

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 20, 2004

ASHLAND INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-2918

(Commission File Number)

61-0122250

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

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, Kentucky
(Address of principal executive offices)

41012-0391
(Zip Code)

P.O. Box 391, Covington, Kentucky
(Mailing Address)

41012-0391
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (859) 815-3333

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 20, 2004, Ashland Inc. will include the information contained in exhibits 99.1 - 99.18, and graphic images thereof, on the "Investor Relations" section of its website located at www.ashland.com. Ashland is furnishing the information pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") Regulation FD. The information contained in exhibits 99.1 - 99.18 is summary information concerning key metrics for Ashland's divisional operations and is intended to be considered in the context of Ashland's SEC filings and other public announcements that Ashland may make from time to time.

By filing this report on Form 8-K, Ashland makes no admission as to the materiality of any information in this report. Ashland reserves the right to discontinue the availability of the data in the attached exhibits from its website at any time.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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- (c) Exhibits
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SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

ASHLAND INC.

(Registrant)

Date: December 20, 2004

/s/ J. Marvin Quin

Name: J. Marvin Quin
Title: Senior Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

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(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning Ashland Distribution Company's sales per ship day)

ADC Average Sales \$ per Ship Day (\$, Millions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
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January	11.733	10.993	9.567	10.842	11.777
February	12.813	11.712	10.109	11.555	12.575
March	12.898	11.378	10.503	11.607	12.549
April	13.944	11.713	10.330	11.806	13.302
May	12.995	10.756	10.506	11.469	13.442
June	13.209	10.630	10.668	11.710	13.282
July	12.664	10.330	9.966	11.042	13.166
August	12.377	10.230	10.281	11.379	13.707
September	12.745	10.636	10.749	11.540	14.062
October	12.163	9.877	10.415	11.453	14.340
November	12.215	9.806	11.054	12.262	15.234
December	11.526	8.565	9.420	10.174	

ADC Non-Durable Manufacturing

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
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January	100.0	99.0	97.1	95.3	95.1
February	100.7	99.1	96.9	95.4	95.5
March	101.3	98.1	97.4	95.4	96.1
April	101.5	98.2	97.5	94.9	96.8
May	101.4	98.2	97.4	94.7	97.5
June	101.4	97.7	98.1	94.2	97.3
July	100.8	97.0	97.9	94.6	99.0
August	100.4	97.2	97.6	94.4	99.0
September	100.5	97.2	97.4	94.5	98.5
October	100.2	97.3	96.3	94.6	98.9
November	100.1	96.6	95.7	95.5	99.2
December	99.7	96.1	95.3	95.3	

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning Ashland Distribution Company's revenue)

ADC Revenue - Monthly Sales (\$, Millions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
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January	246	242	210	239	247
February	269	234	202	231	252
March	297	250	210	244	289
April	265	234	227	248	279
May	286	280	231	241	269
June	291	223	213	246	292
July	253	217	219	243	276
August	285	235	226	239	302
September	255	202	215	242	295
October	268	227	240	263	301
November	244	196	210	221	305
December	219	163	188	214	

ADC - 12 Month Rolling Average (\$, Millions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
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January	251	265	223	218	240
February	254	262	220	221	242
March	257	258	217	224	245
April	258	255	216	225	248
May	262	255	212	226	250
June	264	249	211	229	254
July	265	246	211	231	257
August	268	242	211	232	262
September	268	237	212	234	267
October	269	234	213	236	270
November	268	230	214	237	277
December	265	225	216	239	

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning Ashland Distribution Company's gross profit)

ADC Gross Profit (%) - 3 Month Rolling Average

	2000 ----	2001 ----	2002 ----	2003 ----	2004 ----
January	8.9	8.9	9.5	10.1	9.6
February	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.8	9.7
March	9.3	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.7
April	9.6	9.4	9.8	9.6	9.7
May	9.9	9.3	10.0	9.9	9.8
June	9.6	8.9	10.1	10.0	9.8
July	9.5	8.6	10.3	10.3	9.7
August	9.3	8.1	10.1	10.2	9.4
September	9.1	8.3	9.2	10.1	9.5
October	9.0	9.2	8.9	9.8	9.3
November	8.9	10.0	9.2	9.5	9.7
December	8.8	9.8	10.1	9.6	

