

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
September 15, 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) September 15, 2005

**THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

13-3286161  
(Commission File  
Number)

File No. 1-8989  
(IRS Employer  
Identification  
Number)

383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 272-2000

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 September 15, 2005, The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (the Registrant ) issued a press release announcing financial results for its quarter ended August 31, 2005. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

This information shall be considered filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibit:

(99) Press Release, dated September 15, 2005.

Signature

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 BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey M. Farber  
Jeffrey M. Farber  
Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: September 15, 2005

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EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
(99)	Press Release, dated September 15, 2005.