

MONSANTO CO /NEW/
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FORM 4

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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 *
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)
03/15/2006

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 or Price		
Common Stock	03/15/2006		M ⁽¹⁾		16,666 A \$ 16.145	45,021	D
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		300 D \$ 83.43	44,721	D
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		4,700 D \$ 83.32	40,021	D
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		1,666 D \$ 83.54	38,355	D
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		3,500 D \$ 83.46	34,855	D

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- One-third of the options became exercisable on April 25, 2004, one-third of the options became exercisable on March 15, 2005 and
- (2) one-third of the options became exercisable on March 15, 2006, subject to the terms of the Monsanto Company Long Term Incentive Plan.

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