6,759	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S	2,600	D	\$ 34.61	4,159	D	

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Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	350	D	\$ 34.62	3,809	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	909	D	\$ 34.65	2,900	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	100	D	\$ 34.68	2,800	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	700	D	\$ 34.69	2,100	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	100	D	\$ 34.7	2,000	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	400	D	\$ 34.71	1,600	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	100	D	\$ 34.72	1,500	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	300	D	\$ 34.73	1,200	D	
Common Stock						391	I	See footnote (1)

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)	5. Number iom f 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)	
				Code V	(A) (I	D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.255	03/10/2006		M	7,5	500	01/06/2006	04/29/2006	Common Stock	7,500

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Employee

Stock

Option \$ 18.655 03/10/2006 M 432 12/03/2006 04/29/2006 Common Stock 432

(right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PUCKETT RICK D C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC 260 LAKE ROAD DAYVILLE, CT 06241

Former Executive VP and CFO

Signatures

Mark Shamber (Power-of-Attorney, in fact)

03/14/2006

**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) Includes 391 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Puckett under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) plan's UNFI Unitized Stock Fund. The price is based on the closing price of UNFI common stock on The Nasdaq National Market on March 10, 2006.

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