

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO

Form 4

October 04, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BATCHELDER LEWIS W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4666 FARIES PARKWAY

(Street)

DECATUR,, IL 62526

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/04/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ 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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/04/2005		M	5,250	A \$ 12.5333	245,627	D
Common Stock	10/04/2005		S	5,250	D \$ 25	240,377	D
Common Stock					1,027.3981 (1)	I	By Employee Benefit Plan
Common Stock					43	I	By Spouse

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.5333	10/04/2005		M	5,250	(2) 08/02/2006	Common Stock	5,250

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

10/04/2005

**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 September 2, 2005 and October 4, 2005, the reporting person acquired 3.7105 shares of ADM Common Stock pursuant to an employee benefit plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated October 4, 2005.

(2) The option became exercisable in 25% increments annually commencing on August 2, 2002.

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