### MONSANTO CO /NEW/

Form 4

January 10, 2008

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *_ LEIDY MARK J			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol MONSANTO CO /NEW/ [MON]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD.		LVD.	(Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2008	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specification)  EVP - Manufacturing		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
ST LOUIS, MO 63167			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	cution Date, if Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/08/2008		M	29,960	A	\$ 29.2175	100,036	D	
Common Stock	01/08/2008		S	97	D	\$ 122.76	99,939	D	
Common Stock	01/08/2008		S	100	D	\$ 122.95	99,839	D	
Common Stock	01/08/2008		S	660	D	\$ 122.96	99,179	D	
Common Stock	01/08/2008		S	17,003	D	\$ 123	82,176	D	

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Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	1,000	D	\$ 123.01 81,176	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	700	D	\$ 123.03 80,476	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.05 80,276	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	500	D	\$ 123.06 79,776	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	300	D	\$ 123.07 79,476	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	300	D	\$ 123.08 79,176	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	300	D	\$ 123.09 78,876	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.1 78,676	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	300	D	\$ 123.12 78,376	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.13 78,276	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.14 78,076	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.15 77,976	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	500	D	\$ 123.17 77,476	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.21 77,276	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.22 77,176	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	400	D	\$ 123.24 76,776	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.25 76,576	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.29 76,376	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.35 76,176	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.4 76,076	D
	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.42 75,876	D

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Common Stock						
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.47 75,776	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.48 75,676	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.49 75,576	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	150	D	\$ 123.5 75,426	D

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

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount of

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Acqui	rities ired (A) sposed of . 3, 4,	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year	·)	Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.2175	01/08/2008		M		29,960	11/15/2006 <u>(1)</u>	10/28/2015	Common Stock	29,960

# **Reporting Owners**

1. Title of 2.

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LEIDY MARK J							
800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD.			EVP - Manufacturing				
ST LOUIS MO 63167							

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# **Signatures**

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

01/10/2008

\*\*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).
- One-third of the options became exercisable on November 15, 2006, one-third of the options became exercisable on November 15, 2007 and one-third of the options become exercisable on November 15, 2008, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto Company Long-Term Incentive Plan.

#### **Remarks:**

The Reporting Person had multiple transactions on January 8, 2008. Due to a limitation on the number of transactions that can be electronically filed on Form 4, the Reporting Person is reporting these transactions on two separate Form 4s. This Form 4 is 1 of 2.

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