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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

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Date	of Report (Date of earliest event repor	ted) October 28, 2004	
	THE SCOTTS CO	DMPANY	
	(Exact name of registrant as sp	pecified in its charter)	
	OHIO	1-13292	
	(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	
1411	1 SCOTTSLAWN RD MARYSVILLE, OHIO		
()	Address of principal executive offices)		_
	(937) 644-0	0011	
	(Registrant's telephone number	, including area code)	
	N/A		
	(Former name or former address, if	changed since last report)	
simu	k the appropriate box below if the Form ltaneously satisfy the filing obligation owing provisions (see General Instructio	n of the registrant under any of the	
1_1	Written communications pursuant to Rule (17 CFR 230.425)	e 425 under the Securities Act	
1_1	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule $14a-12$ under the Exchange Act (17 CFR $240.14a-12$)		
_	Pre-commencement communications pursuan Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))	nt to Rule 14d-2(b) under the	
_	Pre-commencement communications pursuan Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))	nt to Rule 13e-4(c) under the	

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Item 2.02. Results of Operation and Financial Condition.

On October 28, 2004, The Scotts Company issued a News Release concerning information regarding its results of operations and financial condition for the three and twelve month periods ended September 30, 2004. The News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The press release includes the following non-GAAP financial measures as defined in Regulation G: (1) adjusted net income, (2) adjusted diluted earnings per share, (3) EBITDA and (4) adjusted EBITDA. The Registrant's management believes that the disclosure of these non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors or other users of the financial statements, such as lenders. As to adjusted net income, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted diluted earnings per share, the excluded items are costs or gains for discrete projects or transactions related to the closure, downsizing or divestiture of certain operations that are apart from and not indicative of the results of the operations of the business. Also excluded from adjusted net income and adjusted diluted earnings per share are the costs incurred to refinance the long term debt of The Scotts Company. EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA are provided as a convenience to the Registrant's lenders because EBITDA is a component of certain debt compliance covenants. The Registrant makes no representation or assertion that EBITDA or adjusted EBITDA are indicative of its cash flows from operations or results of operations. The Registrant has provided a reconciliation of EBITDA to income from operations solely for the purpose of complying with Regulation G and not as an indication that EBITDA is a substitute measure for income from operations.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements of business acquired

Not applicable

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information

Not applicable

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 News Release issued on October 28, 2004

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.

THE SCOTTS COMPANY

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By: /s/ Christopher L. Nagel

Christopher L. Nagel Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 28, 2004

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