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ASHLAND INC.  
Form 8-K  
July 28, 2005

UNITED STATES  
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 report (Date of earliest event reported): July 25, 2005

ASHLAND INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-32532  
(Commission File Number)

20-0865835  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, Kentucky  
(Address of principal executive offices)

41012-0391  
(Zip Code)

P.O. Box 391, Covington, Kentucky  
(Mailing Address)

41012-0391  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (859) 815-3333

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

During an analyst presentation held at 12:45 p.m. EDT on July 25, 2005, Ashland's chairman and chief executive officer, James J. O'Brien, its senior vice president and chief financial officer, J. Marvin Quin, and its vice president, finance, and treasurer, Daragh Porter, discussed Ashland's third quarter results. A transcript of this presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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The information in this report, being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, and is not incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### (c) Exhibits

99.1 Final Transcript dated July 25, 2005.

### SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

ASHLAND INC.

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(Registrant)

Date: July 28, 2005

/s/ J. Marvin Quin

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Name: J. Marvin Quin  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

### EXHIBIT INDEX

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