

MONSANTO CO /NEW/  
Form 4  
September 20, 2002

**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Burson Charles W.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Monsanto Company (MON)</b>				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Executive Vice President, Secretary &amp; General Counsel</b>		
800 N. Lindbergh Blvd.  (Street)			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>September 18, 2002</b>		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		
St. Louis, MO 63167  (City) (State) (Zip)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)						

**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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/18/02		A		20,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	A		30,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

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 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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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	Year)	Year)	Disposed of (D)				Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)						
<b>Option (right to buy)</b>	<b>\$34.67</b>					<sup>(3)</sup>	<b>04/14/11</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>116,100</b>	<b>116,100</b>	<b>D</b>	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Restricted stock grant.

(2) Includes a restricted stock grant of 10,000 shares of common stock on April 9, 2001.

(3) 50% of shares became exercisable on April 15, 2002 and 50% of shares become exercisable on March 15, 2003, subject to the terms of the Monsanto 2000 Management Incentive Plan.

(4) Michael L. DeCamp, attorney-in-fact for Charles W. Burson pursuant to a Power of Attorney previously filed.

By: /s/ **Michael L. DeCamp**<sup>(4)</sup>

**09/20/02**

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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