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Whole Foods Extends Offer for Wild Oats

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AUSTIN, Texas -- Whole Foods Markets Inc. said late Wednesday it has extended its tender offer to purchase all outstanding shares of Wild Oats Markets Inc.

The tender offer was extended through Monday.

Whole Foods said in a statement that as of Wednesday, 69.4% of the shares of Wild Oats common stock that were outstanding in late July have been tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the offer.

That's up from 57.1% of Wild Oats shares that had been tendered as of July 20.

Austin-based Whole Foods announced earlier this year that it agreed to buy Boulder, Colo.-based Wild Oats for \$565 million, or \$18.50 per share.

The Federal Trade Commission is trying to block the deal on antitrust grounds, arguing that it would mean higher prices for organic and natural foods. A judge is considering whether to temporarily block the deal. The parties anticipate a ruling this month.

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