

SHAFTER A JAMES  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SHAFTER A JAMES

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)  
08/08/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

DECATUR, IL 62526  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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	08/08/2005		A	11,556	A \$ 0 39,444	D	Held in Kehart Shafter Webber cash deferred retirement account
Common Stock					2,415	I	Held as Custodian
Common Stock					3,057	I	

Common Stock	1,659	I	for Daughter of the reporting person. <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	2,921.7301 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Held as custodian for grandson of the reporting person. <sup>(2)</sup> By Employee Benefit Plan

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)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.9	08/08/2005		A	14,769	<sup>(4)</sup> 08/08/2015	Common Stock 14,769

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

SHAFTER A JAMES  
4666 FARIES PARKWAY  
DECATUR, IL 62526

Vice President

## Signatures

Stuart E. Funderburg, Attorney-in-Fact for A. James  
Shafter

08/10/2005

\*\*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) Reporting person disclaims any beneficial interest in such shares.
- (2) Reporting person disclaims any beneficial interest in such shares.
- (3) Between August 19, 2004 and August 8, 2005, the reporting person acquired 1461.8301 shares of ADM common stock pursuant to an employee benefit plan. Information is based on a plan statement dated August 8, 2005.
- (4) The option vests in five approximately equal annual installments beginning on August 8, 2006.

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