

GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO /OH/
Form 8-K
March 08, 2005

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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

February 28, 2005

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-1927

34-0253240

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

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

1144 East Market Street, Akron, Ohio

44316-0001

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

330-796-2121

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 8.01. Other Events.

On February 28, 2005, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (the "Company") issued a news release announcing that it had reached agreement to sell its North American farm tire assets pending government, regulatory and union approvals. The news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated by reference herein. In connection with the transaction, the Company also expects to record approximately \$35 to \$65 million of non-cash pension and retiree medical costs in the quarter in which the transaction closes. Additional charges also may be incurred in connection with the closing of the transaction.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99 -- News Release dated February 28, 2005

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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.

March 8, 2005

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

By: *Richard J. Kramer*

Name: Richard J. Kramer

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	News Release dated February 28, 2005