UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SIMONE THOMAS B			Symbol LINITED NATURAL ECODS INC.					Issuer				
			UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC [UNFI]				INC	(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (M		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)					_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify				
C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC., 260 LAKE ROAD			09/16/2008					below)	below)			
	(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				
DAYVILLE, CT 06241								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned												
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deemed Execution Da any (Month/Day/	ate, if (Code	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			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	09/16/2008			A	3,600	A	\$0	21,600	D			
Restricted Common Stock								3,000	D			
Common Stock								30,000	I	Shares held by the Thomas B. Simone and		

Shirley A. Simone

1990 Family Trust Agreement

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 Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.54	09/16/2008		A	9,000		<u>(2)</u>	09/16/2018	Common Stock	9,00
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(4)</u>	09/16/2008		A	10,800		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	10,80
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(4)</u>	09/16/2008		M		3,600 (5)	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	3,60

Reporting Owners

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
toporting o water tumo, raunious	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SIMONE THOMAS B C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. 260 LAKE ROAD DAYVILLE, CT 06241	X						
Signatures							
Lisa N'Chonon (Power of Attorney, in fact)	09/	/18/2008					

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Date

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- * 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 restricted stock units vest as follows: one-third vested on the date of grant and the remaining two-thirds of the award vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) The stock option vests as follows: one-third vests immediately and the remaining stock options become exercisable in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) United Natural Foods, Inc.'s closing price on the NASDAQ National Market on September 16, 2008.
- (4) 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 Mr. Simone's restricted unit award agreement.
- (5) Reflects the settlement of restricted stock units granted on September 16, 2008, which vested on the date of grant.

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