

WILD OATS MARKETS INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
BELL STACEY J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WILD OATS MARKETS INC [OATS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
56 AMHERST ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/28/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

BELMONT, MA 02478
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|-------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | | 268 | | <u>(1)</u> | 05/07/2014 | Common Stock | 268 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | | 4,000 | | <u>(1)</u> | 05/07/2014 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | | 276 | | <u>(1)</u> | 07/29/2014 | Common Stock | 276 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | | 552 | | <u>(1)</u> | 11/03/2014 | Common Stock | 552 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | | 423 | | <u>(1)</u> | 12/15/2014 | Common Stock | 423 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | | 484 | | <u>(1)</u> | 02/18/2015 | Common Stock | 484 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | | 320 | | <u>(1)</u> | 05/04/2015 | Common Stock | 320 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | | 4,000 | | <u>(1)</u> | 05/04/2015 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | | 297 | | <u>(1)</u> | 07/06/2015 | Common Stock | 297 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | | 257 | | <u>(1)</u> | 07/26/2015 | Common Stock | 257 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | | 310 | | <u>(1)</u> | 10/27/2015 | Common Stock | 310 |
| Restricted Stock | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | | 238 | | <u>(1)</u> | 02/08/2016 | Common Stock | 238 |

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|------------------------|------|------------|---|-------|------------|------------|--------------|-------|--|
| Units | | | | | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 200 | <u>(1)</u> | 05/02/2016 | Common Stock | 200 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 4,000 | <u>(1)</u> | 05/02/2016 | Common Stock | 4,000 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 189 | <u>(1)</u> | 07/27/2016 | Common Stock | 189 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 209 | <u>(1)</u> | 08/30/2016 | Common Stock | 209 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 865 | <u>(1)</u> | 08/30/2016 | Common Stock | 865 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 25 | <u>(1)</u> | 09/29/2016 | Common Stock | 25 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 25 | <u>(1)</u> | 09/29/2016 | Common Stock | 25 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 197 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/19/2016 | Common Stock | 197 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 129 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2016 | Common Stock | 129 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 129 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/26/2016 | Common Stock | 129 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 193 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/26/2016 | Common Stock | 193 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 234 | <u>(1)</u> | 11/13/2016 | Common Stock | 234 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 243 | <u>(1)</u> | 12/12/2016 | Common Stock | 243 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 86 | <u>(1)</u> | 12/29/2016 | Common Stock | 86 | |

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|------------------------|------|------------|---|-----|-----|------------|--------------|-----|
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 86 | (1) | 12/29/2016 | Common Stock | 86 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 238 | (1) | 01/06/2017 | Common Stock | 238 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 243 | (1) | 01/11/2017 | Common Stock | 243 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 08/28/2007 | D | 225 | (1) | 02/08/2017 | Common Stock | 225 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BELL STACEY J 56 AMHERST ROAD BELMONT, MA 02478 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Tony Engel, as Attorney-in-Fact for Stacey J. Bell 08/30/2007

__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).
- Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 21, 2007 (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among the Issuer, (1) Whole Foods Market, Inc. and WFMI Merger Co., each Restricted Stock Unit was converted automatically into the right to receive the per share offer price of \$18.50, net to the seller in cash (the "Offer Price").

Remarks:

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