

ATLEE FRANK V III
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* AtLee III Frank V. (Last) (First) (Middle) 10137 East Horizon Drive (Street) Scottsdale, AZ 85262 | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Monsanto Company (MON) | | | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director — 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board and CEO | | | |
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| | | | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year January 31, 2003 | | 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 | | | |
| | | | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | 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 | 01/31/03 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 119 | A | \$17.65 | 24,896 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,000 | I | By son in trust ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,000 | I | By son in trust ⁽⁴⁾ |

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 | 2. Conversion or | 3. Trans- | 3A. Deemed | 4. Trans- | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration | 7. Title and Amount of | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Number of Derivative | 10. Owner- | 11. Nature of Indirect |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Action Date (Month/ Day/ Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year) | Action Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Security (A) or Disposed of (D) | | | Date (Month/Day/ Year) | Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) | | Security (Instr. 5) | Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Ship Form of Deriv- ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | | Date Exer- cisable | Expira- tion Date | | | | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$20.00 | | | | | | (5) | 10/16/10 | Common Stock | 10,000 | | 10,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Represents shares of common stock issued as dividends with respect to shares of deferred common stock deliverable upon termination as a director under the Monsanto Company Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Compensation Plan. Shares of deferred stock are credited in the form of hypothetical shares to a stock unit account in installments on the last day of each plan month during the director's term and for the payment of dividends. Shares of deferred stock not credited to the stock unit account because of termination as a director before the end of the director's term are forfeited.

(2) Includes 17,049 shares of deferred common stock deliverable under the Monsanto Company Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Compensation Plan; 638 shares of common stock issued as dividends with respect to such deferred shares; and 7,209 shares of common stock owned directly by the Reporting Person.

(3) These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of one of the Reporting Person's sons. The Reporting Person's son is the trustee of the trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(4) These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of one of the Reporting Person's sons. The Reporting Person and the Reporting Person's spouse are the trustees of the trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(5) 50% of the shares underlying the option became exercisable on 3/15/02 and 50% become exercisable on 3/15/03, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto 2000 Management Incentive Plan.

(6) Michael D. Bryan, attorney-in-fact for Frank V. AtLee III under a Power of Attorney previously filed.

By: /s/ **Michael D. Bryan**⁽⁶⁾

February 4, 2003

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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