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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 * SMITH CRAIG HARDER			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC [UNFI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) C/O UNITEI INC., 313 IR		*	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2017	Director 10% Owner Net of title Other (specify below) SVP, Fresh Sales		
PROVIDENC	(Street) CE, RI 0290	08	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State) 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/12/2017		M	1,500	A	\$ 37.82	14,871	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2017		S	6,253	D	\$ 49.59 (1)	8,618	D	
Common Stock							161	I	See footnote (2)

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. Transaction 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)	\$ 37.82 (3)	12/12/2017		M	1,500	<u>(4)</u>	09/12/2021(4)	Common Stock	1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH CRAIG HARDER C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

SVP, Fresh Sales

Signatures

Joseph McGrail, Power-of-Attorney, in fact 12/14/2017

**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).

The transaction price listed is a weighted average. Actual sale prices for these dispositions ranged from \$49.45 to \$49.63. The reporting person undertakes to provide United Natural Foods, Inc., any security holder of United Natural Foods, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

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Includes 161 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) Plan's UNFI Stock Fund as of December 12, 2017.

- (3) United Natural Foods, Inc.'s closing price on the NASDAQ National Market on September 12, 2011.
- (4) The stock options vest and becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant and expire on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant.

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