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Form 8-K  
December 18, 2002

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

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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): December 18, 2002

MONSANTO COMPANY

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

001-16167

43-1878297

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(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

800 North Lindbergh Boulevard  
St. Louis, Missouri 63167

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On December 18, 2002, Monsanto Company announced that Chief Executive Officer Hendrik A. Verfaillie submitted his resignation, as Chief Executive Officer, president and director of the board, effective immediately. A press release dated December 18, 2002, issued by Monsanto Company, is attached to this report as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

99 Press Release, dated December 18, 2002, issued by Monsanto Company

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the

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Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 18, 2002

MONSANTO COMPANY

By: /s/ Michael L. DeCamp

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Name: Michael L. DeCamp  
Assistant Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
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