ADC Gross Profit (%) - 12 Month Rolling Average

	2000 ----	2001 ----	2002 ----	2003 ----	2004 ----
January	8.6	9.3	9.2	9.8	9.8
February	8.7	9.3	9.1	9.8	9.8
March	8.9	9.3	9.2	9.7	9.9
April	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.7	9.8
May	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.8	9.8
June	9.2	9.1	9.5	9.7	9.8
July	9.2	9.0	9.7	9.7	9.7
August	9.2	8.9	9.9	9.8	9.6
September	9.1	8.9	9.7	9.9	9.6
October	9.3	9.1	9.6	9.9	9.6
November	9.3	9.1	9.7	9.9	9.6
December	9.2	9.1	9.8	9.8	

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning Ashland Specialty Chemical Company's average sales per ship day)

ASCC Average Net Sales per Ship Day (\$, Thousands)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
January	4,383	3,835	3,790	4,094	4,551
February	4,422	4,206	4,554	4,885	4,757
March	4,454	4,148	4,411	4,846	5,182
April	4,915	4,399	4,557	5,073	5,830
May	4,393	4,121	4,566	4,967	5,801
June	4,468	4,898	4,945	5,170	5,800
July	4,414	4,498	4,349	4,729	5,816
August	4,228	4,152	4,588	4,411	5,711
September	4,592	4,800	4,888	5,660	5,778
October	4,272	4,323	4,595	5,040	6,371
November	4,500	4,570	5,056	5,714	6,798
December	4,435	4,339	4,531	4,940	

ASCC Durable Manufacturing Index (%)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
January	100.0	100.9	94.3	98.3	103.7
February	100.6	100.0	94.7	98.0	105.6
March	101.7	100.1	94.9	97.1	105.9
April	102.8	99.3	95.5	96.4	106.6
May	104.0	98.3	96.2	96.3	107.3
June	104.4	97.1	97.0	97.1	107.4
July	104.2	96.9	96.9	98.3	108.9
August	103.9	95.6	97.6	98.5	108.6
September	104.6	94.4	97.4	100.6	108.2
October	104.0	93.7	97.1	100.8	109.2
November	103.3	93.8	98.0	102.4	109.7
December	102.4	93.9	97.1	102.9	

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning Ashland Specialty Chemical Company's revenue)

ASCC Revenue - Net Monthly Sales (\$, Millions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
January	87.7	84.4	83.4	90.1	95.6
February	92.9	84.1	91.1	97.7	114.2
March	102.5	91.3	88.2	101.8	119.2
April	93.4	88.0	100.3	106.5	122.4
May	96.7	90.7	100.5	104.3	116.0
June	98.3	102.9	98.9	108.6	127.6
July	88.3	94.5	95.7	104.0	122.1
August	97.2	95.5	100.9	110.3	125.6
September	91.8	91.2	97.8	96.2	121.3
October	94.0	99.4	105.7	115.9	133.8
November	90.0	91.4	96.1	102.9	136.0
December	84.3	82.4	90.6	103.7	

ASCC - 12 Month Net Sales Rolling Average (\$, Millions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
January	94.4	92.8	91.2	96.3	104.0
February	94.7	92.1	91.8	96.9	105.3
March	94.9	91.1	91.6	98.0	106.8
April	94.4	90.7	92.6	98.5	108.1
May	94.9	90.2	93.4	98.8	109.1
June	95.1	90.6	93.1	99.7	110.7
July	94.7	91.1	93.2	100.3	112.2
August	94.3	90.9	93.6	101.1	113.5
September	93.9	90.9	94.2	101.0	115.5
October	93.9	91.3	94.7	101.8	117.0
November	93.7	91.5	95.1	102.4	119.8
December	93.1	91.3	95.8	103.5	

