

STERN JOHN ANDREW  
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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 \*  
STERN JOHN ANDREW

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)

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

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

SVP, Chief Information Officer

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

(Street)  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |                |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |                |
| Common Stock                    | 09/10/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 1,954   | A  | \$ 0 8,173                        | D              |
| Common Stock                    | 09/10/2011                           |  | F <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 638   | D  | \$ 37.95 7,535                    | D              |
| Common Stock                    | 09/11/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 1,548   | A  | \$ 0 9,083                        | D              |
| Common Stock                    | 09/11/2011                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 831   | D  | \$ 37.95 8,252                    | D              |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 441                               | I See footnote |

(3)

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                      | (4)  | 09/10/2011                           |  | M                              | 1,954   | (5) (5)  | Common Stock  | 1,954                         |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | (4)  | 09/10/2011                           |  | D                              | 218   | (5) (5)  | Common Stock  | 218                           |
| Phantom Stock                              | (6)  | 09/10/2011                           |  | A(1)                           | 218   | (6) (6)  | Common Stock  | 218                           |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | (4)  | 09/11/2011                           |  | M                              | 2,546   | (5) (5)  | Common Stock  | 2,546                         |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | (4)  | 09/11/2011                           |  | D                              | 283   | (5) (5)  | Common Stock  | 283                           |
| Phantom Stock                              | (6)  | 09/11/2011                           |  | A(2)                           | 283   | (6) (6)  | Common Stock  | 283                           |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

STERN JOHN ANDREW  
C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC.  
313 IRON HORSE WAY  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

SVP, Chief Information Officer

## Signatures

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

09/13/2011

\_\_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 September 10, 2011, 2,172 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested. Of these shares, the reporting person had previously elected to defer 218 shares to the Company's Deferred Stock Plan. The Company retained 638 shares on September 10, 2011 to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of such shares.

(2) On September 11, 2011, 2,829 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested. Of these shares, the reporting person had previously elected to defer 283 shares to the Company's Deferred Stock Plan. The Company retained 831 shares on September 11, 2011 to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of such shares.

(3) Represents 441 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of September 12, 2011.

(4) 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.

(5) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

(6) The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis subject to the terms of the United Natural Foods, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan.

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