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FORM 3	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION	OMB A	PPROVAL	
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	INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES		January 31, 2005	
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Shamber Mark		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC [UNFI]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/01/2005	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
260 LAKE ROAD, P.O. BOX 999				(Check all applicable)			· · ·	
(Street) DAYVILLE, CT 06241				Director 10% Owner X_Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) VP and Corporate Controller			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	tive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owner (Instr.	-	
Common St	ock		216		Ι	By 40	01(k) Plan	
Reminder: Rep owned directly	-		ch class of securities benefic	^{ially} S	EC 1473 (7-02))		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
		THE	Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	06/23/2005	06/23/2013	Common Stock	3,750	\$ 13.73	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	06/23/2013	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 13.73	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	12/03/2013	Common Stock	11,250	\$ 18.655	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(<u>3)</u>	12/01/2014	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 28.14	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addres	Relationships						
r U	Director	Director 10% Owner Officer		Other			
Shamber Mark 260 LAKE ROAD P.O. BOX 999 DAYVILLE, CT 06241	Â	Â	VP and Corporate Controller	Â			
Signatures							
Mark E. 08 Shamber 08	3/09/2005						

Reporting Person
Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

Date

- ** 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 vests in two equal annual installments commencing on June 23, 2006.
- (2) The employee stock option vests in three equal annual installments commencing on December 3, 2005.
- The employee stock options were granted under the Company's 1996 Stock Option Plan on December 1, 2004, and vest immediately.
- (3) Shares of common stock obtained through the exercise of options under this grant become eligible to be sold in four equal annual installments, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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