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning Ashland Specialty Chemical Company's gross profit)

ASCC Gross Profit (%) - 3 Month Rolling Average

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	----	----	----	----	----
January	30.7	29.5	31.6	30.5	29.3
February	30.0	29.1	32.3	30.3	29.3
March	29.4	28.9	33.3	29.5	29.5
April	29.4	29.4	34.3	29.4	29.1
May	29.4	29.8	34.4	28.8	28.2
June	29.1	29.9	34.1	29.4	27.3
July	28.4	29.7	33.2	29.7	27.3
August	28.4	29.9	32.4	30.4	26.7
September	29.1	30.3	32.3	29.7	25.5
October	29.5	31.2	32.0	29.7	24.5
November	29.8	31.5	31.7	29.6	24.1
December	29.4	31.8	31.2	29.8	

ASCC Gross Profit (%) - 12 Month Rolling Average

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	----	----	----	----	----
January	31.1	29.2	30.4	32.5	29.5
February	31.0	29.2	30.9	32.2	29.5
March	30.9	29.1	31.3	31.8	29.6
April	30.6	29.2	31.7	31.3	29.5
May	30.3	29.3	32.0	30.8	29.4
June	29.8	29.3	32.4	30.6	29.0
July	29.6	29.5	32.6	30.4	28.8
August	29.6	29.7	32.7	30.3	28.4
September	29.7	29.7	32.9	29.9	27.9
October	29.5	29.9	32.8	29.8	27.4
November	29.4	30.1	32.7	29.8	27.0
December	29.2	30.3	32.7	29.6	

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning
Valvoline's premium oil sales)

	Premium Lubricants (%) Of Branded Volume				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
January	8.8	9.5	14.2	16.7	20.8
February	9.6	10.6	14.8	20.2	21.7
March	11.6	11.4	17.9	19.4	21.8
April	12.0	11.1	17.2	17.1	22.4
May	10.9	14.0	16.8	20.5	22.5
June	11.0	13.6	17.8	21.5	20.9
July	13.1	13.6	15.9	17.2	21.4
August	11.9	13.7	17.1	18.7	24.3
September	11.5	12.8	17.5	19.4	23.3
October	8.6	13.4	16.5	17.1	22.4
November	10.3	14.7	17.4	19.5	20.9
December	10.4	13.6	16.8	22.1	

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website
concerning Valvoline's revenue)

Valvoline Revenue Monthly (\$, Millions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
January	89.9	85.8	94.0	96.5	105.5
February	97.9	79.9	86.2	93.4	100.4
March	105.4	107.1	92.4	111.0	118.0
April	84.3	84.2	107.7	101.1	115.6
May	94.5	105.5	104.0	105.7	104.6
June	91.4	92.8	92.8	99.9	109.9
July	88.1	100.5	107.8	110.4	116.3
August	105.6	104.4	108.3	105.6	108.2
September	102.5	113.4	104.2	129.8	128.0
October	88.1	91.2	100.3	110.7	104.6
November	81.5	87.8	88.2	85.2	103.3
December	77.4	75.7	92.8	94.3	

Valvoline Revenue 12 Month Rolling Average (\$, Millions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
January	91.7	91.9	94.7	98.4	104.4
February	92.8	90.4	95.2	99.0	105.0
March	93.9	90.5	94.0	100.6	105.6
April	92.4	90.5	96.0	100.0	106.8
May	92.4	91.4	95.8	100.2	106.7
June	91.7	91.5	95.8	100.8	107.5
July	91.1	92.6	96.5	101.0	108.0
August	91.8	92.5	96.8	100.8	108.2
September	92.0	93.4	96.0	102.9	108.1
October	92.4	93.6	96.8	103.8	107.6
November	92.4	94.2	96.8	103.5	109.1
December	92.2	94.0	98.2	103.6	

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning Valvoline Instant Oil Change's twelve month rolling average sales)

VIOC Same Store Sales (\$, Millions)

