

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO

Form 8-K

May 04, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**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): May 3, 2012**

**ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND COMPANY**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

**1-44**  
(Commission

**41-0129150**  
(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

**4666 Faries Parkway**

**Decatur, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**62526**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (217) 424-5200**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On May 3, 2012, the Board of Directors of Archer Daniels Midland Company (the Company) determined, in accordance with the Company's Bylaws and upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, that the Company's fiscal year shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year, starting on January 1, 2013. The Company's current fiscal year will end on June 30, 2012, and the transition period of July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 will be covered on a Form 10-K.

A copy of the press release announcing the change in fiscal year is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99.1 Press release dated May 3, 2012

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND COMPANY

Date: May 4, 2012

By /s/ David J. Smith  
David J. Smith

Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit</b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>       | <b><u>Method of Filing</u></b> |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 99.1           | Press Release dated May 3, 2012 | Filed electronically           |