#### WILD OATS MARKETS INC

Form 4

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# FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

SHIELDS JOHN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2749 LANDON ROAD

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

WILD OATS MARKETS INC [OATS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 08/28/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SHAKER HEIGHTS, OH 44122

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 1.Title of 3. 4. Securities 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of TransactionDerivative Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Conversion (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security or Exercise Code Securities any

(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
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.14	08/28/2007		D	310	<u>(1)</u>	05/05/2010	Common Stock	310
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.14	08/28/2007		D	310	<u>(1)</u>	05/05/2010	Common Stock	310
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.18	08/28/2007		D	1,852	<u>(1)</u>	05/06/2013	Common Stock	1,852
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.214	08/28/2007		D	3,075	<u>(1)</u>	04/30/2013	Common Stock	3,075
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.2302	08/28/2007		D	1,842	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2012	Common Stock	1,842
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.2302	08/28/2007		D	36,836	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2012	Common Stock	36,836
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.2905	08/28/2007		D	3,050	<u>(1)</u>	09/30/2013	Common Stock	3,050
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.33	08/28/2007		D	607	<u>(1)</u>	04/30/2012	Common Stock	607
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.35	08/28/2007		D/K	3,030	<u>(1)</u>	06/30/2013	Common Stock	3,030
Option for	\$ 9.5022	08/28/2007		D	1,789	<u>(1)</u>	07/31/2012	Common Stock	1,789

Common Stock								
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.5022	08/28/2007	D	2,982	<u>(1)</u>	07/31/2012	Common Stock	2,982
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.51	08/28/2007	D	298	<u>(1)</u>	09/12/2010	Common Stock	298
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.55	08/28/2007	D	2,966	<u>(1)</u>	08/30/2012	Common Stock	2,966
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.5889	08/28/2007	D	2,955	<u>(1)</u>	10/31/2012	Common Stock	2,955
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.6475	08/28/2007	D	2,937	<u>(1)</u>	11/28/2013	Common Stock	2,937
Option for Common Stock	\$ 9.83	08/28/2007	D	288	<u>(1)</u>	09/28/2010	Common Stock	288
Option for Common Stock	\$ 10.04	08/28/2007	D	1,695	<u>(1)</u>	05/04/2010	Common Stock	1,695
Option for Common Stock	\$ 10.04	08/28/2007	D	2,825	<u>(1)</u>	05/04/2010	Common Stock	2,825
Option for Common Stock	\$ 10.04	08/28/2007	D	3,000	<u>(1)</u>	05/04/2010	Common Stock	3,000
Option for Common Stock	\$ 10.04	08/28/2007	D	282	<u>(1)</u>	07/25/2010	Common Stock	282
Option for Common	\$ 10.04	08/28/2007	D	282	<u>(1)</u>	07/25/2010	Common Stock	282

Stock								
Option for Common Stock	\$ 10.0555	08/28/2007	D	2,818	<u>(1)</u>	03/31/2014	Common Stock	2,818
Option for Common Stock	\$ 10.098	08/28/2007	D	2,806	<u>(1)</u>	08/29/2013	Common Stock	2,806
Option for Common Stock	\$ 10.285	08/28/2007	D	413	<u>(1)</u>	10/22/2012	Common Stock	413
Option for Common Stock	\$ 10.4125	08/28/2007	D	408	<u>(1)</u>	08/27/2012	Common Stock	408
Option for Common Stock	\$ 10.625	08/28/2007	D	1,600	<u>(1)</u>	10/30/2012	Common Stock	1,600
Option for Common Stock	\$ 10.63	08/28/2007	D	267	<u>(1)</u>	06/30/2010	Common Stock	267
Option for Common Stock	\$ 10.7695	08/28/2007	D	395	<u>(1)</u>	03/05/2014	Common Stock	395
Option for Common Stock	\$ 10.795	08/28/2007	D	2,625	<u>(1)</u>	02/27/2014	Common Stock	2,625
Option for Common Stock	\$ 10.795	08/28/2007	D	394	(1)	03/08/2014	Common Stock	394

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SHIELDS JOHN A	X						
2749 LANDON ROAD							

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SHAKER HEIGHTS, OH 44122

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Tony Engel, as Attorney-in-Fact for John A. Shields

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 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.

#### **Remarks:**

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