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ASHLAND INC Form 8-K October 21, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 21, 2003

 $\label{eq:ashLand} {\tt ASHLAND\ INC.}$ (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-2918 61-0122250 (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

P.O.Box 391, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391 (Mailing Address) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (859) 815-3333

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits
 - 99.1 Press Release dated October 21, 2003

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Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

(Information Furnished Under Item 12 - Results of Operations and Financial Condition)

On October 21, 2003, Ashland Inc. reported its fourth quarter and fiscal 2003 results, which are discussed in more detail in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The information, furnished under "Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure," is intended to be furnished under "Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition," in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 33-8216.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ASHLAND INC.

(Registrant)

Date: October 21, 2003 /s/ David L. Hausrath

Name: David L. Hausrath
Title: Vice President and
General Counsel

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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