

LEE SARA CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 2004

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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)

**October 26, 2004**

**Sara Lee Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**1-3344**  
(Commission  
  
File Number)

**36-2089049**  
(IRS Employer  
  
Identification No.)

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**Three First National Plaza, Chicago, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60602-4260**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**(312) 726-2600**

(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:

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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 October 26, 2004, the Registrant issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter of fiscal year 2005. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by this reference. The information disclosed in this Current Report, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated October 26, 2004

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement 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 26, 2004

SARA LEE CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Wayne R. Szyplski

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Senior Vice President    Controller

(Principal Accounting Officer)