

WILD OATS MARKETS INC  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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

Date of Report: December 17, 2001

**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 5. Other Events**

The Registrant issued the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K on December 17, 2001.

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**Exhibits**

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Exhibit 99.1            Press Release of the Registrant dated December 17, 2001.

**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, thereunto duly authorized, on the 17th day of December, 2001.

Wild Oats Markets, Inc.

By:                            /s/ FREYA R. BRIER

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Freya R. Brier  
*Executive Officer*

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