

POSTE GEORGE
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Poste George | | | Monsanto Company (MON) | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director — <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner — <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 02/19/2003 | | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| P.O. Box 647 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | |
| Gilbertsville, PA 19525 | | | | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | 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 & 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/19/2003 | | D ⁽¹⁾ | | 839 | A | \$16.395 | 839 | D | |

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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FORM 4 (continued) 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) | | Date Exer-cisable | Expira-tion Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | (Instr. 4) | (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | | | | | | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$16.395 | 02/19/03 | | A | 10,000 | 02/19/06 | 02/18/13 | Common Stock | 10,000 | 10,000 | D |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents shares of deferred common stock deliverable upon termination as a director under the Monsanto Company Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Compensation Plan. Shares of deferred stock are credited in the form of hypothetical shares to a stock unit account in installments on the last day of each plan month during the director's term and for the payment of dividends. Shares of deferred stock not credited to the stock unit account because of termination as a director before the end of the director's term are forfeited.
- (2) Michael L. DeCamp, attorney-in-fact for George Poste, purasant to Power of Attorney previously filed.

By: /s/ **Michael L. DeCamp**⁽²⁾

02/20/2003

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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