

MONSANTO CO /NEW/
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Washington, DC 20549**

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

**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
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<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i></p> <p>Needleman, Philip</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Monsanto Company - MON</p>	<p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity <i>(Voluntary)</i></p>
<p>700 Chesterfield Parkway North</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Street)</i></p> <p>Chesterfield, MO 63198</p> <p><i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i></p>	<p>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</p> <p>9/18/02</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i></p>
<p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer <i>(Check All Applicable)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i></p>	<p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing <i>(Check Applicable Line)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>	

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