UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HEFFERNAN JAMES P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

Symbol

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

(Check all applicable)

[UNFI]

(Last)

(City)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS.

(Street)

(State)

(First)

INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

09/15/2016

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

\$0

(1)

Common Stock

09/15/2016

2,985 M

18,449

D

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)

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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 ionDerivative 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
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	09/15/2016		A	5,970		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	5,970
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(2)</u>	09/15/2016		M		2,985	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	2,985

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
200 por 100 grant 1 100 grant 2000	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HEFFERNAN JAMES P						
C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC.	X					
313 IRON HORSE WAY	Λ					
PROVIDENCE, RI 02908						

Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney, in fact

09/16/2016

**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) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis. Accordingly, there was no purchase price paid by the reporting person.
- (2) 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 the reporting person's restricted stock unit agreement.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest as follows: one-half vests on the date of grant and the remaining one-half vests on the 6 month anniversary of the date of grant.

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