

PROGRESSIVE CORP/OH/  
Form 8-K  
September 12, 2003

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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 12, 2003

**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 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 <u>440-461-5000</u> |                          |                                   |
| <u>Not Applicable</u>  |                          |                                   |
| (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)          |                          |                                   |

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Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 12, 2003, The Progressive Corporation (the Company ) issued a News Release containing financial results of the Company for the month of August 2003 (the News Release ). A copy of the News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 12, 2003

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

By: /s/ W. Thomas Forrester

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Name: W. Thomas Forrester  
Title: Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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| <b>Exhibit No.<br/>Under Reg.<br/>S-K Item 601</b> | <b>Form<br/>8-K<br/>Exhibit<br/>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|--|---|---|
| 99   | 99                                      | News Release dated September 12, 2003,<br>containing financial results of The Progressive<br>Corporation for the month of August 2003 |