UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

Form 4 April 18, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TOWNSEND STEVEN H

(First)

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC

[UNFI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/14/2005

INC, 260 LAKE ROAD (Street)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

below)

X Director

X_ Officer (give title

DAYVILLE, CT 06241

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(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	04/14/2005		M	5,248	A	\$ 12.55	60,830	D	
Common Stock	04/14/2005		S	5,248	D	\$ 27.5345	55,582	D	
Common Stock	04/15/2005		M	4,513	A	\$ 12.55	60,095	D	
Common Stock	04/15/2005		S	4,513	D	\$ 27.123	55,582	D	
Common Stock	04/15/2005		M	4,612	A	\$ 7.75	60,194	D	

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

President, CEO, COB

10% Owner

Other (specify

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Common			See
Stock	28,220	I	footnote
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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)	Secu Acq (A) (Disp (D)	urities uired or oosed of er. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.55	04/14/2005		M		5,248	12/03/2004(2)	12/03/2012	Common Stock	5,248
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.55	04/15/2005		M		4,513	12/03/2004(2)	12/03/2012	Common Stock	4,513
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.75	04/15/2005		M		4,612	12/06/2004(2)	12/06/2010	Common Stock	4,612

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
TOWNSEND STEVEN H	X		President, CEO, COB				
C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC							

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260 LAKE ROAD DAYVILLE, CT 06241

Signatures

Mark Shamber (power-of-attorney, in fact) 04/18/2005

**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).
 - Includes (i) 2,929 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Townsend under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership
- (1) Plan as of December 31, 2004, (ii) 1,709 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Townsend under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) plan's UNFI Stock Fund as of April 18, 2005 and (iii) 23,582 shares of common stock owned by Mr. Townsend's wife and children.
- (2) The employee stock option is exercisable in four equal installments commencing on the first anniversary date of the grant.

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