

MONSANTO CO /NEW/
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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEIDY MARK J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD.

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63167

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/15/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP-Manufacturing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/15/2006		M ⁽¹⁾		16,666 A \$ 16.145	45,021	D
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		300 D \$ 83.43	44,721	D
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		4,700 D \$ 83.32	40,021	D
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		1,666 D \$ 83.54	38,355	D
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		3,500 D \$ 83.46	34,855	D

Common Stock	03/15/2006	<u>S</u> (1)	6,500	D	\$ 83.41	28,355	D	
Common Stock						3,310	I	By 401(k) 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 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 of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.145	03/15/2006		M(1)	16,666	04/25/2004(2) 04/24/2013	Common Stock	16,666

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEIDY MARK J 800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO 63167			EVP-Manufacturing	

Signatures

Christopher A. Martin,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/16/2006

**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) The sales and stock option exercise reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on January 27, 2006.

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- One-third of the options became exercisable on April 25, 2004, one-third of the options became exercisable on March 15, 2005 and
- (2) one-third of the options became exercisable on March 15, 2006, subject to the terms of the Monsanto Company Long Term Incentive Plan.

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