

Traficanti Joseph J  
 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 \*  
 Traficanti Joseph 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)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP, General Counsel, CCO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY  
 (Street)  
 PROVIDENCE, RI 02908  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/13/2012  
 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

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,552   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 466   | I  | See footnote <sup>(1)</sup>       |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | 09/13/2012                           |  | A                              | 3,510   | <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>                            | Common Stock  | 3,510                         |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 58.98 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 09/13/2012                           |  | A                              | 8,880   | <sup>(5)</sup> 09/13/2022                                | Common Stock  | 8,880                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| Traficanti Joseph J<br>C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC.<br>313 IRON HORSE WAY<br>PROVIDENCE, RI 02908 |               |           | SVP, General Counsel, CCO |       |

## Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,  
in-fact 09/17/2012

\*\*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).
- Includes 208 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and 258 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) Plan's UNFI Stock Fund as of September 17, 2012.
- (1) Plan and 258 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) Plan's UNFI Stock Fund as of September 17, 2012.
  - (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 13, 2017.

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(5) The stock options vest and becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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