

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC
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**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 *
 DZIKI THOMAS A

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
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/06/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP Sustainable Development

DAYVILLE, CT 06241

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | 12/06/2008 | | M | | 900 | A | \$ 0 6,900 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2008 | | F | | 568 | <u>D</u> (1) | \$ 17 6,332 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2008 | | F | | 284 | <u>D</u> (1) | \$ 17.4 6,048 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 3,177 | I See footnote (2) |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 12/06/2006 | | M | 900 | 12/06/2008 12/06/2011 | Common Stock | 900 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DZIKI THOMAS A 260 LAKE ROAD DAYVILLE, CT 06241 | | | VP Sustainable Development | |

Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon (Power of Attorney, in fact) 12/10/2008

**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).

On December 6, 2008, December 7, 2008 and December 8, 2008, an aggregate of 2700 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the Company) restricted common stock and restricted stock units vested. On December 8, 2008, the Company retained 852 shares to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of such shares.

(1) Includes 1,694 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Dziki under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 9, 2008 and 1,483 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Dziki under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) plan's UNFI Unitized Stock Fund. The price is based on the closing price of UNFI common stock on The Nasdaq National Market on December 9, 2008.

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