(2 Years and Older)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	----	----	----	----	----
January	11.9	12.6	13.3	14.2	14.6
February	12.0	12.6	13.4	14.2	14.6
March	12.1	12.7	13.4	14.3	14.6
April	12.1	12.7	13.5	14.3	14.5
May	12.2	12.7	13.6	14.4	14.4
June	12.3	12.7	13.7	14.5	14.4
July	12.4	12.8	13.8	14.5	14.3
August	12.5	12.8	13.8	14.5	14.2
September	12.5	12.9	13.9	14.6	14.3
October	12.6	13.0	14.0	14.6	14.2
November	12.6	13.1	14.1	14.6	14.2
December	12.6	13.2	14.1	14.6	

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning APAC's
Rolling 12 month contract awards)

	2000 -----	2001 -----	2002 -----	2003 -----	2004 -----
January	1,241	2,081	2,009	1,806	1,763
February	1,309	2,188	1,886	1,870	1,785
March	1,422	2,111	1,921	1,757	1,893
April	1,589	1,973	1,934	1,746	1,924
May	1,693	2,114	1,698	1,781	1,917
June	1,718	2,076	1,807	1,709	1,892
July	1,852	1,958	1,874	1,710	1,780
August	1,861	1,997	1,876	1,745	1,781
September	1,901	2,029	1,771	1,764	1,806
October	1,977	1,971	1,814	1,748	1,828
November	2,022	1,978	1,817	1,712	1,816
December	2,063	2,008	1,784	1,753	

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning APAC's lost time incident rates and OSHA recordable incident rates)

Lost Time Incident Rates
(Rate = Lost Time Injuries x 200,000/Hours Worked)

	APAC -----	Industry -----
1995	0.3	4.5
1996	0.3	4.1
1997	0.3	4.0
1998	0.4	3.4
1999	0.4	3.8
2000	0.4	3.2
2001	0.1	4.0
2002	0.2	3.9
2003	0.2	3.1
2004	0.2	2.3

Recordable Incident Rates

	APAC -----	Industry -----
1995	6.0	11.9
1996	5.8	10.7
1997	6.0	10.4
1998	6.0	9.6
1999	6.0	9.7
2000	5.1	9.3
2001	4.6	8.9
2002	4.3	8.2
2003	4.2	7.7
2004	3.9	6.8

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning APAC's monthly revenue and twelve month rolling average revenue)

APAC Monthly Revenue (\$, Millions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	----	----	----	----	----
January	133	88	113	99	106
February	134	151	161	126	131
March	165	145	150	148	171
April	237	206	216	195	204
May	236	306	289	262	279
June	229	234	251	226	214
July	269	241	231	236	233
August	256	324	314	311	307
September	242	309	246	238	230
October	293	313	259	309	285
November	174	216	179	201	176
December	153	152	121	140	

APAC 12 Month Rolling Average (\$, Millions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	----	----	----	----	----
January	159	206	226	210	208
February	163	208	227	207	209
March	169	206	227	207	211
April	177	203	228	205	211
May	182	209	226	203	213
June	189	210	228	201	212
July	199	207	227	201	211
August	202	213	226	201	211
September	209	219	221	200	210
October	216	220	216	204	208
November	217	224	213	206	206
December	210	224	211	208	

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning APAC's backlog)

	APAC Backlog (\$, Thousands)					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
January	792,886	1,209,729	1,645,913	1,571,094	1,760,266	1,726,897
February	804,954	1,319,956	1,798,572	1,591,236	1,872,914	1,846,860
March	872,496	1,387,553	1,855,681	1,658,211	1,799,947	1,896,824
April	883,616	1,373,245	1,835,945	1,826,261	1,812,477	1,924,190
May	889,033	1,410,490	1,775,066	1,747,191	1,793,366	1,882,179
June	911,792	1,409,917	1,745,523	1,797,221	1,824,298	1,869,271
July	926,650	1,423,593	1,704,099	1,821,660	1,797,561	1,779,323
August	945,826	1,416,419	1,684,890	1,807,560	1,821,527	1,804,859
September	947,640	1,396,705	1,629,004	1,691,458	1,745,219	1,745,829
October	935,465	1,356,512	1,546,217	1,675,113	1,675,929	1,718,930
November	913,938	1,348,831	1,510,454	1,672,317	1,616,826	1,669,638
December	1,210,362	1,600,107	1,546,110	1,696,931	1,658,581	

