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BATCHELDER LEWIS W Form 4 January 05, 2006 FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). OMB APPROVAL Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations may continue. Subject to Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 OMB APPROVAL								
(Print or Type	Responses)							
	Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> DER LEWIS W	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) 4666 FARI	(First) (Middle) ES PARKWAY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2006	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President					
DECATU	(Street)	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 Form filed by More than One Reporting 					
(City)	(State) (Zip)		Person					
			cquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any	emed 3. 4. Securities Acquired ion Date, if Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) a/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Prior	Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Beneficial Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)					
Common Stock	01/04/2006	M 10,631 A \$ 15.7	₃ 250,136 D					
Common Stock	01/04/2006	S 10,631 D \$26	239,505 D					
Common Stock			1,030.9171 I By Benefit Plan					
Common Stock			43 I By Spouse					

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed or (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) f		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.73	01/04/2006		М	10,631	<u>(1)</u>	08/19/2014	Common Stock	10,631

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	ss Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BATCHELDER LEWIS W 4666 FARIES PARKWAY DECATUR,, IL 62526			Senior Vice	e President			
Signatures							
Stuart E. Funderburg, Attorney-in-fact for Lewis W. Batchelder			01/05/2006				
<u>**</u> Signature of Rep	orting 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) The option becomes exercisable in five approximately equal annual installments beginning on August 19, 2005.

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