STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Common

Stock

12/08/2006

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ANTONELLI RICHARD	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	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2006	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Operating 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) Tabl	e I - Non-D) Perivative	Secui	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	(A) or	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	12/08/2006		M	1,750	A	\$ 25.37	18,550	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2006		S	1,750	D	\$ 36.44	16,800	D	

Common			See
Common	2,711	Ţ	footnote
Stock	2,711	1	10011010
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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 of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.37	12/08/2006		M	1,750	12/08/2006(3)	12/08/2015	Common Stock	1,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
ANTONELLI RICHARD					
C/O LINITED NATIDAL ECODO INC					

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

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Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

Mark Shamber (Power of Attorney, in fact) 12/12/2006

**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) Sale of Common Stock reported on this form was made in connection with vesting of restricted stock granted to Mr. Antonelli under United Natural Foods, Inc.'s 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. (The acquisition of such stock was previously reported).
- (2) Includes 2,711 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Antonelli under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 12, 2006.

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(3) The employee stock option is exercisable in four equal installments commencing on the first anniversary date of the grant. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, <i>see</i> Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.