PROGRESSIVE CORP/OH/ Form 8-K September 16, 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) September 16, 2005
THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 1-9518 34-0963169

(State or other jurisdiction of Number) (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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 16, 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, August 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: September 16, 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 No.

No. Description

Item 601

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News Release dated September 16, 2005, containing financial results of The

Progressive Corporation and subsidiaries for the month of, and year-to-date

period ended, August 2005

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