

WILD OATS MARKETS INC

Form 8-K

March 14, 2007

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
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): March 13, 2007**

**WILD OATS MARKETS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

**0-21577**

**84-1100630**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1821 30<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Boulder, Colorado 80301**

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 440-5220**

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 21, 2007, Wild Oats Markets, Inc., a Delaware corporation, (the Company ) entered into a merger agreement with Whole Foods Markets, Inc. ( WFM ), pursuant to which WFM through its subsidiary commenced an offer (the Offer ) to purchase all the Company s outstanding shares at a purchase price of \$18.50 per share in cash. The Company previously disclosed that consummation of the Offer is subject to customary closing conditions, including the expiration or termination of any waiting period (and any extension thereof) under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended ( HSR Act ).

On March 13, 2007, the Company and WFM received a request for additional information (commonly known as a second request ) from the Federal Trade Commission ( FTC ) in connection with the Offer. The Company intends to continue to cooperate fully with the FTC and to respond promptly to this request. The effect of the second request is to extend the waiting period imposed by the HSR Act until 10 days after WFM has substantially complied with the request, unless that period is extended voluntarily by the parties or terminated sooner by the FTC.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

WILD OATS MARKETS, INC.

Date: March 14, 2007

By: /s/ Freya R. Brier

Name: Freya R. Brier

Title: Executive Officer