

TOWNSEND STEVEN H

Form 4

April 12, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
04/08/2005

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

DAYVILLE, CT 06241

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/08/2005		M	3,908	A \$ 11.4	3,908	D
Common Stock	04/08/2005		S	3,908	D \$ 29.0617	0	D
Common Stock						2,929	I
							See footnote (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.4	04/08/2005		M	3,908	12/03/2004 ⁽²⁾ 12/03/2011	Common Stock 3,908

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TOWNSEND STEVEN H C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC 260 LAKE ROAD DAYVILLE, CT 06241	X		President, CEO, COB	

Signatures

Steven H. Townsend 04/12/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(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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