

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP /NEW  
Form 8-K  
May 31, 2006

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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 31, 2006

**COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-20355**  
(Commission File  
No.)  
**999 Lake Drive**

**91-1223280**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Issaquah, WA 98027**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 425-313-8100

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ..  Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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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 31, 2006, the Company issued a press release containing its results of operations for the third quarter (twelve weeks) and first thirty-six weeks of fiscal 2006, ended May 7, 2006, and sales results for the four weeks ended May 28. A copy of the press release is included in Item 9.01.

**Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are included in this report:

99.1 Press release dated May 31, 2006.

SIGNATURE

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, on May 31, 2006.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard A. Galanti  
Richard A. Galanti, Executive Vice  
President and Chief Financial Officer