PROGRESSIVE CORP/OH/ Form 8-K October 12, 2005

# 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) October 12, 2005 THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 1-9518 34-0963169 (State or other (Commission File (IRS Employer iurisdiction of Identification Number) incorporation) No.) 6300 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, 44143 Ohio (Zip Code) (Address of principal executive offices)

> 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))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 12, 2005, The Progressive Corporation and Subsidiaries (the Company) issued a News Release containing financial results of the Company for the month of, and quarter and year-to-date periods ended, September 2005 (the News Release). A copy of the News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) 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: October 12, 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 INDEX**

Exhibit No.

Under Reg. Form 8-K

S-K Item 601 Exhibit No. Description 99

News Release dated October 12, 2005, containing financial results of The 99

Progressive Corporation and Subsidiaries for the month of, and quarter and

year-to-date periods ended, September 2005

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