

MONSANTO CO /NEW/  
Form 4  
April 09, 2001

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

Reed	John	S.
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(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
Citicorp Center, 153 East 53rd Street, 21st Floor		
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(Street)		
New York	NY	10043
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Monsanto Company  
MON

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

10/00

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)

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7. 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 (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		
		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/17/00	A(1)	V	6,000	A	\$20.00
Common Stock	10/19/00	P		40,000	A	\$23.6741
Common Stock	10/20/00	P		60,000	A	\$23.1146

\* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Print or Type Responses)

(Over)

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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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy)	\$20.00	10/17/00 A		10,000	(2)	Common Stock 10,000

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents shares of common stock deliverable under the Monsanto Company Non-Employee Director Plan on the later of termination as a director or February 28, 2001.
- (1) 50% of shares exercisable on March 15, 2002 and 50% of shares exercisable on March 15, 2003, Monsanto 2000 Management Incentive Plan.

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/s/ John S. Reed

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
John S. Reed

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Date

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal  
Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.  
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.