

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SCHMALZ DOUGLAS J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO [ADM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4666 FARIES PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/22/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

DECATUR, IL 62526

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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 | 03/24/2005 | | M | | 12,799 | A | \$ 13.6871 |
| Common Stock | 03/24/2005 | | M | | 6,943 | A | \$ 13.5246 |
| Common Stock | 03/24/2005 | | M | | 1 | A | \$ 12.5333 |
| Common Stock | 03/24/2005 | | M | | 2 | A | \$ 11.3 |
| Common Stock | 03/24/2005 | | F | | 11,047 | D | \$ 24.355 |
| | | | | | 219,741 | D | |
| | | | | | 226,684 | D | |
| | | | | | 226,685 | D | |
| | | | | | 226,687 | D | |
| | | | | | 215,640 | D | |

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| Common Stock | 24,761.97 ⁽¹⁾ I | By Employee Benefit Plan |
| Common Stock | 46,637 I | By Spouse |

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 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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.6871 | 03/24/2005 | | M | 12,799 | ⁽²⁾ 04/17/2007 | Common Stock | 12,799 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.5246 | 03/24/2005 | | M | 6,943 | ⁽³⁾ 05/03/2004 | Common Stock | 6,943 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12.5333 | 03/24/2005 | | M | 1 | ⁽⁴⁾ 08/02/2006 | Common Stock | 1 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.3 | 03/24/2005 | | M | 2 | ⁽⁵⁾ 08/08/2012 | Common Stock | 2 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHMALZ DOUGLAS J 4666 FARIES PARKWAY DECATUR, IL 62526 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

Stuart E. Funderburg , Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas J. Schmalz 03/24/2005

__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) Between December 15, 2004 and March 24, 2005, the reporting person acquired 171.29 shares of ADM common stock pursuant to an employee benefit plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated March 24, 2005.
- (2) The option becomes exercisable in approximately 11.1% increments annually commencing on April 17, 1998.
- (3) The option becomes exercisable in approximately 11.1% increments annually commencing on May 3, 2000.
- (4) The option becomes exercisable in 25% increments annually commencing on August 2, 2002.
- (5) The option becomes exercisable in approximately 11.1% increments annually commencing on August 8, 2003.

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