

FISCHER CRAIG A
Form 4
November 16, 2004

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FISCHER CRAIG A

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND
CO [ADM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4666 FARIES PARKWAY
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/15/2004

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Vice President

DECATUR, IL 62526

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/15/2004		M		11,025	A	\$ 9.0703	115,230	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2004		F		4,833	D	\$ 20.69	110,397	D	
Common Stock								55,434.66 ⁽¹⁾	I	Employee Benefit Plan
Common Stock								754	I	By Spouse

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(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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.0703	11/15/2004		M	11,025	<u>(2)</u> 05/01/2005	Common Stock	11,025

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FISCHER CRAIG A 4666 FARIES PARKWAY DECATUR, IL 62526			Vice President	

Signatures

Stuart E. Funderburg, Attorney-in-Fact for Craig A. Fischer 11/16/2004

**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) Between September 1, 2004 and November 15, 2004, the reporting person acquired 247.26 shares of ADM common stock pursuant to an employee benefit plan of the Company. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated November 15, 2004.
- (2) The option became exercisable in 25% increments annually commencing on May 1, 2001.

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