

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC  
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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 \*  
**TOWNSEND STEVEN H**

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)  
**04/12/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President, CEO, COB**

**DAYVILLE, CT 06241**

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	04/12/2005		M			22,576	A	\$ 11.4	78,158	D	
Common Stock	04/12/2005		S			22,576	D	\$ 28.001	55,582	D	
Common Stock	04/12/2005		M			17,788	A	\$ 12.55	73,370	D	
Common Stock	04/12/2005		S			17,788	D	\$ 28.001	55,582	D	
Common Stock	04/13/2005		M			4,651	A	\$ 12.55	60,233	D	

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Common Stock	04/13/2005	S	4,651	D	\$ 28.0234	55,582	D	
Common Stock						28,220	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.4	04/12/2005		M	22,576	12/03/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/03/2011	Common Stock	22,576
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.55	04/12/2005		M	17,788	12/03/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/03/2012	Common Stock	17,788
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.55	04/13/2005		M	4,651	12/03/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/03/2012	Common Stock	4,651

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
	X		President, CEO, COB	

TOWNSEND STEVEN H  
C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC  
260 LAKE ROAD  
DAYVILLE, CT 06241

## Signatures

Mark Shamber (power-of-attorney,  
in fact)

04/14/2005

\_\_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) Includes 2,929 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Townsend under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of April 12, 2005.
- (2) The employee stock option is exercisable in four equal installments commencing on the first anniversary date of the grant.

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