

WILD OATS MARKETS INC
Form SC TO-T/A
August 10, 2007

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule TO

Amendment No. 9

**Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

WILD OATS MARKETS, INC.

(Name of Subject Company (issuer))

WFMI Merger Co.

and

Whole Foods Market, Inc.

(Names of Filing Persons (offerors))

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

(together with the associated preferred stock purchase rights)

(Title of Class of Securities)

96808B107

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation*

\$ 700,070,507

Amount of Filing Fee**

\$21,492.16

* For purposes of calculating the filing fee pursuant to Rule 0-11(d) only, the Transaction Valuation was calculated on the basis of (i) the aggregate of 37,841,649 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of Wild Oats Markets, Inc. outstanding on a fully diluted basis, consisting of: (a) 29,842,122 shares of common stock issued and outstanding, (b) 1,328,702 shares of common stock issuable on or before expiration of the offer pursuant to existing stock options with an exercise price below \$18.50 per share, (c) 172,186 shares of restricted common stock and restricted Common stock units, and (d) 6,498,639 shares of common stock issuable on or before expiration of the offer pursuant to outstanding convertible debentures and (ii) the tender offer price of \$18.50 per Share.

** The filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, was previously paid with the original filing on Schedule TO.

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Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

- third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
- issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
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- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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CUSIP Number:

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This Amendment No. 9 to Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (this **Amendment**) further amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO originally filed on February 27, 2007, and amended on March 14, 2007, March 21, 2007, March 28, 2007, April 25, 2007, May 22, 2007, June 5, 2007, June 18, 2007 and July 20, 2007 (the **Schedule TO**), by WFMI Merger Co., a Delaware corporation (**Purchaser**), and Whole Foods Market, Inc., a Texas corporation (**WFM**). This Amendment is being filed on behalf of WFM and Purchaser.

The Schedule TO relates to the offer by Purchaser to purchase all outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (including the associated preferred stock purchase rights, **Shares**), of Wild Oats Markets, Inc., a Delaware corporation (**Wild Oats**), at a price of \$18.50 per Share, net to the seller in cash, without interest thereon and less any required withholding taxes, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated February 27, 2007 (the **Offer to Purchase**), and in the related Letter of Transmittal (which, together with any amendments or supplements thereto, collectively constitute the **Offer**), which are annexed to and filed with the Schedule TO as Exhibits (a)(1)(A) and (a)(1)(B), respectively.

The Expiration Date of the Offer has been extended to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Wednesday, August 15, 2007. The full text of the press release issued by Parent on August 10, 2007, announcing the extension of the Expiration Date, is filed herewith as Exhibit (a)(5)(C). All references in the Offer to Purchase, the Letter of Transmittal, the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery, the Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees, and the Letter to Clients for use by Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees, to the Expiration Date of 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Friday, August 10, 2007, are hereby amended and restated to refer to the Expiration Date of 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Wednesday, August 15, 2007. Stockholders are NOT required to submit a new Letter of Transmittal to tender their Shares.

The information in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal is incorporated in this Amendment by reference to all of the applicable items in the Schedule TO, except that such information is hereby amended and supplemented to the extent specifically provided herein. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Offer to Purchase.

Items 1 through 9 and 11.

Items 1 through 9 and 11 of the Schedule TO, each of which incorporate by reference information contained in the Offer to Purchase, are hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

The Offer is subject to U.S. antitrust laws. WFM filed the required notifications under the HSR Act with both the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice and the FTC. On March 13, 2007, the FTC issued a request for additional documentary material and information, which is commonly referred to as a second request. On June 7, 2007, the FTC filed suit in federal district court challenging the Offer on antitrust grounds and seeking a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction to block the Offer pending a trial on the merits. WFM and Wild Oats consented to a temporary restraining order pending the hearing of the preliminary injunction, which concluded on August 1, 2007. The federal district court has not yet ruled on this matter as of the date hereof.

As a result of the temporary restraining order, the condition to the Offer requiring that there not be any order issued that would restrain, enjoin or otherwise prohibit the making or consummation of the Offer will not be fulfilled as of August 10, 2007, the date on which the Offer was scheduled to expire. In accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement, Purchaser is extending the offering period of the Offer until 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Wednesday, August 15, 2007.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Item 12 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented to add the following exhibit:

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(a)(5)(C) Text of press release issued by WFM and Purchaser on August 10, 2007 (incorporated by reference to the Form 8-K filed by WFM with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 10, 2007)

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

WHOLE FOODS MARKET, INC.

By: */s/ Glenda Chamberlain*
Name: Glenda Chamberlain
Title: Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

WFMI MERGER CO.

By: */s/ Roberta Lang*
Name: Roberta Lang
Title: President

Dated: August 10, 2007
