

Ringenberg Nicole M  
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 \*  
Ringenberg Nicole M

(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)  
05/24/2012

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)  
VP and Controller

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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/24/2012                           |  | X <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,500 A \$ 20.805   | 7,762   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/24/2012                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,500 D \$ 73   | 3,262   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,284   | 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 (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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Option (Right to Buy)                      | \$ 20.805  | 05/24/2012                           |  | X <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,500  | 11/15/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 10/29/2014                     | Common Stock 4,500  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Ringenberg Nicole M<br>800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD.<br>ST. LOUIS, MO 63167 |               |           | VP and Controller |       |

## Signatures

Jennifer L. Woods,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 05/29/2012

\*\*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 sale and stock option exercise reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on January 13, 2012.
- (2) One-third of the options became exercisable on November 15, 2005, one-third of the options became exercisable on November 15, 2006 and the remainder of the options became exercisable on November 15, 2007, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto Company Long Term Incentive Plan.

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