

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)
02/28/2006

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Former President, CEO & COB

DAYVILLE, CT 06241

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/28/2006		M		220,000 A \$ 28.14	228,395	D
Common Stock	02/28/2006		S		220,000 D \$ 33.2449	28,395	D
Common Stock						28,395	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.14	02/28/2006		M	220,000	10/21/2005	03/31/2006	Common Stock	220,000

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

Former President, CEO & COB

Signatures

Mark Shamber, power-of-attorney in fact

03/02/2006

**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) 3,380 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Townsend under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership

(1) Plan as of March 1, 2006, (ii) 1,433 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Townsend under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) plan's UNFI Stock Fund as of March 1, 2006 and (iii) 23,582 shares of common stock owned by Mr. Townsend's wife and children.

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