

STERN JOHN ANDREW  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**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 \*  
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)  
313 IRON HORSE WAY  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/10/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, Chief Information Officer

PROVIDENCE, RI 02908  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/11/2010		M	2,546 A \$ 0	5,257	D	
Common Stock	09/11/2010		F	908 <u>D</u> (6) \$ 0	4,349	D	
Common Stock					183	I	See footnote (1)

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)	
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Title
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	09/10/2010		A		8,690		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	8,690
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.9 (4)	09/10/2010		A		6,520		(5)	09/10/2020	Common Stock	6,520
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	09/11/2010		M		2,546		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	2,546
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	09/11/2010		D		283		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	283
Phantom Stock	(7)	09/11/2010		A		283		(7)	(7)	Common Stock	283

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

STERN JOHN ANDREW  
313 IRON HORSE WAY  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

SVP, Chief Information Officer

## Signatures

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in fact

09/14/2010

\*\*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).

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- (1) Includes 183 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of September 14, 2010.
- (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.
- (4) United Natural Foods, Inc.'s closing price on the NASDAQ National Market on September 10, 2010.
- (5) The stock options vest and becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.  
On September 11, 2010, 2,829 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested, of which 283 were deferred to the United Natural Foods, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan. The Company retained 908 shares on September 11, 2010 to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of such shares.
- (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.
- (7)

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