

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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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): May 9, 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 5. OTHER EVENTS

On May 9, 2002, Dollar General Corporation (the "Company") issued a news release with respect to April sales results for the four-week period ending May 3, 2002, and to the May sales outlook. The Company is filing this 8-K pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation FD. 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)

May 9, 2002

By: */s/ Renee M. H. Yuen*

Renee M.H. Yuen
Assistant Secretary

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News release of May 9, 2002

Exhibit 99.1

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DOLLAR GENERAL REPORTS INCREASED APRIL SALES

GOODLETTSVILLE, Tenn. - May 9, 2002 - Dollar General Corporation (NYSE: DG) today reported total retail sales for the four-week period ended May 3, 2002, equaled \$427.2 million compared with \$373.5 million last year, an increase of 14.4 percent. Same-store sales for the April period increased 5.5 percent compared with a 9.2 percent increase in the April period of 2001. The estimated average customer purchase in April was \$8.30, an increase of 0.9%. Customer transactions in same-stores are estimated to have increased 5%.

For the 13 weeks ended May 3, 2002, Dollar General total retail sales increased 15.6 percent to \$1.4 billion from \$1.2 billion in the same period a year ago. Same-store sales for the 13-week period increased 6.7 percent.

April Sales by Major Category (Unaudited):

	2002 Percent of Sales -----	2001 Percent of Sales -----	Same-Store Sales Change -----
Highly Consumable	60%	58%	+ 9%

Home Products 14% 15% - 1% Basic Clothing 11% 11% - 1% Hardware and Seasonal 15% 16% + 3%

Dollar General is scheduled to announce earnings for the first quarter ended May 3, 2002, on Thursday, May 30, 2002. The Company will host a conference call on Thursday, May 30, 2002, at 5 p.m. EDT to discuss the quarter's results. The passcode for the conference call is "Dollar General." If you wish to participate, please call (630) 395-0020 at least 10 minutes before the conference call is scheduled to begin. The call will also be broadcast live online at www.dollargeneral.com.

May Sales Outlook:

For the four-week period ending May 31, 2002, the Company expects total sales to increase 14-16 percent. Same-store sales are expected to increase 5-7 percent compared with a same-store sales increase of 8.3 percent in the May period last year. May sales results will be released on Thursday, June 6, 2002.

Weekly sales trends are announced on Mondays after the market closes and can be attained 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, including its ability to refinance or replace such facilities on favorable terms at the maturity thereof; 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; the results of the Company's restatement and audit process; and the impact of the litigation and regulatory proceedings related to the restatement of the Company's financial statements, including the funding of the settlement of such litigation and the risk that the conditions to the effectiveness of such settlements, including the results of the plaintiffs' confirmatory discovery and the approval by the courts, may not be realized.

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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