

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC  
 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 \*  
 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)

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

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

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC, 260 LAKE ROAD

04/14/2005

President, CEO, COB

(Street)

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

DAYVILLE, CT 06241

(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 or Price		
Common Stock	04/14/2005		M		5,248 A \$ 12.55	60,830	D
Common Stock	04/14/2005		S		5,248 D \$ 27.5345	55,582	D
Common Stock	04/15/2005		M		4,513 A \$ 12.55	60,095	D
Common Stock	04/15/2005		S		4,513 D \$ 27.123	55,582	D
Common Stock	04/15/2005		M		4,612 A \$ 7.75	60,194	D

Common Stock	28,220	I	See footnote (1)
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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.55	04/14/2005		M	5,248	12/03/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/03/2012	Common Stock	5,248
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.55	04/15/2005		M	4,513	12/03/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/03/2012	Common Stock	4,513
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.75	04/15/2005		M	4,612	12/06/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/06/2010	Common Stock	4,612

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TOWNSEND STEVEN H C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC	X		President, CEO, COB	

260 LAKE ROAD  
DAYVILLE, CT 06241

## Signatures

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

04/18/2005

\_\_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).

Includes (i) 2,929 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Townsend under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership

(1) Plan as of December 31, 2004, (ii) 1,709 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Townsend under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) plan's UNFI Stock Fund as of April 18, 2005 and (iii) 23,582 shares of common stock owned by Mr. Townsend's wife and children.

(2) The employee stock option is exercisable in four equal installments commencing on the first anniversary date of the grant.

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