

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC, 260 LAKE ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/06/2005

DAYVILLE, CT 06241

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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		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)			
Common Stock	04/06/2005		M		20,388	A	\$ 7.75	20,388	D
Common Stock	04/06/2005		S		20,388	D	\$ 29.08	0	D
Common Stock	04/06/2005		M		15,000	A	\$ 11.4	15,000	D
Common Stock	04/06/2005		S		15,000	D	\$ 29.08	0	D
Common Stock	04/07/2005		M		33,516	A	\$ 11.4	33,516	D

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Common Stock	04/07/2005	S	33,516	D	\$ 29	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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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)	\$ 7.75	04/06/2005		M	20,388	12/06/2004 ⁽²⁾ 12/06/2010	Common Stock	20,388
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.4	04/06/2005		M	15,000	12/03/2004 ⁽²⁾ 12/03/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.4	04/07/2005		M	33,516	12/03/2004 ⁽²⁾ 12/03/2011	Common Stock	33,516

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

Rick Puckett (Power-of-attorney,
in fact)

04/08/2005

__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 8, 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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