



United Natural Foods to Release Fiscal 2001 Third Quarter Results on June 5, 2001

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Dayville, Connecticut – May 22, 2001 -- United Natural Foods, Inc. (Nasdaq: UNFI) today announced that it intends to release its financial results for the third quarter ended April 30, 2001 before the market opens on Tuesday, June 5, 2001. Management will conduct a conference call and audio webcast at 11:00 a.m. ET on June 5, 2001 to review the Company's quarterly results, market trends and future outlook.

The conference call dial-in number is 703-871-3021. The audio webcast will be available to the public, on a listen-only basis, via the Internet at www.viavid.com. Please allow extra time prior to the call to visit the site and download the necessary software to listen to the Internet broadcast. The online archive of the webcast will be available for 30 days.

About United Natural Foods

United Natural Foods, Inc. carries over 30,000 products to more than 7,000 customers in 50 states. The Company serves a wide variety of retail formats including conventional supermarket chains, natural product superstores and independent retail operators.

For more information on United Natural Foods, Inc., via fax at no charge, please dial 1-800-PRO-INFO and enter the Company's ticker symbol, UNFI. Or, visit the Company's web-site at www.unfi.com.

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This press release contains forward-looking statements relating to the operations of the Company and such statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Additional information concerning factors that could cause actual results to materially differ from those in the forward-looking statements is contained in the Company's SEC filings, including its periodic reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (copies of which are available upon request from the Company's investor relations department).