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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 26, 2018

UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-15723 (Commission File Number)

05-0376157 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

313 Iron Horse Way, Providence, RI (Address of principal executive offices)

02908 (Zip Code)

(401) 528-8634

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

- x Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company O

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. O

Item 8.01 Other Events.

As previously announced, on July 25, 2018, United Natural Foods, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement) pursuant to which it has agreed to acquire SUPERVALU INC., a Delaware corporation (SUPERVALU). On July 26, 2018 the Company presented an investor presentation in connection with the Merger Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby (the Investor Presentation). A copy of the Investor Presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

In addition, on July 26, 2018 the Company held an investors call to provide additional details regarding the Merger Agreement. A copy of the call s transcript is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K (including statements incorporated by reference herein) may contain, forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The Company s and SUPERVALU s actual results may differ from their expectations, estimates and projections and consequently, you should not rely on these forward looking statements as predictions of future events. Words such as expect, estimate, project, budget, forecast, anticipate, will, might and continues, and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions with respect to future performance and anticipated financial impacts of the business combination, the satisfaction of the closing conditions to the business combination and the timing of the completion of the business combination. These forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from expected results. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated as a result of various factors, including: (1) the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement relating to the proposed business combination; (2) the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted following the announcement of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated therein; (3) the inability to complete the business combination, including due to failure to obtain approval of the shareholders of SUPERVALU or other conditions to closing in the merger agreement; (4) risks related to the financing of the transaction; (5) the risk that the business combination disrupts current plans and operations as a result of the announcement and consummation of the business combination; (6) the ability to recognize the anticipated benefits of the business combination, which may be affected by, among other things, competition, the ability of the combined company to grow and manage growth profitably and retain its key employees; (7) costs related to the business combination; (8) risks related to the disruption of the transaction to SUPERVALU and its management; (9) the effect of announcement of the transaction on SUPERVALU s ability to retain and hire key personnel and maintain relationships with customers, suppliers and other third parties; and (10) other risks and uncertainties identified in the Company s and SUPERVALU s filings with the SEC. The foregoing review of important factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included herein and elsewhere, including the Risk Factors included in the most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q and other documents of the Company and SUPERVALU on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). These SEC filings are available publicly on the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. Any forward-looking statements made or incorporated by reference in this Current Report on Form 8-K are qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements, and there can be no assurance that the anticipated results or developments will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected

consequences to, or effects on, the Company. Except to the extent required by applicable law, neither the Company nor SUPERVALU undertakes any obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise. Given these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.

Item 9.01 Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 <u>Investor Presentation dated July 26, 2018</u>
 99.2 <u>Investor Call Transcript, dated July 26, 2018</u>

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC.

By: /s/ Jill E. Sutton Name: Jill E. Sutton

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief

Compliance Officer

Date: July 26, 2018

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