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)

December 7, 2001

ALICO, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida 0-261 59-0906081

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

Post Office Box 338, La Belle, Florida 33975

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (863) 675-2966

Item 5. Other Events

Incorporated by reference is a press release issued by the Registrant on December 7, 2001, attached as Exhibit 01, providing information concerning the Registrant's announcement of its purchase of land in Lee County, Florida.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(Address of principal executive offices)

(c) Exhibit

Exhibit 01 - Press release issued December 7, 2001.

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.

ALICO, INC. (Registrant)

/s/ W. BERNARD LESTER

(Zip Code)

December 7, 2001

W. Bernard Lester, President (Signature)

Date

Exhibit Number

Description

01 Press release issued December 7, 2001

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Dick Klaas, Vice President

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ALICO, INC. / AGRI-INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD. ANNOUNCES PURCHASE OF 40 ACRES NEAR FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

La Belle, Florida (December 7, 2001) - Ben Hill Griffin, III, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Alico, Inc., (ALCO), announced today that Agri-Insurance Company, Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Alico, Inc., has purchased approximately 40 acres near the intersection of Alico Road and Interstate 75, in Lee County, Florida. The purchase price of the property was \$9.5 million.