

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/

Form 8-K

November 18, 2002

**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: November 18, 2002

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

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Delaware
(State of Incorporation) (Commission
File Number) (IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1-13536

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Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

Federated Department Stores, Inc., today posted the following weekly sales update on its internet website.

This is the update for the second week of November 2002, including sales from Sunday November 10th through Saturday November 16th. The fiscal month of November runs from November 3rd through November 30th this year and the combined November/December period runs through January 4th.

We expect comp store sales for the combined November/December period to be flat to down 2.5%. While the calendar shift will make judging sales difficult until the end of December, we are expecting comp store sales in November to be down in the range of 2.5% to 4.5%, reflecting a later Thanksgiving this year, while December comp store sales are expected to be up 1% to down 2%.

Sales in the second week of November were disappointing. However, we still expect to achieve our comp store sales forecast for the November/December period.

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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.

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

Dated: November 18, 2002

By: /s/ Dennis J. Broderick
Name: Dennis J. Broderick
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary