

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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Address	100 MISSION RIDGE GOODLETTSVILLE, TN, 37072
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CIK	0000029534
Symbol	DG
SIC Code	5331 - Retail-Variety Stores
Industry	Discount Stores
Sector	Consumer Cyclical
Fiscal Year	02/02

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Address	100 MISSION RIDGE GOODLETTSVILLE, Tennessee 37072
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Industry	Retail (Specialty)
Sector	Services
Fiscal Year	01/31

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 5, 2002

Dollar General Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Tennessee

001-11421

61-0502302

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

100 Mission Ridge
Goodlettsville, Tennessee

37072

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 855-4000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On September 5, 2002, Dollar General Corporation (the "Company") issued a news release containing August sales results for the four-week period ending August 30, 2002, and the September sales outlook. A copy of the news release is attached hereto and is incorporated by reference as Exhibit 99.1.

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.

Dollar General Corporation
(Registrant)

September 5, 2002

By: /s/ Susan S. Lanigan

Susan S. Lanigan
Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

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Exhibit No.	Item
99.1	News release of September 5, 2002

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DOLLAR GENERAL REPORTS INCREASED AUGUST SALES

GOODLETTSVILLE, Tenn. - September 5, 2002 - Dollar General Corporation (NYSE: DG) today reported total retail sales for the August four-week period ended August 30, 2002, equaled \$454.7 million compared with \$393.3 million last year, an increase of 15.6 percent. Same-store sales for the August period increased 6.3 percent compared with a 6.7 percent increase in the August period of 2001. The average customer purchase in August was approximately \$8.34 compared to \$8.44 in the same period last year. Customer transactions in same-stores increased approximately eight percent.

August sales by major merchandise category:

	2002 Percent of Sales	2001 Percent of Sales	Est. Same-Store Sales Change
Highly Consumable	63%	60%	+12%
Home Products	13%	14%	-4%
Basic Clothing	11%	11%	-1%
Hardware and Seasonal	14%	15%	-3%

For the 30-week period ended August 30, 2002, Dollar General's total retail sales increased 16.9 percent to \$3.30 billion from \$2.82 billion in the same period a year ago. Same-store sales for the 30-week period increased 7.9 percent.

September Sales Outlook:

For the five-week period ending October 4, 2002, the Company expects total sales to increase fourteen to sixteen percent. Same-store sales are expected to increase five to seven percent compared with a same-store sales increase of 9.0 percent in the September period last year. September sales results will be released on Thursday, October 10, 2002.

Weekly sales trends are announced on Mondays after the market closes and are available online at www.dollargeneral.com or by calling (615) 855-5529.

This press release contains historical and forward-looking information. The words "believe," "anticipate," "project," "plan," "expect," "estimate," "objective," "forecast," "goal," "intend," "will likely result," or "will continue" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The Company believes the assumptions underlying these forward-looking statements are reasonable; however, any of the assumptions could be inaccurate, and therefore, actual results may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. The factors that may result in actual results differing from such forward-looking information include, but are not limited to: the Company's ability to maintain adequate liquidity through its cash resources and credit facilities; the Company's ability to comply with the terms of the Company's credit facilities (or obtain waivers for non-compliance); general transportation and distribution delays or interruptions; inventory risks due to shifts in market demand; changes in product mix; interruptions in suppliers' businesses; fuel price and interest rate fluctuations; a deterioration in general economic conditions caused by acts of war or terrorism; temporary changes in demand due to weather patterns; delays associated with building, opening and operating new stores; and the impact of the SEC inquiry related to the restatement of the Company's financial statements.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this release. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this release or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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