

WILD OATS MARKETS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Martin Samuel M III

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)  
700 PILGRIM WAY  
  
(Street)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. Vice President, Operations

GREEN BAY, WI 54304

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 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)	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 of Number of Shares
Option for Common Stock	\$ 12.19	08/28/2007		D			100,000		<u>(1)</u>	01/05/2016	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Martin Samuel M III 700 PILGRIM WAY GREEN BAY, WI 54304			Sr. Vice President, Operations	

## Signatures

/s/ Tony Engel, as Attorney-in-Fact for Sam Martin 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).
- (1) Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 21, 2007 (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among the Issuer, Whole Foods Market, Inc. and WFMI Merger Co., 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 per share offer price of \$18.50, net to the seller in cash, over the exercise price thereof and (y) the number of shares of common stock of the Issuer subject thereto.

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