STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ATWOOD DANIEL V			Symbol	Name and Ticker or Trading NATURAL FOODS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			[UNFI]			(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
260 LAKE RD			09/11/20	009	•	EVP, Chief Marketing Officer			
	(Street)			ndment, Date Original th/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(CheckApplicable Line)_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DAYVILLE	, CT 06241				1	Form filed by Person	More than One Re	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y	Year) Execu	eemed ation Date, if th/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) of Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and (A) or Code V Amount (D)	or S))	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					1	142,783	D		
Common Stock					2	49,048	I	See footnote (5)	
Restricted Common Stock					(6,300 (6)	D		

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities 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) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.3 (3)	09/11/2009		A	4,000	<u>(1)</u>	09/11/2019	Common Stock	4,000
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	09/11/2009		A	4,800	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	4,800
Phantom Stock	<u>(7)</u>					<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	1,575

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ATWOOD DANIEL V 260 LAKE RD DAYVILLE, CT 06241

EVP, Chief Marketing Officer

Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,

in fact 09/15/2009

**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) The stock option vests and becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) 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. Atwood's restricted unit award agreement.

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- (3) United Natural Foods, Inc.'s closing price on the NASDAQ National Market on September 11, 2009.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (5) Includes 49,048 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Atwood under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of September 14, 2009.
- (6) The shares vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (7) The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis subject to the terms of the United Natural Foods, Inc. Deferred Stock Plan.
- (8) Total of all phantom stock held by the reporting person in the United Natural Foods, Inc. Deferred Stock Plan.

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