

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 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common stock	02/02/2006		P		131,101	A	\$ 12.78
Common Stock	02/03/2006		P		333,337	A	\$ 13.5179
					2,206,728	D	(1) (2)
					2,540,065	D	(1) (2)

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

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