

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 *
 ATWOOD DANIEL V

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 RD
 (Street)

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

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

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	2,100 A \$ 0	146,176	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2008		F	1,322 <u>D</u> ₍₁₎ \$ 17	144,854	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2008		F	496 <u>D</u> ₍₁₎ \$ 17.4	144,358	D	
Common Stock					49,048	I	See footnote <u>(2)</u>

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
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	12/06/2006		M	1,800	12/06/2008 12/06/2011	Common Stock	1,800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ATWOOD DANIEL V 260 LAKE RD DAYVILLE, CT 06241			EVP, Chief Marketing Officer	

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).

(1) On December 6, 2008, December 7, 2008 and December 8, 2008, an aggregate of 6,300 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted common stock and restricted stock units vested. On December 8, 2008, the Company retained 1,818 shares to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of such shares.

(2) Includes 49,048 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Atwood under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 9, 2008.

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