

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 9, 2003**

Commission File No. **1-6695**

JO-ANN STORES, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

34-0720629
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices)

44236
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(330) 656-2600**

N/A

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

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ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. Furthermore, the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On October 9, 2003, Jo-Ann Stores, Inc. announced its net sales for the five weeks, nine weeks and year-to-date period as of October 4, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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.

JO-ANN STORES, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: October 9, 2003

By: /s/ Brian P. Carney
Name: Brian P. Carney
Title: Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

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| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of Jo-Ann Stores, Inc., dated October 9, 2003. |