STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4

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(Last)

(City)

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SMITH CRAIG HARDER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC
[UNFI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction _____ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

___ Form filed by More than One Reporting

PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

(First)

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS.

INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY

(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of

1. Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Common Stock 5,338 D

Common Stock 161 I See footnote $\frac{(1)}{2}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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. P Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(2)</u>	09/15/2016		A	7,150	<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	7,150	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH CRAIG HARDER C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

SVP, Fresh Sales

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) Includes 161 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) Plan's UNFI Stock Fund as of September 15, 2016.
- (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 in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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