

CATO CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 18, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
450 Fifth Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 29549

**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 18, 2012

**THE CATO CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

1-31340  
(Commission  
File Number)

56-0484485  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

8100 Denmark Road, Charlotte, NC

28273-5975  
(Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(704) 554-8510

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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 May 17, 2012, The Cato Corporation issued a press release regarding its financial results for the first quarter ending May 28, 2012. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 – Press Release issued May 17, 2012.

**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 CATO CORPORATION

May 18, 2012  
Date

/s/ John P. D. Cato  
John P. D. Cato

Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

May 18, 2012  
Date

/s/ John R. Howe  
John R. Howe

Executive Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer

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**Exhibit**

**Exhibit No.**

Press Release issued May 17, 2012.

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