

MONSANTO CO /NEW/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LEIDY MARK J**

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

**ST LOUIS, MO 63167**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**01/08/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

**EVP - Manufacturing**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	01/08/2008		M		29,960	A	\$ 29.2175
Common Stock	01/08/2008		S		97	D	\$ 122.76
Common Stock	01/08/2008		S		100	D	\$ 122.95
Common Stock	01/08/2008		S		660	D	\$ 122.96
Common Stock	01/08/2008		S		17,003	D	\$ 123

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Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	1,000	D	\$ 123.01	81,176	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	700	D	\$ 123.03	80,476	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.05	80,276	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	500	D	\$ 123.06	79,776	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	300	D	\$ 123.07	79,476	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	300	D	\$ 123.08	79,176	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	300	D	\$ 123.09	78,876	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.1	78,676	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	300	D	\$ 123.12	78,376	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.13	78,276	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.14	78,076	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.15	77,976	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	500	D	\$ 123.17	77,476	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.21	77,276	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.22	77,176	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	400	D	\$ 123.24	76,776	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.25	76,576	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.29	76,376	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.35	76,176	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.4	76,076	D
	01/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 123.42	75,876	D

Common Stock							
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.47	75,776	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.48	75,676	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 123.49	75,576	D
Common Stock	01/08/2008	S	150	D	\$ 123.5	75,426	D

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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.2175	01/08/2008		M	29,960	11/15/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/28/2015	Common Stock	29,960

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEIDY MARK J 800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD. ST LOUIS, MO 63167			EVP - Manufacturing	

## Signatures

/s/ Christopher A. Martin,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/10/2008

\_\_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).  
One-third of the options became exercisable on November 15, 2006, one-third of the options became exercisable on November 15, 2007  
(1) and one-third of the options become exercisable on November 15, 2008, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto Company Long-Term Incentive Plan.

### Remarks:

The Reporting Person had multiple transactions on January 8, 2008. Due to a limitation on the number of transactions that can be electronically filed on Form 4, the Reporting Person is reporting these transactions on two separate Form 4s. This Form 4 is 1 of 2.

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