

MONSANTO CO /NEW/  
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December 01, 2008

SCHEDULE 14A

(Rule 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the  
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MONSANTO COMPANY

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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)  
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## **Monsanto Company**

**800 North Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63167**

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareowner Meeting to Be Held  
on  
Wednesday, January 14, 2009**

***The Proxy Statement, Annual Report, Proxy Card and other proxy materials are  
available at:***

***<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/mon>***

***This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.***

***If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before December 26, 2008 to facilitate timely delivery.***

Dear Monsanto Company Shareowner:

The 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareowners of Monsanto Company (the "Company") will be held at our Creve Coeur campus, 800 North Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63167, on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. (Central time).

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

- (1) to elect the four Directors named below to serve until the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareowners of the Company: Janice L. Fields, Hugh Grant, C. Steven McMillan, and Robert J. Stevens;
- (2) to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2009 fiscal year; and
- (3) to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Items 1 and 2.**

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on November 17, 2008 as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of shareowners entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

CONTROL NUMBER

**You may vote your proxy  
when you view the materials at:  
<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/mon>  
You will be asked to enter this 11-digit control  
number**

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Shareowners of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Directions to attend the Annual Meeting where you may vote in person can be found on our website at [www.monsanto.com/annualmeetingdirections](http://www.monsanto.com/annualmeetingdirections).

**Meeting Location:**

Monsanto Company  
K Building  
800 North Lindbergh Blvd.  
St. Louis, Missouri 63167

You can also find directions to the Annual Meeting on page C-1 of the proxy statement.

**The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review online:**

- the Company's Proxy Statement (including all attachments thereto);
- the Proxy Card;
- the Company's Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2008 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials); and
- any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to shareowners.

**To request a paper copy of the Proxy Materials,**

(you must reference your 11-digit control number which is located at the bottom right, on the reverse side.)

Telephone: **1-888-313-0164** (outside of the U.S and Canada call 201-680-6688),  
Email: **shrrelations@bnymellon.com**  
Internet **<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/mon>**

**ACCESSING YOUR PROXY MATERIALS ONLINE**

**YOU MUST REFERENCE YOUR 11-DIGIT CONTROL NUMBER WHEN YOU REQUEST  
A PAPER COPY OF THE PROXY MATERIALS OR TO VOTE YOUR PROXY ELECTRONICALLY.  
YOUR CONTROL NUMBER IS LOCATED IN THE LOWER RIGHT CORNER OF THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS  
FORM.**

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when you want to view your proxy materials online  
OR WHEN YOU WANT TO VOTE YOUR PROXY ELECTRONICALLY

**VOTE BY INTERNET**

Use the Internet to vote your shares. Have this card in hand when you access the above web site.  
On the top right hand side of the website click on "Vote Now" to

access the electronic proxy card and vote your shares.

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