#### MONSANTO CO /NEW/

Form 4

March 16, 2006

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Adda STEINER GEI	•	ng Person <u>*</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MONSANTO CO /NEW/ [MON]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD.		VD.	(Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2006	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EVP Commercial Acceptance			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
ST. LOUIS, MO 63167			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Fransactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Instr. 8)  (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/15/2006		Code V  M(1)	Amount 876	(D)	Price \$ 21.295	37,433	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		M <u>(1)</u>	23,500	A	\$ 16.145	60,933	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S(1)	376	D	\$ 84.39	60,557	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S(1)	4,100	D	\$ 84.2	56,457	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 83.46	55,957	D	

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Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 83.36 55,757	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(1)	600	D	\$ 83.35 55,157	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(1)	300	D	\$ 83.31 54,857	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(1)	700	D	\$ 83.3 54,157	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(1)	2,800	D	\$ 83.26 51,357	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 83.34 49,857	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	4,900	D	\$ 83.21 44,957	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(1)	3,600	D	\$ 83.24 41,357	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006	S(1)	4,800	D	\$ 83.23 36,557	D	
Common Stock					1,662	I	By 401(k) Plan

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.			6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if				Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Acquor Di (D) (Instr	Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.295	03/15/2006		M(1)		876	06/17/2004(2)	06/16/2013	Common Stock	876
Option	\$ 16.145	03/15/2006		M <u>(1)</u>		23,500	04/25/2004(3)	04/24/2013	Common	23,50

(Right to Stock Buy)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEINER GERALD A 800 N. LINDBERGH BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO 63167

**EVP Commercial Acceptance** 

## **Signatures**

Christopher A. Martin, Attorney-in-Fact 03/16/2006

\*\*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) The sales and stock option exercises reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on January 27, 2006.
- One-third of the options became exercisable on June 17, 2004, one-third of the options became exercisable on March 15, 2005 and one-third of the options became exercisable on March 15, 2006, subject to the terms and conditions of the Monsanto Company Long Term Incentive Plan.
- One-third of the options became exercisable on April 25, 2004, one-third of the options became exercisable on March 15, 2005 and 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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