

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC
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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 *
 Traficanti Joseph J

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)
 09/10/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, General Counsel, CCO

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | | | |
| Common Stock | 09/10/2013 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 2,214 | A | \$ 0 | 3,719 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/10/2013 | | F ⁽²⁾ | 733 | D | \$ 60.31 | 2,986 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 621 | I |
| | | | | | | | | See footnote (3) |

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. 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾ | 09/10/2013 | | D | 2,415 | ⁽⁵⁾ | ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock | 2,415 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 09/10/2013 | | A ⁽⁶⁾ | 2,415 | ⁽⁷⁾ | ⁽⁷⁾ | Common Stock | 2,415 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Traficanti Joseph J
C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC.
313 IRON HORSE WAY
PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

SVP, General Counsel, CCO

Signatures

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

09/12/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) On September 10, 2013, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") reviewed the Company's total shareholder return versus a peer group and return on invested capital for fiscal 2013 (the "Performance Period") in comparison to performance targets with respect to performance units awarded to the reporting person on September 12, 2011. After reviewing the Company's financial performance in comparison to the performance targets, the Compensation Committee approved the vesting of 2,214 performance units and the resulting issuance of 2,214 shares of the Company's Common Stock to the reporting person, both of which were effective as of the last day of the Performance Period.

(2) Following the Compensation Committee's determination regarding the vesting of the performance units described in footnote 1, the Company retained 733 of the shares issuable to the reporting person to satisfy the related tax withholding obligations based on the Company's closing stock price on the last day of the Performance Period.

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- Includes 290 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and 331 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) Plan's UNFI Stock Fund as of September 9, 2013.
- (3) Plan and 331 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) Plan's UNFI Stock Fund as of September 9, 2013.
 - (4) 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 award agreement
 - (5) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
 - (6) On September 10, 2013, 2,415 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested, 100% of which the reporting person had previously selected to defer to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan.
 - (7) 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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