

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

() Form 3 Holdings Reported
 () Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

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 USA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Ashland Inc.
 ASH

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

September 30, 1998

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

(X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (Check Applicable Line)

(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A/D	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock						2,000	D	
Common Stock						1,000 (1)	D	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) A/Exercisable Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock Units (2)	1-for-1	3-31-98	J	68	A	Common Stock	68	(2)		
Common Stock Units (2)	1-for-1	6-30-98	J	339	A	Common Stock	339	(2)		
Common Stock Units (2)	1-for-1	9-30-98	J	391	A	Common Stock	391	(2)	798	D

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents shares of restricted common stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

2. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation and Stock Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors, payable in cash or stock upon termination in service, and exempt under Rule 16b-3. The price of the Common Stock Units on applicable acquisition dates has varied from \$46.250 to \$57.313.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

Ernest H. Drew

DATE

October 20, 1998