

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
SCHNIEDERS RICHARD J

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)  
C/O UNFI, 313 IRON HORSE WAY  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/12/2012

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

PROVIDENCE, RI 02908  
(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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/12/2012		M		1,064 A \$ 0	1,064	D	

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)**

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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 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	(1)	03/12/2012		A	3,192	(2) (2)	Common Stock	3,192
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	03/12/2012		M	1,064	(2) (2)	Common Stock	1,064
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.77 (3)	03/12/2012		A	2,660	(4) 03/12/2022	Common Stock	2,660

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHNIEDERS RICHARD J C/O UNFI 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908		X		

## Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,  
in-fact 03/13/2012

\*\*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) 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.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest 1/3 immediately, with the remaining 2/3 vesting in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) Closing price of United Natural Foods, Inc. on the NASDAQ National Market on March 12, 2012.
- (4) The stock options vest and become exercisable as follows: 1/3 immediately, with the remaining 2/3 in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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