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 Repor	t (Date of earliest event reporte	ed): <u>April 22, 2003</u>			
		AST BANCORP			
		(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)			
_	Maine	1-14588	01-0425066		
(State or Oth	ner Jurisdiction Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)		
158 Cour	t Street, Auburn, Maine		04210		
(Address of	f Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)		
Registrant's	telephone number, including ar	ea code:	<u>(207) 777-6411</u>		
Item 7.	Financial Statements and Ex	xhibits.			
(c)	Exhibits.				
Exhibit No. 99.1		il 22, 2003 regarding third quai	rter 2003 earnings and the declaration of a		

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The following information is being furnished pursuant to "Item 9. "Regulation FD Disclosure" and "Item 12, Results of Information and Financial Condition," in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Release Nos. 33-8216 and 34-47583.

On April 22, 2003, Northeast Bancorp, a Maine corporation (the "Company"), issued a press release announcing it's earnings for the third quarter ended March 31, 2003 and declaring the payment of a dividend.

 $A \ copy \ of \ the \ press \ release \ is \ attached \ here to \ as \ Exhibit \ 99.1 \ and \ is \ incorporated \ herein \ by \ reference.$

The information contained herein, including the exhibit attached hereto, is furnished pursuant to Item 9 and Item 12 of this Form 8-K and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Further, the information in this report (including the exhibits hereto) are not to be incorporated by reference into any of the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, whether filed prior to or after the furnishing of these certificates, regardless of any general or specific incorporation language in such filing.

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.

NORTHEAST BANCORP

By: <u>/s/ James D. Delamater</u> James D. Delamater

President and Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release, dated April 22, 2003 regarding third quarter 2003 earnings and the declaration of a dividend.

Date: April 22, 2003

Contact: Jim Delamater
President & CEO
Northeast Bancorp

Northeast Bancorp Announces 3rd Quarter Earnings and Dividend, Earnings Increase Over Same Period Last Year

AUBURN, MAINE - 4/21/2003 - Northeast Bancorp (AMEX "NBN") announced that earnings for the third quarter ended March 31, 2003, were \$1,076,026 or \$0.40 per diluted share. Earnings for the same period last year were \$963,697 or \$0.36 per diluted share. In addition, the Board of Directors, declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.08 per outstanding share payable on May 23, 2003, to stockholders of record on May 2, 2003.

Earnings for the nine months ended March 31, 2003, were \$2,894,947 or \$1.08 per diluted share, compared with \$2,924,422 or \$1.10 per diluted share for the same period last year. These results were in line with management's expectations and consistent with the Company's desire to balance the need for the maintenance of a high level of asset quality, well managed interest rate risk position, and ongoing investment into the development of shareholder value.

The Company recently expanded into the Portland area with its opening of a Commercial Banking Center and has relocated its investment division, Northeast Financial Services, to a new Falmouth location. Although these investments in our continued growth and expansion are expected to continue to have a negative impact on short term results; the Company believes that its investment offers potential for increased revenue in the future.

Jim Delamater, President & CEO commented, "We are very pleased to be able to deliver quality earnings in light of our decision to continue to maintain an asset sensitive interest rate risk position and to adhere to traditional credit and pricing standards. While the current low interest rate environment is conducive to the sale of secondary market loans and, therefore, an excellent environment for the generation of fee income from the sale of mortgage loans to the secondary market, it has put pressure on net interest income. We remain convinced that our decision to remain asset sensitive is best suited to the protection of our balance sheet and is likely to result in increases to revenue if rates rise in the future. In the event that interest rates remain low, we shall continue to benefit from fee income related to the sale of loans. While this level of income may not be sufficient to offset the reduction in net interest income from earning assets, the long term health of our organiza tion is far more important to us than the creation of short-term results."

Northeast Bank and Northeast Financial Services, Inc., wholly owned subsidiaries of Northeast Bancorp, combine to deliver a vast array of financial products and services, including traditional bank products, investments, insurance, trust services and financial planning services via 14 office locations throughout western, central and mid-coastal Maine.

The Company maintains a well diversified loan portfolio of approximately \$384 million and management believes that its overall asset quality is in good condition. Reserves for loan losses are \$3,905,000 as of March 31, 2003, and management deems this level to be adequate to protect against loan losses. Total assets, as of March 31, 2003, are \$469,714,746 and book value per share is \$13.89.

