#### UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4

September 18, 2015

# FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH CRAIG HARDER |            |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  |  |  |
|--|------------|----------|---|---|--|--|--|
|  |            |          | UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC [UNFI]                     | (Check all applicable)  |  |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First)    | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner Superior Other (specification) Other (specification)                       |  |  |  |
| C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY           |            |          | 09/16/2015  | SVP, National Sales & Service 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check                       |  |  |  |
| (Street)   |            |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original                      |   |  |  |  |
| PROVIDEN   | CE DI 0200 | าง       | Filed(Month/Day/Year)                               | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting |  |  |  |
|  | ,          |          |   | Person  |  |  |  |
| (City)   | (State)    | (Zin)    |   |   |  |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Table   | e I - Non-D                            | erivative                             | Secur                        | ities Acqu  | uired, Disposed of   | f, or Beneficial   | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securi<br>on(A) or D<br>(Instr. 3, | ispose<br>4 and<br>(A)<br>or | d of (D)    | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/16/2015                              |   | M                                      | 1,000                                 | A                            | \$ 0 (1)    | 4,400  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/16/2015                              |   | F(2)                                   | 332                                   | D                            | \$<br>50.19 | 4,068  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |   |  |                                       |                              |             | 143  | I  | See footnote (3)  |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securitie<br>Acquire<br>Dispose | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and |                     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|--|-----------------|---|--|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                | (A)                             | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date                                       | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                              |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit                            | <u>(4)</u>  | 09/16/2015                              |   | M                                     |                                 | 1,000   | <u>(5)</u>          | <u>(5)</u>   | Common<br>Stock | 1,000   |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit                            | <u>(4)</u>  | 09/17/2015                              |   | A                                     | 5,330                           |   | <u>(5)</u>          | <u>(5)</u>   | Common<br>Stock | 5,330   |  |

## **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, National Sales & Service

### **Signatures**

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,

in fact 09/18/2015

\*\*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) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis. Accordingly, there was no purchase price paid by the reporting person.
- On September 16, 2015, 1,000 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested. The Company retained 332 shares on that date to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting.
- (3) Represents 143 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of September 16, 2015.
- (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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(5) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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