

BEGEMANN BRETT D  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BEGEMANN BRETT D**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD.**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**10/20/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP-Global Commercial

(Street)  
**ST. LOUIS, MO 63167**

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 (D) Price		
Common Stock	10/20/2008		A		11,360 (1) \$ 0 86,787	D	
Common Stock					5,274	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)
Option (right to buy)	\$ 89.45	10/20/2008		A	31,450	11/15/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 10/20/2018	Common Stock 31,450

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BEGEMANN BRETT D 800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO 63167			EVP-Global Commercial	

## Signatures

Christopher A. Martin,  
Attorney-in-Fact

10/22/2008

\_\_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) Restricted stock unit grant pursuant to the Monsanto Company Long-Term Incentive Plan vesting on August 31, 2009.

One-third of the options become exercisable on November 15, 2009, one-third of the options become exercisable on November 15, 2010

(2) and one-third of the options become exercisable on November 15, 2011, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto Company Long Term Incentive Plan.

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