

MONSANTO CO /NEW/  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

(Rule 14a-101)

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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on January 24, 2012.

**MONSANTO COMPANY**

MONSANTO COMPANY  
800 NORTH LINDBERGH BLVD.  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63167

**Meeting Information**

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

For holders as of: November 28, 2011

Date: January 24, 2012 Time: 1:30 PM C.S.T.

Location: 800 N. Lindbergh Blvd.  
"A" Building  
St. Louis, Missouri 63167

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This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

## Before You Vote How to Access the Proxy Materials

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NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT      2011 ANNUAL REPORT

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- 3) BY E-MAIL\*:                    [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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## How To Vote Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow è XXXX XXXX XXXX available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:

1. Election of Directors

Nominees:

1a. Janice L. Fields

1b. Hugh Grant

1c. C. Steven McMillan

1d. Robert J. Stevens

2. Ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2012.
3. Advisory (Non-Binding) Vote Approving Executive Compensation.
4. Approval of the Monsanto Company 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan (as Amended and Restated as of January 24, 2012).

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST the following proposal:**

5. Shareowner proposal requesting a report on certain matters related to GMO products.
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