

MONSANTO CO /NEW/  
Form 4  
April 29, 2003

**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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.			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>April 25, 2003</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		
(Street) <b>St. Louis, MO 63167</b>					5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)					
(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>							
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								30,000	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 Disposed	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)	of (D)		Date	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
				(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)	(A) (D)							
Option (right to buy)	\$34.67					4/15/02 <sup>(2)</sup>	04/14/11	Common Stock	116,100	\$34.67	116,100	D
Option (right to buy)	\$16.145	4/25/03		A	75,000	4/25/04 <sup>(3)</sup>	4/24/13	Common Stock	75,000	\$16.145	191,100	D

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Michael L. DeCamp, attorney-in-fact for Charles W. Burson pursuant to a Power of Attorney filed herewith.
- (2) 50% of shares became exercisable on April 15, 2002 and 50% of shares became exercisable on March 15, 2003, subject to the terms of the Monsanto 2000 Management Incentive Plan.
- (3) One-third of the options become exercisable on April 25, 2004, one-third of the options become exercisable on March 15, 2005 and one-third of the options become exercisable on March 15, 2006, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto Company Long Term Incentive Plan.

By: /s/ Michael L. DeCamp<sup>(1)</sup> 4/29/03  
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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Charles

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the o

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and p

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This Power of Attorney (i) shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 2

/s/ Charles W. Burson

Charles W. Burson