

Shamber Mark  
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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 \*  
Shamber Mark

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)  
260 LAKE ROAD, P.O. BOX 999  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/27/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP and Chief Financial Officer

DAYVILLE, CT 06241

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price                                         |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 12/27/2006                           |                                                    | M                              | 3,750 A \$ 18.655                                                 | 18,150                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 12/27/2006                           |                                                    | M                              | 5,000 A \$ 28.14                                                  | 23,150                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 12/27/2006                           |                                                    | S                              | 7,250 D \$ 37                                                     | 15,900                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 12/27/2006                           |                                                    | S                              | 1,500 D \$ 37.08                                                  | 14,400 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                         | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 420 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                            | I                                                        | See Footnote                                          |

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Common Stock 765 <sup>(3)</sup> I See Footnote

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 18.655                                              | 12/27/2006                           |                                                    | M                              | 3,750                                                                                   | 12/03/2006 12/03/2013                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 3,750                      |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 28.14                                               | 12/27/2006                           |                                                    | M                              | 5,000                                                                                   | 12/01/2004 12/01/2014                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 5,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                     | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Shamber Mark<br>260 LAKE ROAD<br>P.O. BOX 999<br>DAYVILLE, CT 06241 |               |           | VP and Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

Mark E.  
Shamber

12/29/2006

\_\_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).  
Represents (i) 3,600 shares of restricted common stock vesting in four equal installments beginning on December 8, 2006 and (ii) 3,600 shares of restricted common stock vesting in four equal installments beginning on January 27, 2007, (iii) 7,200 shares of restricted common stock vesting in four equal installments beginning on December 7, 2007.
- (1) Includes the equivalent of 420 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Shamber under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) plan's UNFI Company Stock Fund. The number of equivalent shares is calculated based on the closing price of UNFI common stock on The NASDAQ National Market on December 27, 2006.
- (2) Includes 765 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Shamber under the United Natural Foods, Inc Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 27, 2006.
- (3)

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