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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> SMITH CRAIG HARDER			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)		³ 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC [UNFI]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/16/2010		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O UNFI,Â WAY	313 IRON	HORSE			(Chec	k all applicable))	The (wond by) Teal)	
	(Street)				Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting	
PROVIDENCE, X1 02908				Eastern Region President			Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Table I - N	lon-Deriva	tive Securiti	ies Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity			2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr	*	
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities ber owned directly or indirectly.				irities benefici	ally	SEC 1473 (7-02	2)		
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T	able II - Deri	vative Secur	ities Beneficia	lly Owned (e.	g., puts, calls	s, warrants, opt	tions, c	onvertible securities)	
1 Title of Deriv	vative	2 Date Ex	ercisable and	3 Ti	tle and Amou	nt of 4		5 6 Nature of Indirect	

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Security	Expiration Date		Securities Une	derlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Se	curity	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	
						(I)	

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					(Ins	str. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	12/14/2011 <u>(1)</u>	12/14/2020	Common Stock	5,490	\$ 36.61 (<u>2</u>)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit	(<u>3)</u>	(<u>3)</u>	Common Stock	7,320	\$ 0 <u>(4)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	s Relationships						
I B	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SMITH CRAIG HARDER C/O UNFI 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, X1 02908	Â	Â	Eastern Region President	Â			
Signatures							
Lisa N'Chonon (Power of Attorney, in fact)		12/	17/2010				

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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Date

- (1) The stock options vest and becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on December 14, 2011, the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) United Natural Foods, Inc.'s closing price on the NASDAQ National Market on December 14, 2010, the date of the grant.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest in four equal installments beginning on December 14, 2011, the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (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 the reporting person's restricted stock unit agreement.

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