STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4

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1(b).

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

12/06/2008

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Shamber Mark Issuer Symbol UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC (Check all applicable) [UNFI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS. 12/06/2008 Vice President and CFO INC., 260 LAKE ROAD (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DAYVILLE, CT 06241 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) **Following** (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Code V Amount

1,800

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Reported

17,100

1,974

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(1)

Footnote

(A)

or

(D)

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Price

\$0

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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 action of Derivative Securities 8) 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
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	12/06/2008		M	1,8	800	12/06/2008	12/06/2011	Common Stock	1,800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Vice President and CFO

Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon (Power of Attorney, in fact) 12/10/2008

**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).
- Includes (i) the equivalent of 542 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 9, 2008 and (ii) 1,432 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Shamber under the United
 Natural Foods, Inc Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 9, 2008.

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