

DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC  
Form 8-K  
August 16, 2004

**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): **August 16, 2004**

**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**

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**Item 7. Financial Statements, ProForma Financial Information and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated August 16, 2004.

**Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On August 16, 2004, Darling International Inc. issued a press release announcing financial results for the quarter ended July 3, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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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.

DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC.

Date: August 16, 2004

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

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