

STERN JOHN ANDREW
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FORM 4

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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 *
STERN JOHN ANDREW

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)
313 IRON HORSE WAY
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/07/2010

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

PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/07/2010 | | M | 1,200 A \$ 0 | 3,202 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/07/2010 | | F | 491 D \$ 27.53 (3) | 2,711 | D | |

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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/07/2010 | | M | 1,200 | ⁽²⁾ / ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock | 1,200 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STERN JOHN ANDREW 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908 | | | SVP, Chief Information Officer | |

Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,
in fact
01/08/2010

**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) 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. Stern's restricted unit award agreement.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 7, 2009, the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) On January 7, 2010, 1,200 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested. In connection with the vesting of those shares, the Company retained 491 shares on January 7, 2010 to satisfy the related tax withholding obligations.

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