

Zechmeister Michael Paul
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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 *
 Zechmeister Michael Paul

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC
 [UNFI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 09/25/2017

PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/25/2017		S		11,500	D		\$ 44.06 ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	09/26/2017		A ⁽²⁾		5,015	A		\$ 0 ⁽³⁾
Common Stock	09/26/2017		F ⁽⁴⁾		1,672	D		\$ 44.39

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Zechmeister Michael Paul C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Joseph McGrail, Power-of-Attorney,
in fact 09/27/2017

**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 transaction price listed is a weighted average. Actual sale prices for these dispositions ranged from \$44.00 to \$44.26. The reporting person undertakes to provide United Natural Foods, Inc., any security holder of United Natural Foods, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(2) On September 21, 2016, the reporting person was granted 4,990 performance units eligible to vest at target levels of performance (with vesting of more or less shares possible based on actual performance) based on the extent to which certain EPS, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted ROIC and total shareholder return performance targets were met for fiscal 2017. Based upon the performance of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") against the applicable performance targets, 5,015 performance units subject to such criteria vested on September 26, 2017, resulting in the issuance of 5,015 shares of the Company's common stock to the reporting person.

(3) Performance stock units were settled in shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis. Accordingly, there was no purchase price paid by the reporting person.

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As described in footnote 2, on September 26, 2017, the reporting person became entitled to receive 5,015 shares of the Company's (4) common stock. The Company retained 1,672 shares on that date to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting.

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