

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
October 03, 2011

**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): September 29, 2011

**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):

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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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On September 29, 2011, ESSA Bancorp, Inc. (the Company ) announced the completion of its fourth stock repurchase program, pursuant to which the Company repurchased 637,200 shares at a weighted average cost of \$11.57.

A copy of the press release announcing completion of the stock repurchase program is attached as Exhibit 99.1. The information in the preceding paragraph, 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 September 29, 2011 announcing the completion of its fourth stock repurchase program. |

**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: October 3, 2011

By: /s/ Gary S. Olson  
Gary S. Olson, President and

Chief Executive Officer