

ATLEE FRANK V III
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* AtLee III Frank V. (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 — 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — Other (specify below) <u>Chairman of the Board, President and CEO</u> | | |
| 10137 East Horizon Drive | | | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | | | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year May 1, 2003 | | |
| (Street) Scottsdale, AZ 85262 | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | | | 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 | | |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Trans-action Date (Month/ Day/ Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year) | | 3. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow-ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | | 6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|------------|--|-----------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2003 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 148 | A | \$18.40 | | | | | 30,053 ⁽²⁾ | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,000 | | I | By son in trust ⁽³⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,000 | | I | By son in trust ⁽⁴⁾ | |

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 | 2. Conver-sion or | 3. Trans- | 3A. Deemed | 4. Trans- | 5. Num- | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration | 7. Title and Amount of | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Number of Derivative | 10. Owner- | 11. Nature of Indirect |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | Exercise Price of Derivative Security | action Date (Month/ Day/ Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year) | action Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) | | | Date (Month/Day/ Year) | | Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) | Security (Instr. 5) | Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | ship Form of Deriv- ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exer- cisable | Expira- tion Date | | | | | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$20.00 | | | | | | | 03/15/02 ⁽⁵⁾ | 10/16/10 | Common Stock | 10,000 | 10,000 | D | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$16.395 | | | | | | | 02/19/04 ⁽⁶⁾ | 02/18/13 | Common Stock | 150,000 | 160,000 | 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 22,058 shares of deferred common stock deliverable under the Monsanto Company Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Compensation Plan; 786 shares of common stock issued as dividends with respect to such deferred shares; and 7,209 shares of common stock owned directly by the Reporting Person.

(3) These shares are held in trust for the benefit of one of the Reporting Person's sons. The Reporting Person's son is the trustee of the trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(4) These shares are held in trust for the benefit of one of the Reporting Person's sons. The Reporting Person and the Reporting Person's spouse are the trustees of the trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(5) 50% of the shares underlying the option became exercisable on 3/15/02 and 50% became exercisable on 3/15/03, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto Long-Term Incentive Plan.

(6) The shares underlying the option will become exercisable on the later of February 19, 2004 or the date the Reporting Person ceases to be the Chief Executive Officer.

(7) Michael L. DeCamp, attorney-in-fact for Frank V. AtLee III under a Power of Attorney previously filed.

By: /s/ Michael L. DeCamp⁽⁷⁾

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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