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning
APAC asphalt mix production in tons)

APAC Asphaltic Mix Production

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
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January	852	1,322	566	1,022	945	974
February	997	1,685	1,724	1,688	1,291	1,241
March	1,250	2,179	1,785	1,927	1,838	2,215
April	2,034	3,217	3,003	3,201	2,761	2,848
May	2,853	3,253	4,795	4,381	3,866	4,059
June	2,334	3,278	3,349	3,792	3,201	2,970
July	2,504	3,936	3,651	3,370	3,387	3,178
August	3,603	3,885	4,837	4,702	4,632	4,388
September	2,644	3,453	4,500	3,365	3,515	3,101
October	3,677	4,538	4,728	3,418	4,335	3,950
November	3,026	2,150	2,779	2,359	2,541	2,106
December	2,097	1,821	1,763	1,308	1,548	

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U.S. Gulf Coast Asphalt Barge Prices)

ARGUS ASPHALT REPORT ((C), 2004 ARGUS MEDIA) U.S. GULF COAST ASPHALT BARGE PRICES*

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	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	1999-2003 Average by Month
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Jan	42.06	102.06	71.69	73.31	144.31	113.69	86.69
Feb	46.63	116.56	64.25	91.69	167.00	111.65	97.23
March	53.50	130.60	68.50	102.50	156.25	116.06	102.27
April	63.94	135.13	72.13	120.75	138.75	125.69	106.14
May	68.20	132.19	78.88	139.75	120.20	142.35	107.84
June	72.55	128.95	87.44	145.75	121.38	155.25	111.21
July	83.05	126.19	94.75	131.63	121.50	156.88	111.42
August	88.06	119.65	102.35	122.56	126.75	154.40	111.87
Sept	90.85	115.88	106.42	117.63	128.81	153.50	111.92
Oct	91.81	102.17	100.44	114.44	127.19	145.44	113.58
Nov	91.50	91.00	86.25	98.75	118.50	126.60	102.10
Dec	92.92	84.83	69.00	94.58	115.00		91.27
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ANNUAL AVG.	73.76	115.43	83.51	112.78	132.14	136.50	

(Text of graph posted to Ashland Inc.'s website concerning
Sour Crude Differential)

MAYA - WTI SPREADS

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	1998-2003 Avg.
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January	-5.99	-4.69	-6.52	-11.26	-5.90	-5.33	-8.62	-6.61
February	-5.57	-4.89	-6.24	-10.69	-5.77	-7.97	-9.83	-6.86
March	-6.24	-4.99	-6.14	-10.35	-5.30	-9.28	-9.69	-7.05
April	-4.97	-4.75	-5.78	-11.55	-4.28	-7.82	-8.69	-6.53
May	-4.55	-5.01	-5.74	-11.02	-4.76	-6.32	-8.43	-6.23
June	-4.24	-4.94	-6.74	-9.11	-4.06	-7.43	-8.70	-6.09
July	-4.43	-4.81	-6.97	-8.02	-4.56	-5.84	-10.06	-5.77
August	-4.60	-4.05	-7.53	-8.41	-5.46	-5.95	-12.25	-6.00
September	-5.10	-4.70	-7.42	-6.40	-5.16	-6.13	-12.49	-5.82
October	-4.84	-4.28	-7.60	-6.46	-5.07	-6.16	-14.28	-5.74
November	-4.65	-5.43	-10.25	-6.75	-6.60	-6.79	-16.50	-6.74
December	-4.78	-5.99	-10.50	-6.04	-6.58	-7.38		-6.88
Average	-5.00	-4.88	-7.29	-8.84	-5.29	-6.87	-10.87	-6.36

