#### UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Griffin Sean			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY		FOODS,	[UNFI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/16/2016	Director 10% Owner Selow) Other (specify below) Chief Operating Officer			
PROVIDENC	(Street)	ł.	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			

#### PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

Table I. Non-Derivative	Securities Acquired	Disposed of or	Reneficially Owned

Person

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	09/16/2016		M	1,008	A	\$ 0 (1)	11,955	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2016		F(2)	344	D	\$ 38.7	11,611	D	
Common Stock	09/17/2016		M	936	A	\$ 0 (1)	12,547	D	
Common Stock	09/17/2016		F(3)	380	D	\$ 38.7	12,167	D	
Common Stock							1,675	I	See footnote (4)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	09/16/2016		M		1,008	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	1,008
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	09/16/2016		D		336	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	336
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	09/16/2016		A(2)	336		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	336
Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	09/17/2016		M		936	(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	936
Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	09/17/2016		D		2,806	(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	2,806
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	09/17/2016		A(3)	2,806		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	2,806

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Griffin Sean

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC.

313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908 **Chief Operating Officer** 

**Signatures** 

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,

in fact 09/20/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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### **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, 2016, 1,344 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested, 25% of which the reporting person had previously elected to defer to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan. The Company retained 344 shares on that date to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting.
- On September 17, 2016, 3,742 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested, 75% of which the reporting person had previously elected to defer to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan. The Company retained 380 shares on that date to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting.
- (4) Includes 1,675 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 15, 2016.
- (5) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (6) The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis subject to the terms of the United Natural Foods, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan.

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