

WILD OATS MARKETS INC  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE (PARALLEL) FUND I, LP

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE YUCAIPA COMPANIES, 9130 WEST SUNSET BLVD

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90069

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 WILD OATS MARKETS INC [OATS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/02/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common stock	02/02/2006		P	91,899	A \$ 12.78	1,546,872	D (1) (2)
Common Stock	02/03/2006		P	233,663	A \$ 13.5179	1,780,535	D (1) (2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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