

MONSANTO CO /NEW/
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* King Gwendolyn S. (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Monsanto Company (MON)				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director — <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner — <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
1506 Hamilton Street, N.W.			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year May 1, 2003		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(Street) Washington, DC 20011					5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			
(City) (State) (Zip)			Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	3. V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/01/2003		A ⁽¹⁾		51 A \$18.40	8,902 ⁽²⁾	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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				of (D)				Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr. 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
				(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)	Code	V	(A)						
Option (right to buy)	\$29.90						3/15/02⁽³⁾	10/16/10	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D
Performance Rights	1-for-1						(5)	(5)	Common Stock	648		10,648	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Represents shares of common stock issued as dividends with respect to shares of deferred common stock deliverable upon termination as a director under the Monsanto Company Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Compensation Plan. Shares of deferred stock are credited in the form of hypothetical shares to a stock unit account in installments on the last day of each plan month during the director's term and for the payment of dividends. Shares of deferred stock not credited to the stock unit account because of termination as a director before the end of the director's term are forfeited.

(2) Includes 7,719 shares of deferred common stock deliverable under the Monsanto Company Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Compensation Plan; 183 shares of common stock issued as dividends with respect to such shares; and 1,000 shares of common stock owned directly by the Reporting Person.

(3) 50% of the shares became exercisable on March 15, 2002 and 50% of shares became exercisable on March 15, 2003, subject to the terms of the Monsanto Company Long-Term Incentive Plan.

(4) Michael L. DeCamp, attorney-in-fact for Gwendolyn S. King under a Power of Attorney previously filed.

(5) Represents shares of the Issuer purchased in the open market by Pharmacia Corporation, which will be held in trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person in accordance with the Reporting Person's election to defer a portion of the compensation payable to her as a director of Pharmacia Corporation. The fair market value of those shares will be paid to the Reporting Person in the form of Pharmacia Corporation common stock upon the earlier of the Reporting Person's death or retirement as a director of Pharmacia Corporation.

By: /s/ **Michael L. DeCamp⁽⁴⁾**

May 2, 2003
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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