

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 *
FRALEY ROBERT T

(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)
10/22/2004

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, Chief Technology Officer

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/22/2004		S	100 D \$ 38.88	19	I	Barber Trust
Common Stock	10/22/2004		S	19 D \$ 38.889	0	I	Barber Trust
Common Stock					66,539	D	
Common Stock					7,698	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.145			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable: 04/25/2004 ⁽¹⁾ Expiration Date: 04/24/2013	Common Stock	0 ⁽³⁾
Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.385					Date Exercisable: 03/15/2005 ⁽²⁾ Expiration Date: 02/26/2014	Common Stock	0 ⁽³⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRALEY ROBERT T 800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO 63167			EVP, Chief Technology Officer	

Signatures

Christopher A. Martin,
Attorney-in-Fact

10/26/2004

**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 options become exercisable in two equal installments on each of March 15, 2005 and March 15, 2006, subject to the terms of the Monsanto Company Long Term Incentive Plan.

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- (2) Options become exercisable in three equal installments on each of March 15, 2005, March 15, 2006 and March 15, 2007, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto Company Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (3) No transaction is reported on this Form 4 for these options.

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