UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4

Stock

December 11, 2006

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Shamber Mark			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) 260 LAKE R	(Last) (First) (Middle) 260 LAKE ROAD, P.O. BOX 999			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2006					Director 10% Owner Section Officer (give title of the specify below) VP and Chief Financial Officer					
(Street) DAYVILLE, CT 06241			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities							ties Acq	Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	on(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	spose	d of	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Restricted Common Stock	12/07/2006			A		7,200 (1)	A	\$ 36.6	14,400	D				
Common									1,185 (2)	I	See Footnote			

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)	Execution Date, if Transaction Code		6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) S	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.6	12/07/2006		A	6,000	(3)	12/07/2016	Common Stock	6,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shamber Mark 260 LAKE ROAD P.O. BOX 999 DAYVILLE, CT 06241

VP and Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Mark E. 12/11/2006 Shamber

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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.
- Includes (i) 765 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Shamber under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 11, 2006 and (ii) the equivalent of 420 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Shamber under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) plan's UNFI Company Stock Fund. The number of equivalent shares is calculated based on the closing price of UNFI common stock on The NASDAQ National Market on December 8, 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) The closing price of United Natural Foods, Inc.'s common stock on the NASDAQ National Market on December 7, 2006.

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