#### WILD OATS MARKETS INC

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Brice Hal

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

WILD OATS MARKETS INC

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

[OATS]

(Last) (First) 4 CORPORATE PLAZA 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

08/28/2007

(Street) 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code 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	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	4,205	<u>(1)</u>	08/30/2016	Common Stock	4,205
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	08/28/2007		D	12	<u>(1)</u>	09/29/2016	Common Stock	12
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>	10/25/2016	Common Stock	129
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	193	<u>(1)</u>	10/26/2016	Common Stock	193
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	08/28/2007		D	144	<u>(1)</u>	11/06/2016	Common Stock	144
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	08/28/2007		D	234	<u>(1)</u>	11/13/2016	Common Stock	234

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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	173	<u>(1)</u>	12/29/2016	Common Stock	173
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	08/28/2007	D	86	<u>(1)</u>	12/29/2016	Common Stock	86
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	08/28/2007	D	43	<u>(1)</u>	12/29/2016	Common Stock	43
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	08/28/2007	D	238	<u>(1)</u>	01/06/2017	Common Stock	238
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	08/28/2007	D	243	<u>(1)</u>	01/11/2017	Common Stock	243
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	08/28/2007	D	150	<u>(1)</u>	02/07/2017	Common Stock	150
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	08/28/2007	D	225	<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2017	Common Stock	225
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	08/28/2007	D	226	<u>(1)</u>	02/10/2017	Common Stock	226
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	08/28/2007	D	85	<u>(1)</u>	02/16/2017	Common Stock	85
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	08/28/2007	D	42	<u>(1)</u>	02/16/2017	Common Stock	42
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	08/28/2007	D	21	<u>(1)</u>	02/16/2017	Common Stock	21
Option for Common Stock	\$ 17.58	08/28/2007	D	20,000	(2)	07/14/2016	Common Stock	20,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Brice Hal 4 CORPORATE PLAZA X NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

# **Signatures**

/s/ Tony Engel, as Attorney-in-Fact for Hal
Brice
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").
- Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, immediately prior to the Purchase Time (as defined in the Merger Agreement), each outstanding option to purchase shares of common stock of Issuer, whether or not then exercisable or vested, was cancelled in exchange for the right to receive an amount in cash in respect thereof equal to the product of (x) the excess, if any, of the Offer Price over the exercise price thereof and (y) the number of shares of common stock of Issuer subject thereto.

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