

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 ATWOOD DANIEL V

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) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/13/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Chief Marketing Officer

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC, 260 LAKE ROAD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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DAYVILLE, CT 06241

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	10/13/2006		M		2,000	A	\$ 7.75 128,906	D
Common Stock	10/13/2006		M		50,000	A	\$ 11.4 178,906	D
Common Stock	10/13/2006		S		43,230	D	\$ 33.027 135,676 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock							47,861	I

See footnote (2)

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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)	\$ 7.75	10/13/2006		M	2,000	12/06/2004	12/06/2010	Common Stock	2,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.4	10/13/2006		M	50,000	12/03/2005	12/03/2011	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ATWOOD DANIEL V C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC 260 LAKE ROAD DAYVILLE, CT 06241			EVP, Chief Marketing Officer	

Signatures

Daniel V. Atwood 10/17/2006

__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 (i) 127,276 shares of common stock owned by Mr. Atwood and (ii) 8,400 shares of restricted stock vesting in four equal installments beginning on December 8, 2006.
- (2) Includes 47,861 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Atwood under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of October 13, 2006.

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