MONSANTO CO /NEW/

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(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 STEINER GERALD A Issuer Symbol MONSANTO CO /NEW/ [MON] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _Other (specify 800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD. 10/29/2004 below) below) **EVP Commercial Acceptance** (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 ST. LOUIS, MO 63167 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Code	onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
(IIISu. 3)		any		* '	•	` '	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(A)	Reported		
				(A)	Transaction(s)		
			Code V	or Amount (D) Pric	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common					27 7 17 (1)	~	
Stock					$27,745 \frac{(1)}{}$	D	
Stock							
Common Stock					1,333 (2)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Share
Option (right to buy)	\$ 41.61	10/29/2004		A	40,560	11/15/2005(3)	10/28/2014	Common Stock	40,56
Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.145					04/25/2004(6)	04/25/2013	Common Stock	0 (9)
Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.88					07/15/2002(4)	07/14/2011	Common Stock	0 (9)
Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.8					08/15/2002 <u>(5)</u>	08/14/2011	Common Stock	0 (9)
Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.295					06/17/2004(7)	06/16/2013	Common Stock	0 (9)
Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.385					03/15/2005(8)	02/26/2014	Common Stock	0 (9)
Phantom Share Units	(10)					<u>(11)</u>	(11)	Phantom Share Units	0 (9)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STEINER GERALD A 800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO 63167			EVP Commercial Acceptance			

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Christopher A. Martin, Attorney-in-Fact

11/02/2004

**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) Includes: 12,745 shares owned directly; and 15,000 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the Monsanto Company Long Term Incentive Plan.
- Previous Form 4 filings beginning in March 2004 included shares of phantom stock acquired under the Monsanto Company ERISA

 Parity Savings and Investment Plan, an excess benefit plan. The phantom shares are now being reported separately on Table II. The amount now shown on Table I represents only the shares held in the Monsanto Company Savings and Investment Plan, a qualified 401(k) plan.
- Options become exercisable in three equal installments on each of November 15, 2005, November 15, 2006 and November 15, 2007, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto Company Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (4) 50% of the options became exercisable on each of July 15, 2002 and March 15, 2003.
- (5) 50% of the options became exercisable on each of August 15, 2002 and March 15, 2003.
- Options become exercisable in three equal installments on April 25, 2004, March 15, 2005 and March 15, 2006, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto Company Long Term Incentive Plan.
- Options become exercisable in three equal installments on June 17, 2004, March 15, 2005 and March 15, 2006, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto Company Long Term Incentive Plan.
- Options become exercisable in three equal installments on each of March 15, 2005, March 15, 2006 and March 15, 2007, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto Company Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (9) No transaction is reported on this From 4 for these options.
- **(10)** 1 for 1
- (11) The reported phantom shares 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.

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