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WILD OATS MARKETS INC Form 8-K February 13, 2006

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 8, 2006

WILD OATS MARKETS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 0-21577 Commission File Number 84-1100630 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

3375 Mitchell Lane Boulder, Colorado 80301

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(303) 440-5220

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On February 8, 2006, the Company awarded restricted shares of its common stock (Shares) under its 1996 Equity Incentive Plan as compensation to certain of its senior executive officers. The Company awarded 8,334 Shares to senior executive officers Bruce Bowman, Freya Brier, Robert Dimond, Steve Kaczynski and Peter Williams, and the Company awarded 16,667 Shares to Perry Odak, President, Chief Executive Officer, member of the board of Directors and greater than five percent stockholder of the Company. The material terms of the stock bonus agreements include the vesting of 25% of the shares on the date of the award, with the balance vesting at a rate of 25% for each of the successive three years thereafter, and forfeiture of shares not vested at the time of separation of employment.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

Wild Oats Markets, Inc. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Freya R. Brier Freya R. Brier Executive Officer

Date: February 10, 2006