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June 18, 2003

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 17, 2003

MONSANTO COMPANY

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

001-16167

43-1878297

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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

800 North Lindbergh Boulevard  
St. Louis, Missouri 63167

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 694-1000

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On June 17, 2003, Monsanto Company's Board of Directors elected new officers in connection with changes being implemented by Hugh Grant, President and Chief Executive Officer, to the Company's organizational structure and the related management team. A press release dated June 18, 2003, issued by Monsanto Company detailing these appointments, is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

We disclaim any current intention to revise or update the information contained in the attached press release, although we may do so from time to time as our management believes is warranted. Any such updating may be made through the filing of other reports or documents with the SEC, through press releases or through other public disclosure.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

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(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated June 18, 2003, issued by Monsanto Company

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: June 18, 2003

MONSANTO COMPANY

By: /s/ Michael L. DeCamp

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Name: Michael L. DeCamp  
Assistant Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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