

WILD OATS MARKETS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2004

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): December 20, 2004

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 No.)

3375 Mitchell Lane

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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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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-4(c))

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(d)

We announced on December 21, 2004, that Robert G. Miller has been elected to our Board of Directors and appointed as Chairman, effective as of December 20, 2004. There was no arrangement or understanding pursuant to which Mr. Miller was selected as a director. There are no related party transactions between Mr. Miller and the Company. Mr. Miller also will serve as a member of the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors. Mr. Miller's term will expire at our annual meeting on or about May 2006.

Mr. Miller has been Chairman of the Board of Rite Aid Corporation since December 5, 1999. Mr. Miller was also the Chief Executive Officer of Rite Aid Corporation from December 1999 until June 2003. Previously, Mr. Miller served as Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of The Kroger Company, a retail food company. Mr. Miller joined Kroger in March 1999, when The Kroger Company acquired Fred Meyer, Inc., a food, drug and general merchandise chain. From 1991 until the acquisition, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Fred Meyer, Inc. Mr. Miller also serves as a director of Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.

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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

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R.  
Brier

Executive  
Officer

Date: December 21, 2004