

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Potts, Charles F.  
  
Tower Place - Suite 600  
3340 Peachtree Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30326

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

April 30, 2001

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

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

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

Senior Vice President

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (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. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock						4,351 (1)	I	By Trustee
Common Stock						2,587 (2)	I	By Trustee
Common Stock	4-30-01	F (3)	1,345	D	\$43.06			
Common Stock	4-30-01	M	1,898	A	\$30.50			
Common Stock	4-30-01	F (4)	196	D	\$43.06	1,702	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. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
											Amount
Option (5)	30.50	4-30-01	M	1,898	9-19-92	10-19-01	Common Stock	1,898	102	D	
	30.50				9-19-93	10-19-01	Common Stock	1,000	1,000	D	
	30.50				9-19-94	10-19-01	Common Stock	1,000	1,000	D	
Option (5)	33.125				9-16-94	10-16-03	Common Stock	5,000	5,000	D	
	33.125				9-16-95	10-16-03	Common Stock	2,500	2,500	D	
	33.125				9-16-96	10-16-03	Common Stock	2,500	2,500	D	
Option (6)	35.875				9-15-95	10-15-04	Common Stock	5,000	5,000	D	
	35.875				9-15-96	10-15-04	Common Stock	2,500	2,500	D	
	35.875				9-15-97	10-15-04	Common Stock	2,500	2,500	D	
Option (6)	33.875				9-21-96	10-21-05	Common Stock	5,000	5,000	D	

	33.875					9-21-97	10-21-05	Common Stock	2,500		2,500	D	
	33.875					9-21-98	10-21-05	Common Stock	2,500		2,500	D	
Option (6)	39.00					9-19-97	10-19-06	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
	39.00					9-19-98	10-19-06	Common Stock	2,500		2,500	D	
	39.00					9-19-99	10-19-06	Common Stock	2,500		2,500	D	
Option (7)	53.375					9-18-98	10-18-07	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
	53.375					9-18-99	10-18-07	Common Stock	2,500		2,500	D	
	53.375					9-18-00	10-18-07	Common Stock	2,500		2,500	D	
Option (7)	48.00					9-17-99	10-17-08	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
	48.00					9-17-00	10-17-08	Common Stock	2,500		2,500	D	
	48.00					9-17-01	10-17-08	Common Stock	2,500		2,500	D	
Option (7)	36.625					9-16-00	10-16-09	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
	36.625					9-16-01	10-16-09	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
	36.625					9-16-02	10-16-09	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
	36.625					9-16-03	10-16-09	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
Common Stock Units (8)	1-for-1	J		127	A			Common Stock	127		22,948	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 4-30-01.
  - Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 5-2-01, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available, and includes transactions occurring on or after 12-1-00.
  - Shares surrendered in payment of option exercise price.
  - Withholding of shares to satisfy tax withholding obligation.
  - Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
  - Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1993 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
  - Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
  - Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan as of 4-30-01 and includes transactions on or after 11-30-00, and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). The price of the Common Stock Units on applicable valuation dates has varied from \$32.420 - \$42.510. (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock)
- SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
Charles F. Potts  
DATE  
May 7, 2001