UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4

December 14, 2012

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CIANCIOLO JOSEPH M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

(Check all applicable)

[UNFI] (Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2012

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY

> (Street) 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

PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or Do (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/12/2012		M	2,660	A	\$ 24.3	4,660	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2012		M	2,660	A	\$ 33.9	7,320	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2012		M	1,773	A	\$ 37.82	9,093	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2012		S	7,093	D	\$ 54.218 (6)	2,000	D	

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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. Numb orDerivati Securitie Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	ve es d (A) or d of (D)			7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.3	12/12/2012		M		2,660	(3)	09/11/2019(3)	Common Stock	2,6
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.9	12/12/2012		M		2,660	(3)	09/10/2020(3)	Common Stock	2,6
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.82	12/12/2012		M		1,773	(3)	09/12/2021(3)	Common Stock	1,7
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0 (1)	12/12/2012		D		1,064	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,0
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0 (1)	12/12/2012		D		2,128	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,1
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (4)	12/12/2012		A(5)	3,192		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CIANCIOLO JOSEPH M	X					
C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC.						
313 IRON HORSE WAY						

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Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney, in-fact 12/14/2012

**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).
- Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of United Natural Foods, Inc. common stock upon vesting in accordance with the terms of the reporting person's restricted stock unit agreement.
- The vesting of Mr. Cianciolo's remaining restricted stock units granted on September 12, 2011 and September 13, 2012 were accelerated upon his retirement from our Board of Directors on December 12, 2012.
- The stock options vest and become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant, and expire on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant.
- The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis subject to the terms of the United Natural Foods, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan.
- Mr. Cianciolo had previously elected to defer 100% of any restricted stock units granted to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan upon vesting.
- (6) The transaction price listed is a weighted average. Actual dispositions ranged from \$53.99 to \$54.51.

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