

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO  
Form 8-K  
March 14, 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) March 14, 2012

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

COLORADO  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

84-0467208  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2-17039  
(Commission File Number)

850 EAST ANDERSON LANE, AUSTIN, TEXAS  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

78752-1602  
(Zip code)

(512) 836-1010  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 cfr 240.13E-4(C))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On March 14, 2012, National Western Life Insurance Company ("Company") announced via press release the Company's financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This Form 8-K and the attached exhibit are provided under Item 9.01 of Form 8-K and are furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The press release is available at the Company's website, [www.nationalwesternlife.com](http://www.nationalwesternlife.com).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

( d ) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated March 14, 2012

SIGNATURE

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.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY

Date: March 14, 2012

/S/Brian M. Pribyl  
Brian M. Pribyl  
Senior Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer  
and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1	Press Release of National Western Life Insurance Company issued March 14, 2012 reporting financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2011.