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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 19, 2003

Commission File No. 1-6695

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**JO-ANN STORES, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

**34-0720629**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**44236**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(330) 656-2600**

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS**

On May 19, 2003, Jo-Ann Stores, Inc. announced a reclassification proposal with respect to its common share structure. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Jo-Ann Stores, Inc. Press Release dated May 19, 2003

99.2 Jo-Ann Stores, Inc. Earnings Release dated May 19, 2003 (furnished pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K, under Item 9 of this report).

**ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

The information included in this section is being furnished pursuant to Item 12. "Results of Operations and Financial Condition" and is included under this Item 9 in accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8216.

On May 19, 2003, Jo-Ann Stores, Inc. announced its earnings for the first quarter ended May 3, 2003 and provided an earnings outlook for the second quarter ending August 2, 2003 and the fiscal year ending January 31, 2004. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**JO-ANN STORES, INC.**  
(Registrant)

Date: May 19, 2003

By: /s/ Brian P. Carney

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Name: Brian P. Carney  
Title: Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
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