

BATCHELDER LEWIS W
Form 4
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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 *
BATCHELDER LEWIS W

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)
01/18/2006

____ 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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------|---|--------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/18/2006 | | M | | 5,735 | A | \$ 13.65 | 245,240 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/18/2006 | | S | | 5,735 | D | \$ 27.5 | 239,505 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/18/2006 | | S | | 3,500 | D | \$ 28 | 236,005 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,030.9171 | I | By Employee Benefit Plan |
| | | | | | | | | 43 | I | By Spouse |

Common
Stock

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) | \$ 13.65 | 01/18/2006 | | M | 5,735 | ⁽¹⁾ 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
 01/18/2006
 **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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