

DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC  
Form 8-K  
March 17, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 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): **March 17, 2005**

**DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number 000-24620

**DELAWARE**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**36-2495346**

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

**251 O'CONNOR RIDGE BLVD., SUITE 300, IRVING, TEXAS 75038**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **972.717.0300**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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 March 17, 2005, Darling International Inc. issued a press release announcing financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended January 1, 2005. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated March 17, 2005 (furnished pursuant to Item 2.02).

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**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 hereunto duly authorized.

DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC.

Date: March 17, 2005

By: /s/ John O. Muse  
John O. Muse  
Executive Vice President  
Finance and Administration

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