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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(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 Matthews David Allen Issuer Symbol UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC (Check all applicable) [UNFI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 313 IRON HORSE WAY 09/10/2010 Eastern Region President (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 PROVIDENCE, RI 02908 Person

| (City)                               | (State) (Z                           | Zip) Table                        | I - Non-De | erivative Securities Acc                       | quired, Disposed o   | of, or Beneficial                      | ly Owned                         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|--|--|--|----------------------------------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | Code       | 4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially                           | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
|                                      |                                      | (Month/Day/Year)                  | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A)  or                   | Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4)             | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)          |
| Common<br>Stock                      |                                      |                                   | Code V     | Amount (D) Price                               | 1,525  | D                                      |                                  |
| Common<br>Stock                      |                                      |                                   |            |  | 70   | I                                      | See footnote (1)                 |

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 Conversion or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security |             | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 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) (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit  | (2)         | 09/10/2010                           |   | A   | 8,530   | <u>(3)</u>   | (3)             | Common<br>Stock   | 8,530                                  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                                      | \$ 33.9 (4) | 09/10/2010                           |   | A   | 6,400   | <u>(5)</u>   | 09/10/2020      | Common<br>Stock   | 6,400                                  |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Matthews David Allen 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

Eastern Region President

#### **Signatures**

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,

in fact 09/14/2010

\*\*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) Represents shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) Plan's UNFI Stock Fund as of September 14, 2010.
- (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 the reporting person's restricted stock unit agreement.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (4) United Natural Foods, Inc.'s closing price on the NASDAQ National Market on September 10, 2010.
- (5) The stock options vest and becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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