

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
February 13, 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): February 13, 2012**

**Ameris Bancorp**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Georgia**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**001-13901**  
(Commission  
  
File Number)

**58-1456434**  
(IRS Employer  
  
Identification No.)

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**310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (229) 890-1111**

**31768**

**(Zip Code)**

**(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):

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

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 13, 2012, Edwin W. Hortman, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of Ameris Bancorp (the Company), and Dennis J. Zember Jr., Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, gave a presentation to attendees at the Sterne Agee 2012 Financial Institutions Investor Conference in Orlando, Florida. A copy of the investor presentation materials is being furnished as an exhibit to this report and is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Investor Presentation Materials

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 13, 2012

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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