

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Riddle Dennis C		(Month/Day/Year)	ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO [ADM]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/05/2006	
4666 FARIES PARKWAY			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
DECATUR,Â ILÂ 62526			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Vice President	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	31,115	D	Â
Common Stock	5,148.1927	I	By Employee Benefit Plan
Common Stock	2,544.5572	I	By Spouse's Employee Benefit Plan

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	05/01/2010	Common Stock	3,677	\$ 11.3379	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	05/01/2010	Common Stock	7,348	\$ 13.6054	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(2)</u>	08/08/2012	Common Stock	8,825	\$ 11.3	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	10/14/2013	Common Stock	10,387	\$ 13.65	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	08/19/2014	Common Stock	12,018	\$ 15.73	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	08/08/2015	Common Stock	11,248	\$ 20.9	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(6)</u>	08/08/2007	Common Stock	1,342	\$ 11.3	I	By Spouse

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Riddle Dennis C 4666 FARIES PARKWAY DECATUR, IL 62526	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Stuart E. Funderburg, Attorney-in-Fact for Dennis C. Riddle 05/11/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- (1) The option was granted in three tranches (A, B and C). The option becomes exercisable in eight equal annual installments commencing on May 1, 2002; provided that the three tranches are exercisable sequentially commencing with Tranche A.
  - (2) The option becomes exercisable in approximately 11.1% increments annually commencing on August 8, 2003.
  - (3) The option becomes exercisable in approximately 11.1% increments annually commencing on October 14, 2004.
  - (4) The option becomes exercisable in five approximately equal annual installments beginning on August 19, 2005.
  - (5) The option becomes exercisable in five approximately equal annual installments beginning on August 8, 2006.
  - (6) The option becomes exercisable in 25% increments annually commencing on August 8, 2003.

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