

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC  
 Form 4  
 December 21, 2010

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

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287  
 Expires: January 31, 2015  
 Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 SIMONE THOMAS B

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)  
 313 IRON HORSE WAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/16/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

PROVIDENCE, RI 02908  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	12/17/2010		M		26,600	A	\$ 28.14	26,600	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2010		M		9,000	A	\$ 24.54	35,600	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2010		M		3,080	A	\$ 24.3	38,680	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2010		S		38,680	D	\$ 37.3169 (6)	0	D	
Common Stock								11,000	I	See footnote

(7)

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

**Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.**

SEC 1474  
(9-02)

**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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	12/16/2010		D <sup>(4)</sup>	1,599	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	1,599
Phantom Stock	<u>(3)</u>	12/16/2010		A	1,599	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	1,599
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 28.14	12/17/2010		M	26,600	<u>(8)</u>	12/01/2014 <sup>(8)</sup>	Common Stock	26,600
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 24.54	12/17/2010		M	9,000	<u>(8)</u>	09/16/2018 <sup>(8)</sup>	Common Stock	9,000
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 24.3	12/17/2010		M	3,080	<u>(5)</u>	09/11/2019 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	3,080

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIMONE THOMAS B 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908		X		

## Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,  
in fact

12/21/2010

\_\_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 vesting of the last tranch of Mr. Simone's restricted stock units granted on September 11, 2009 were accelerated upon his retirement from our Board of Directors on December 16, 2010.
  - (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 and United Natural Foods, Inc. Deferred Stock Plan.
  - (4) Mr. Simone had previously elected to defer 100% of any restricted stock units granted during 2009 to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan upon vesting.  
  
The stock options normally vest and become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant, and expire on
  - (5) the tenth anniversary of the date of grant. The vesting of the last tranch of Mr. Simone's stock options granted on September 11, 2009 were accelerated upon his retirement from our Board of Directors on December 16, 2010.
  - (6) The transaction price listed is a weighted average. Actual sale prices for these dispositions ranged from \$37.230 to \$37.430.
  - (7) Shares held by the Thomas B. Simone and Shirley A. Simone 1990 Family Trust Agreement.
  - (8) The stock options vest and become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant, and expire on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.