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**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): January 5, 2005

MONSANTO COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

001-16167
(Commission File Number)

43-1878297
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**800 North Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63167**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(314) 694-1000**

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 5, 2005, Monsanto Company issued a press release announcing its first quarter 2005 financial and operating results for the period ended November 30, 2004. This press release, as well as the first quarter fiscal year 2005 unaudited supplemental data, are furnished as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 hereto, respectively, and incorporated herein by reference.

The press release furnished herewith uses the non-GAAP financial measure of earnings per share (EPS) on an ongoing basis. Our ongoing EPS financial measure may exclude the impact of restructuring charges, charges associated with the settlement of litigation, gains and losses on the sale of assets, and certain other items. The specific items that are excluded from, and result in, our ongoing EPS financial measure are clearly identified as such in the press release. We believe that our ongoing EPS financial measure presented with these adjustments best reflects our ongoing performance and business operations during the periods presented and is more useful to investors for comparative purposes. In addition, management uses the ongoing EPS financial measure as a guide in its budgeting and long-range planning processes, and as a guide in determining incentive compensation.

The presentation of EPS on an ongoing basis is intended to supplement investors' understanding of our operating performance. This non-GAAP financial measure may not be comparable to similar measures used by other companies. Furthermore, this non-GAAP financial measure is not intended to replace net income (loss), cash flows, financial position, or comprehensive income (loss), as determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

We are furnishing the information contained in this report, including the Exhibits, pursuant to Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition of Form 8-K promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). This information shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, unless we specifically incorporate it by reference in a document filed under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act. By filing this report on Form 8-K and furnishing this information, we make no admission as to the materiality of any information in this report, including the Exhibits.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated Jan. 5, 2005, issued by Monsanto Company

Exhibit 99.2 First Quarter Fiscal Year 2005 Supplemental Data Unaudited

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SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: January 5, 2005

MONSANTO COMPANY

By: /s/ Jennifer L. Woods
Name: Jennifer L. Woods
Title: Assistant Secretary

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