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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad SANCHEZ I		rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	UNITED NATURAL F [UNFI]			(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify		
C/O UNITEI INC., 260 LA		•	01/04/2005	below) below) Vice President Human Resources		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
DAYVILLE,	CT 06241		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
		(7:)		Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

(,)	()	Tabl	e I - Non-L	Jerivative	Secui	rities Acqu	irea, Disposea of	, or Beneficiali	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Or Beneficially For Owned (Exported (Intransaction(s))	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/04/2005		M	1,250	A	\$ 16.35	1,250	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2005		M	4,264	A	\$ 18.655	5,514	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2005		S	5,514	D	\$ 29.75	0	D	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.35	01/04/2005		M	1,250	10/06/2004(1)	10/06/2013	Common Stock	1,250
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.655	01/04/2005		M	4,264	12/03/2004(1)	12/03/2013	Common Stock	4,264

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SANCHEZ D ANN C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. 260 LAKE ROAD DAYVILLE, CT 06241			Vice President Human Resources				

Signatures

Di Ann Sanchez 01/05/2005

**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) The employee stock option is exercisable in four equal installments commencing on the first 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.

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