

BARKER GORDON D  
 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 \*  
 BARKER GORDON D

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 UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC., 260 LAKE ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/16/2008

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

DAYVILLE, CT 06241

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

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V | Amount |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/16/2008                           |  | A                              |   |   | 1,596  | \$ 0  | 7,980  | D                                 |
| Restricted Common Stock         |                                      |  |                                |   |   |        |   | 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)

| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 24.54   | 09/16/2008                           |  | A                              | 3,990   | (2) 09/16/2018   | Common Stock 3,990  |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | (4)  | 09/16/2008                           |  | A                              | 4,788   | (1) (1)  | Common Stock 4,788  |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | (4)  | 09/16/2008                           |  | M                              | 1,596 (5)   | (1) (1)  | Common Stock 1,596  |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BARKER GORDON D  
C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC.  
260 LAKE ROAD  
DAYVILLE, CT 06241

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## Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon (Power of Attorney, in fact)

09/18/2008

\*\*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) The restricted stock units vest as follows: one-third vested on the date of grant and the remaining two-thirds of the award vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

(2) The stock option vests as follows: one-third vests immediately and the remaining stock options become exercisable in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

(3) United Natural Foods, Inc.'s closing price on the NASDAQ National Market on September 16, 2008.

(4)

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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 Mr. Barker's restricted unit award agreement.

(5) Reflects the settlement of restricted stock units granted on September 16, 2008, which vested on the date of grant.

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