

BEGEMANN BRETT D  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BEGEMANN BRETT D**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MONSANTO CO /NEW/ [MON]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD.**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/12/2004**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP-International Commercial

(Street)  
**ST. LOUIS, MO 63167**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr.)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Phantom Share Units <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	11/12/2004	A		4,701		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	4,701	\$ 42.	
Phantom Share Units	<u>(2)</u>						<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	0 <sup>(5)</sup>		

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BEGEMANN BRETT D 800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO 63167			EVP-International Commercial	

### Signatures

Christopher A. Martin,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/16/2004

\_\_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).
- (1) Only securities of the same class or classes involved in the transactions being reported are included in this report. Accordingly, common stock and options holdings are not included in this report.
- (2) 1 for 1
- (3) The reported phantom share units were acquired under Monsanto Company's deferred payment plan and are to be settled in monthly installments for five years beginning in the month of January following the reporting person's retirement.
- (4) The reported phantom share units were acquired under Monsanto Company's excess benefit plan and are to be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- (5) No transaction is reported on this Form 4 for these securities.

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