

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
January 30, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**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 (Date of earliest event reported): January 25, 2012

**ESSA Bancorp, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Pennsylvania  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

of Incorporation)

001-33384  
(Commission

File No.)

20-8023072  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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200 Palmer Street, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (570) 421-0531

18360

(Zip Code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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))
- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operation and Financial Condition.**

On January 25, 2012, ESSA Bancorp, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release reporting its financial results for the period ended December 31, 2011.

A copy of the press release announcing the results is attached as Exhibit 99.1. The information in the preceding Item, as well as Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.

(c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit  
No.

Description

99.1	Press release issued by the Company on January 25, 2012 announcing its financial results for the period ended December 31, 2011.
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**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.

**ESSA BANCORP, INC.**

DATE: January 30, 2012

By: /s/ Gary S. Olson  
Gary S. Olson, President and  
Chief Executive Officer