

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 CIANCIOLO JOSEPH M

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., 313 IRON HORSE WAY

09/12/2011

(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

PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

(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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	2,000	I	See footnote <sup>(6)</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)**

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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
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	09/12/2011		A	3,192	(2) (2)	Common Stock	3,192
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	09/12/2011		D	1,064	(2) (2)	Common Stock	1,064
Phantom Stock	(3)	09/12/2011		A	1,064	(3) (3)	Common Stock	1,064
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.82 (4)	09/12/2011		A	2,660	(5) 09/12/2021	Common Stock	2,660

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CIANCIOLO JOSEPH M C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908	X			

## Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,  
in-fact 09/14/2011

\*\*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) 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.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest 1/3 immediately, with the remaining 2/3 vesting in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis subject to the terms of the United Natural Foods, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan.

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- (4) United Natural Foods, Inc.'s closing price on the NASDAQ National Market on September 12, 2011.
- (5) The stock options vest and becomes exercisable as follows: 1/3 immediately, with the remainder in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (6) Shares held in an individual retirement account.

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