UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

See Instruction

subject to

Section 16.

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

FUNK MICHAEL S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

President and CEO

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

[UNFI]

(Month/Day/Year)

09/16/2008

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS. INC., 260 LAKE RD

(First)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

_X__ Director

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

DAYVILLE, CT 06241

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	, ,	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 24.54	09/16/2008		A	22,500	<u>(2)</u>	09/16/2018	Common Stock	22,500	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(4)</u>	09/16/2008		A	27,000	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	27,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
-	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
FUNK MICHAEL S C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. 260 LAKE RD DAYVILLE, CT 06241	X		President and CEO			

Signatures

/s/ Lisa N'Chonon, (Power of attorney, 09/18/2008 in fact)

**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) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) The stock option vests and becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) United Natural Foods, Inc.'s closing price on the NASDAQ National Market on September 16, 2008.
- (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 Mr. Funk's restricted unit award agreement.

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