

MONSANTO CO /NEW/
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEIDY MARK J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD.

(Street)

ST LOUIS, MO 63167

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MONSANTO CO /NEW/ [MON]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/10/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP - Manufacturing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	01/10/2008		M ⁽¹⁾		21,032 A \$ 20.805	91,108	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		8,743 D \$ 119	82,365	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		400 D \$ 119.01	81,965	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		4,307 D \$ 119.02	77,658	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		50 D \$ 119.04	77,608	D

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Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S</u> (1)	900	D	\$ 119.07	76,708	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S</u> (1)	3,632	D	\$ 119.08	73,076	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S</u> (1)	300	D	\$ 119.12	72,776	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 119.13	72,676	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S</u> (1)	1,000	D	\$ 119.16	71,676	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S</u> (1)	1,300	D	\$ 119.29	70,376	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S</u> (1)	200	D	\$ 119.41	70,176	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2008	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 119.42	70,076	D	
Common Stock						319	I	By 401(k) Plan

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

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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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.805	01/10/2008		<u>M</u> (1)	21,032	11/15/2005(2)	10/28/2014	Common Stock	21,032

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEIDY MARK J 800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD. ST LOUIS, MO 63167			EVP - Manufacturing	

Signatures

/s/ Christopher A. Martin,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/14/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The sales and stock option exercise reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on October 15, 2007.

(2) One-third of the options became exercisable on November 15, 2005, one-third of the options became exercisable on November 15, 2006 and one-third of the options became exercisable on November 15, 2007, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto Company Long-Term Incentive Plan.

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