POSTE GEORGE Form 4

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### FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading POSTE GEORGE Issuer Symbol MONSANTO CO /NEW/ [MON] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner \_ Other (specify Officer (give title P.O. BOX 647 10/29/2004 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting GILBERTSVILLE, PA 19525 Person

| (City)          | (State)             | Table Table        | e I - Non-D | erivative  | Secur     | ities Acq   | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned     |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of      | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed         | 3.          | 4. Securi  | ties A    | cquired     | 5. Amount of      | 6. Ownership     | 7. Nature of |
| Security        | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio  | on(A) or D | ispose    | d of (D)    | Securities        | Form: Direct     | Indirect     |
| (Instr. 3)      |                     | any                | Code        | (Instr. 3, | 4 and     | 5)          | Beneficially      | (D) or           | Beneficial   |
|                 |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8)  |            |           |             | Owned             | Indirect (I)     | Ownership    |
|                 |                     |                    |             |            |           |             | Following         | (Instr. 4)       | (Instr. 4)   |
|                 |                     |                    |             |            | (A)       |             | Reported          |                  |              |
|                 |                     |                    |             |            | (A)       |             | Transaction(s)    |                  |              |
|                 |                     |                    | Code V      | Amount     | or<br>(D) | Price       | (Instr. 3 and 4)  |                  |              |
| Common<br>Stock | 10/29/2004          |                    | A           | 25 (1)     | A         | \$<br>42.75 | 7,147 (2)         | D                |              |

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)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transact<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | orNumber<br>of |     |                     |                    | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Prio<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>(Instr. |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                               | (A)            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                                      |
| Option (right to buy)                               | \$ 16.395   |                                      |   |                                      |                |     | 02/19/2006          | 02/18/2013         | Common<br>Stock   | 0 (3)                                  |                                      |

## **Reporting Owners**

GILBERTSVILLE, PA 19525

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| • 0                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| POSTE GEORGE                   |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |
| P.O. BOX 647                   | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |

# **Signatures**

Christopher A. Martin, 11/02/2004 Attorney-in-Fact

> \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Represents dividend equivalents with respect to shares of deferred common stock deliverable upon termination as a director under the Monsanto Company Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Plan. Shares of stock are credited in the form of hypothetical shares to a

- (1) stock unit account in installments on the last day of each plan month during the director's term and for the payment of dividends. Shares of deferred stock not credited to the stock unit account because of termination as a director before the end of the director's term are forfeited.
- Includes 6,983 shares of deferred common stock deliverable under the Monsanto Company Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Compensation Plan; and 164 shares of common stock issued as dividends with respect to such shares.
- (3) No transaction is reported on this From 4 for these options.

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