

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO

Form 8-K

September 16, 2005

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**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**

**September 15, 2005**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

**ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**

**1-44**

**41-0129150**

(State of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**4666 Faries Parkway**  
**Decatur, Illinois**

**62526**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

**(217) 424-5200**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 5.02. Departure of  
Directors or  
Principal  
Officers;  
Election of  
Directors;  
Appointment of  
Principal  
Officers.

(b) On September 15, 2005, Paul B. Mulhollem, President and Chief Operating Officer of Archer-Daniels-Midland Company (the Company ), announced his retirement from the Company, effective immediately. The Company issued a press release relating to this event which is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99 Press Release dated September 15, 2005

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SIGNATURES

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.

ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND  
COMPANY

Date: September 15, 2005

/s/ Douglas J. Schmalz  
Douglas J. Schmalz  
*Senior Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer*

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| 99  | Press Release dated September 15, 2005 | Filed<br>Electronically |