PROGRESSIVE CORP/OH/ Form 8-K August 18, 2005

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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 Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) <u>August 18, 2005</u> THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 1-9518 34-0963169

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6300 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code 440-461-5000
Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Exchange Act

(17 CFR

240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement

communications

pursuant to

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 18, 2005, The Progressive Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company) issued a News Release containing financial results of the Company for the month of, and year-to-date period ended, July 2005 (the News Release). A copy of the News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

See exhibit index on page 4.

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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. Dated: August 18, 2005

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Basch

Name: Jeffrey W. Basch Title: Vice President and

Chief Accounting Officer

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Exhibit No. Form 8-K Under Reg. Exhibit

S-K Item 601 No. Description

(99) News Release dated August 18, 2005, containing financial results of The Progressive

Corporation and subsidiaries for the month of, and year-to-date period ended, July 2005

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