

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

Brothers, John A.

5200 Blazer Parkway
 Dublin, Ohio 43017

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

July 31, 1999

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)

Executive 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. 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						7,776 (1)	I	By Trustee	
Common Stock						1,469 (2)	I	By Trustee	
Common Stock						20,000 (3)	D		
Common Stock	7-1-99	G	V	100	D	\$41.062	18,544	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)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Amount	A/D	Price	Exercise Date	Expiration Date					
Common Stock Units (4)	1-for-1		J	495	A				Common Stock	495	17,815	D	
Option (5)	30.50						9-19-93	10-19-01	Common Stock	6,250	3,750	D	
	30.50						9-19-94	10-19-01	Common Stock	6,250	6,250	D	
Option (5)	23.875						9-21-93	10-21-02	Common Stock	12,500	12,500	D	
	23.875						9-21-94	10-21-02	Common Stock	6,250	6,250	D	
	23.875						9-21-95	10-21-02	Common Stock	6,250	6,250	D	
Option (6)	33.125						9-16-94	10-16-03	Common Stock	12,500	12,500	D	
	33.125						9-16-95	10-16-03	Common Stock	6,250	6,250	D	
	33.125						9-16-96	10-16-03	Common Stock	6,250	6,250	D	
Option (6)	35.875						9-15-95	10-15-04	Common Stock	12,500	12,500	D	
	35.875						9-15-96	10-15-04	Common Stock	6,250	6,250	D	
	35.875						9-15-97	10-15-04	Common Stock	6,250	6,250	D	
Option (6)	33.875						9-21-97	10-21-04	Common Stock	12,500	12,500	D	

