

CHECKERS DRIVE IN RESTAURANTS INC /DE

Form 8-K

December 30, 2003

FORM 8-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Current Report Pursuant  
to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)  
December 24, 2003

CHECKERS DRIVE-IN RESTAURANTS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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| DELAWARE                           | 0-19649                     | 58-1654960                           |
| (State or other<br>jurisdiction of | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

4300 WEST CYPRESS STREET, SUITE 600, TAMPA FLORIDA 33607  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code  
(813) 283-7000

Former name or former address (if changed since last report)  
NOT APPLICABLE

Item 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On December 24, 2003, the Registrant issued  
a news release entitled "Checkers and Rally's Supply  
Chain Not Linked to Mad Cow", a copy is being filed herewith  
as Exhibit 99.1.

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.

CHECKERS DRIVE-IN RESTAURANTS, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Keith E. Sirois  
Title: CEO and President  
Dated: December 24, 2003

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Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release, dated December 24, 2003

Exhibit 99.1

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Checkers and Rally's Supply Chain Not  
Linked to Mad Cow

TAMPA, FL - December 24, 2003 - Checkers  
Drive-In Restaurants, Inc., (NASDAQ: CHKR),  
the nation's largest double drive-thru chain,  
today said that its supply chain is not linked  
to a case of mad cow disease found at a farm  
in Washington state.

"The meat packer in question has no connection  
whatsoever to the Checkers(r) or Rally's(r) supply  
chain," said Kim Francis, spokesperson for  
Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc. "All our  
products come from USDA approved vendors. We  
are confident the USDA is investigating this  
situation seriously and are taking all the  
appropriate steps to safeguard our country's  
beef supply."

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Except for historical information, this announcement  
contains "forward-looking" and "Safe Harbor"  
statements within the meaning of Section 27A  
of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended,  
Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act  
of 1934, as amended and the Private Securities  
Litigation Reform Act of 1995.