Northeast derives revenue from a combination of traditional net interest income and fees associated with the delivery of multiple financial products and services. President Delamater added, "Our organization continues to focus on the delivery of multiple products and services to each and every customer we serve and to rely on our needs-based method to make certain that each and every product is well matched to the customer's personal goals and objectives. This high level of product diversity allows us to generate multiple streams of income and to greatly enhance the overall profitability of each relationship. We currently serve in excess of 20,000 households in our market area and continue to strive to deliver a high level of personalized service so as to successfully develop long term and mutually profitable relationships."

The Headquarters for Northeast Bancorp is at 158 Court Street in Auburn, Maine. Northeast management encourages present and prospective shareholders to call Jim Delamater, President & CEO, if they desire to receive additional information or, in general, wish to discuss the Company and/or its products and services or ongoing efforts to promote and develop shareholder value. Jim can be reached at 1-800-284-5989, or at jimdelamater@northeastbank.com. Management also suggests that any person interested in utilizing the services of Northeast Bancorp and its subsidiaries or learning more about the Company should access its web site at www.northeastbank.com.

NORTHEAST BANCORP

(Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share and Shares Outstanding Data)								
	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended				
	March 31,		%	March 31,		%		
	2003	2002	<u>Change</u>	2003	2002	<u>Change</u>		
Selected Financial Information								
Income Statement Data								
Interest Income	\$ 6,975	\$ 7,493	-7%	\$ 21,734	\$ 24,102	-10%		
Interest Expense	3,336	3,935	-15%	10,541	13,161	-20%		
Net Interest Income	3,639	3,558	2%	11,193	10,941	2%		
Provision for Loan Losses	225	211	7%	916	632	45%		
Net Interest Income after								
Provision for Loan Losses	3,414	3,347	2%	10,277	10,309	0%		
Non-interest Income	1,524	1,250	22%	3,993	3,151	27%		
Non-interest Expense	3,344	3,122	7%	9,954	8,977	11%		
Operating Income before Income Tax	1,594	1,475	8%	4,316	4,483	-4%		
Income Tax Expense	518	511	1%	1,421	1,559	-9%		
Net Income	\$ 1,076	\$ 964	12%	\$ 2,895	\$ 2,924	-1%		
Per share data		* • • • •	440/	# 1 00	4.10	40/		
Basic earning per common share	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.37	11%	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.13			
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.36	11%	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.10	-2%		
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding								
Basic	2,645,827	2,594,666	2%	2,646,954	2,583,312	2%		

Diluted	2,687,411	2,669,016	1%	2,686,567	2,660,058	1%	
Book Value Per Share	13.89	12.69		13.89	12.69		
Tangible Book Value Per Share	13.49	12.19		13.49	12.19		
Net interest margin	3.43%	3.39%		3.55%	3.49%		
Net interest spread	3.08%	2.96%		3.16%	2.98%		
Return on average assets (annualized)	0.90%	0.89%		0.87%	0.90%		
Return on equity (annualized)	11.70%	11.72%		10.69%	12.07%		
Tier I leverage ratio (Bank)	8.67%	8.46%		8.67%	8.46%		
Tier I risk-based capital ratio (Bank)	11.39%	11.74%		11.39%	11.74%		
Total risk-based capital ratio (Bank)	12.00%	12.38%		12.00%	12.38%		
Efficiency ratio	65%	65%		66%	64%		
Nonperforming loans	1,395	1,617		1,395	1,617		
Total nonperforming assets	1,643	2,057		1,643	2,057		
Nonperforming loans as a % of total loans	0.36%	0.44%		0.36%	0.44%		
Nonperforming assets as a % of total assets	0.35%	0.47%		0.35%	0.47%		
	March 31,						
	2003	2002		<u>Change</u>			
Balance Sheet Highlights							
Investment Securities	\$ 30,520	\$ 43,178		-29%			
Loans	384,000	366,371		5%			
Total Assets	469,715	439,448		7%			
Deposits							
NOW and Money Market	96,519	73,663		31%			
Savings	24,224	21,128		15%			
Certificates of Deposits	145,236	151,777		-4%			
Brokered Deposits	26,625	29,027		-8%			
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<u>37,873</u>

330,477

93,377

36,743

2,645,827

<u>28,120</u>

303,715

91,143

33,590

2,647,712

35%

9%

2%

9%

0%

Noninterest-bearing Deposits

Total Deposits

Borrowings Shareholders' Equity

Shares outstanding