MARS - WTI SPREADS

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	1998-2003 Avg.
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January	-3.20	-2.45	-3.52	-7.69	-2.17	-3.38	-4.12	-3.73
February	-3.88	-2.64	-2.91	-7.53	-1.99	-5.39	-5.67	-4.06
March	-3.88	-3.11	-3.91	-6.04	-2.08	-6.10	-4.62	-4.18
April	-3.98	-2.70	-3.87	-5.58	-1.66	-4.09	-5.53	-3.65
May	-3.16	-2.84	-3.83	-5.10	-2.78	-3.59	-4.38	-3.55
June	-2.52	-3.35	-4.30	-3.48	-2.05	-3.73	-4.81	-3.24
July	-2.29	-2.64	-4.41	-3.65	-1.94	-3.28	-5.04	-3.03
August	-2.39	-1.90	-3.86	-5.02	-3.02	-3.13	-6.25	-3.22
September	-2.47	-2.74	-4.91	-4.37	-2.47	-3.34	-7.04	-3.38
October	-2.48	-2.67	-6.17	-4.29	-2.85	-3.10	-10.62	-3.59
November	-3.31	-2.45	-5.87	-3.92	-4.46	-3.53	-9.04	-3.92
December	-3.22	-2.85	-5.61	-2.89	-2.88	-2.82		-3.38
Average	-3.06	-2.69	-4.43	-4.96	-2.53	-3.79	-6.10	-3.58

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Chicago 3-2-1 Crack Spreads)

CHICAGO 3-2-1 CRACK SPREADS

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	1998-2003 Avg.
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January	1.92	1.92	3.42	7.84	2.69	3.67	6.34	3.58
February	3.22	0.76	6.07	4.91	2.58	8.62	7.30	4.36
March	3.32	3.44	5.71	6.03	5.60	7.54	7.69	5.27
April	4.51	3.44	6.25	13.15	5.17	7.51	10.30	6.67
May	5.76	2.78	7.74	16.94	4.89	6.77	13.27	7.48
June	5.83	3.33	12.24	7.19	6.19	5.66	9.87	6.74
July	4.50	3.86	3.89	4.68	5.89	5.78	9.87	4.77
August	3.30	4.67	5.05	11.72	4.31	10.14	6.02	6.53
September	3.12	3.95	6.73	10.79	4.87	8.86	7.29	6.39
October	3.11	3.22	7.52	5.47	8.63	6.71	6.31	5.78
November	2.24	4.45	5.12	4.83	5.75	3.79	6.04	4.36
December	1.84	2.46	5.08	2.95	4.49	3.65		3.41

Average	3.56	3.19	6.24	8.04	5.09	6.56	8.21	5.44

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14-State Weighted Retail Diesel Price Index)

APAC's 14-State Weighted Retail Diesel Price Index

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	1998-2003 Avg.
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January	108.93	93.59	132.07	149.26	113.00	146.95	152.19	123.97
February	106.27	92.92	142.33	146.71	112.80	163.90	153.88	127.49
March	104.21	96.09	144.49	135.85	120.37	167.25	158.18	128.04
April	104.23	103.14	138.71	138.11	127.71	150.70	162.00	127.10
May	104.20	103.03	138.74	144.73	127.42	142.26	165.42	126.73
June	101.56	102.56	138.98	143.23	125.11	138.35	164.39	124.96
July	100.40	107.61	140.25	133.89	126.73	139.27	167.71	124.69
August	97.70	112.76	143.40	135.50	129.17	143.88	178.34	127.07
September	99.51	118.06	159.23	143.93	137.26	141.76	187.75	133.29
October	101.12	119.28	158.52	129.99	143.41	144.01	208.91	132.72
November	99.25	122.48	158.04	121.61	138.17	143.86	210.43	130.57
December	94.19	125.79	151.36	113.97	139.79	144.64		128.29
Average	101.80	108.11	145.51	136.40	128.41	147.23	173.56	127.91