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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO [ADM]			
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/23/2004	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President		
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
	Symbol ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO [ADM] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/23/2004 4. If Amendment, Date Original		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	(A) or	d of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/23/2004		M	5,735	A	\$ 13.65	203,232	D	
Common Stock	11/23/2004		S	5,735	D	\$ 21	197,497	D	
Common Stock							539.71	I	By Employee Benefit Plan
Common Stock							43	I	By Spouse

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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		any Code		Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.65	11/23/2004		M	5,735	<u>(1)</u>	10/14/2013	Common Stock	5,735	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BATCHELDER LEWIS W 4666 FARIES PARKWAY DECATUR,, IL 62526

Senior Vice President

Signatures

Stuart E. Funderburg, Attorney-in-fact for Lewis W. Batchelder

11/24/2004

**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 option becomes exercisable in approximately 11.1% increments annually commencing on October 14, 2004.

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