

CATO CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 18, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
450 Fifth Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 29549**

**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): August 16, 2005  
**THE CATO CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Delaware  | 1-31340                     | 56-0484485                                 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification Number) |

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| 8100 Denmark Road, Charlotte, North Carolina | 28273-5975 |
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| (Address of Principal Executive Offices)<br>(704) 554-8510 | (Zip Code) |
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)  
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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On August 16, 2005, The Cato Corporation issued a press release regarding its financial results for the second quarter ending July 30, 2005. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Released issued August 16, 2005

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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.

THE CATO CORPORATION

August 18, 2005

/s/ John P. Derham Cato

Date

John P. Derham Cato  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

August 18, 2005

/s/ Michael O. Moore

Date

Michael O. Moore  
Executive Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

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| <b>Exhibit</b>                            | <b>Exhibit No.</b> |
|---|--------------------|
| Press Release issued August 16, 2005<br>4 | 99.1               |