

BARKER GORDON D  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |          |   |   |
|---|---------|----------|---|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><b>BARKER GORDON D</b> |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC [UNFI]</b> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)  |
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>12/06/2009</b>                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)                   |
| 313 IRON HORSE WAY<br><br>(Street)                                  |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| PROVIDENCE, RI 02908<br><br>(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) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)            | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>          | 12/06/2009       | M          |  |      |   | 1,064 |     | <sup>(2)</sup>   | <sup>(2)</sup>  | Common Stock | 1,064                      |
| Phantom Stock         | \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>          | 12/06/2009       | A          |  |      |   | 1,064 |     | <sup>(3)</sup>   | <sup>(3)</sup>  | Common Stock | 1,064                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BARKER GORDON D<br>313 IRON HORSE WAY<br>PROVIDENCE, RI 02908 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,  
in fact

12/08/2009

\_\_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) 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. Barker's restricted stock unit award agreement.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest as follows: one-third vests on the date of grant, December 6, 2007, and the remaining two-thirds of the award vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Total of all phantom stock held by the reporting person in the United Natural Foods, Inc. Deferred Stock Plan.

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