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 12, 2003

ASHLAND INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-2918

61-0122250 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

(Commission File Number)

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391

P.O. Box 391, Covington, Kentucky

41012-0391

(Zip Code)

(Mailing Address)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

5-Year Supplemental Financial Information posted to Ashland Inc.'s 99.1 Website

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 12, 2003, Ashland Inc. ("Ashland") will include the information contained in exhibit 99.1 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 exhibit 99.1 includes five years (fiscal years 1999 - 2003) of supplemental financial information concerning Ashland and its consolidated subsidiaries. The information 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 exhibit from its website at any time.

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)

/s/ J. Marvin Quin Date: December 12, 2003

Name:

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 5-Year Supplemental Financial Information posted to Ashland's website

Ashland Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME Years Ended September 30

(In millions except per share data)		2003	 2002		2001	 2000	 1999
REVENUES Sales and operating revenues Equity income Other income	\$	7,518 301 46	\$ 7,348 181 47	\$	7,528 755 53	\$ 7,771 395 63	\$ 6,623 350 88
COSTS AND EXPENSES Cost of sales and operating expenses Selling, general and administrative expenses Depreciation, depletion and amortization		7,865 6,005 1,390 204	 7,576 5,736 1,311 208		8,336 6,016 1,249 240	 8,229 6,157 1,200 227	 7,061 5,118 1,113 219
		7,599	 7,255		7,505	 7,584	 6,450
OPERATING INCOME Net interest and other financial costs		266 (128)	 321 (138)		831 (175)	 645 (194)	 611 (140)
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES Income taxes		138 (44)	183 (68)		656 (266)	451 (179)	471 (188)
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS Results from discontinued operations		94 (14)	 115 13		390 32	 272 (202)	 283 7
INCOME BEFORE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGES Cumulative effect of accounting changes		80 (5)	 128 (11)		422 (5)	 70 -	 290 -
NET INCOME	\$ ===	75 ======	\$ 117	\$ ===	417 ======	\$ 70	\$ 290
EARNINGS PER SHARE Basic Income from continuing operations Results from discontinued operations Cumulative effect of accounting changes	\$	1.37 (.19) (.08)	\$ 1.67 .19 (.17)	\$	5.60 .46 (.07)	\$ 3.84 (2.85)	\$ 3.85 .09
Net income	\$	1.10	\$ 1.69	\$	5.99	\$.99	\$ 3.94
Diluted Income from continuing operations Results from discontinued operations Cumulative effect of accounting changes	\$	1.37 (.19) (.08)	\$ 1.64 .19 (.16)	\$	5.54 .45 (.06)	\$ 3.83 (2.85)	\$ 3.80 .09
Net income	\$	1.10	\$ 1.67	\$ ===	5.93	\$.98	\$ 3.89

Ashland Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries ${\tt CONSOLIDATED}$ ${\tt BALANCE}$ SHEETS September 30

(In millions)	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
ASSETS					
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CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 223	\$ 90	\$ 236	\$ 67	\$ 110
Accounts receivable	1,135	1,056	1,165	1,211	1,188
Inventories	441	456	468	461	437
Deferred income taxes	142	119	131	136	105
Current assets of discontinued operations held for sale	-	211	64	99	61
Other current assets	144	139	169	199	159
	2,085	2,071	2,233	2,173	2,060
INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS					
Investment in Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC (MAP)	2,448	2,350	2,387	2,295	2,172
Goodwill	523	510	517	525	216
Asbestos insurance receivable (noncurrent portion)	399	171	162	46	50
Noncurrent assets of discontinued operations held for sale	-	-	145	142	539
Other noncurrent assets	340	329	369	341	258
	3,710	3,360	3,580	3,349	3,235
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT					
Cost					
APAC	1,322	1,358	1,290	1,219	990
Ashland Distribution	333	360	359	356	352
Ashland Specialty Chemical	722	708	701	662	610
Valvoline	424	379	374	354	348
Corporate	158	115	121	114	191
	2,959	2,920	2,845	2,705	2,491

Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization		(1,748)		(1,629)		(1,530)		(1,403)		(1,311)
		1,211		1,291		1,315		1,302		1,180
	\$	7,006	\$	6,722	\$	7,128	\$	6,824	\$	6,475
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY										
CURRENT LIABILITIES										
Debt due within one year										
Commercial paper and short-term notes	\$	-	\$	10	\$	-	\$	245	\$	182
Current portion of long-term debt		102		191		85		82		37
Trade and other payables		1,371		1,256		1,399		1,309		1,112
Current liabilities of discontinued operations held for sale		-		39		26		35		26
Income taxes		11		24		20		40		41
				4 500		4 500				4 000
NONCHEDENT LITTER		1,484		1,520		1,530		1,711		1,398
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES										
Long-term debt (less current portion)		1,512		1,606		1,786		1,899		1,627
Employee benefit obligations		385		509		412		383		418
Deferred income taxes		291		246		439		283		224
Reserves of captive insurance companies		168		166		173		179		175
Asbestos litigation reserve (noncurrent portion)		560		152		162		44		57
Noncurrent liabilities of discontinued operations held for sale		-		-		13		11		5
Other long-term liabilities and deferred credits		353		350		387		349		371
		0.000		0.000		0.070		0.440		0.077
CTOCKHOLDEDC LEGHTTV		3,269		3,029		3,372		3,148		2,877
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Common stock		60		60		60		70		70
Paid-in capital		68 350		68 338		69 363		70 388		72 464
Retained earnings		1,961		338 1,961		1,920		388 1,579		1,710
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(126)		(194)		(126)		(72)		,
Accumulated other comprehensive 1055		(126)		(194)		(126)		(72)		(46)
		2,253		2,173		2,226		1,965		2,200
	\$	7,006	\$	6,722	\$	7,128	\$	6,824	\$	6,475
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(In millions)		2003		2002		2001		2000		1999
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS										
Income from continuing operations Expense (income) not affecting cash	\$	94	\$	115	\$	390	\$	272	\$	283
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		204		208		240		227		219
Deferred income taxes		49		(121)		151		107		101
Equity income from affiliates		(301)		(181)		(755)		(395)		(350)
Distributions from equity affiliates Other items		203 1		201		664 5		282 (19)		339 (2)
Change in operating assets and liabilities (1)		(8)		(59)		119		(17)		(217)
ALOU FLOVO FROM FEMALOTIO		242		163		814		457		373
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		_		55		52		988		150
Proceeds from issuance of common stock		2		11		15		5		4
Repayment of long-term debt		(216)		(140)		(169)		(675)		(59)
Repurchase of common stock		-		(42)		(49)		(89)		(228)
Increase (decrease) in short-term debt Dividends paid		(10) (75)		10 (76)		(245) (76)		63 (78)		98 (81)
Dividends paid						(70)		(70)		(01)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTMENT		(299)		(182)		(472)		214		(116)
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(110)		(174)		(186)		(214)		(232)
Purchase of operations - net of cash acquired		(5)		(15)		(91)		(590)		(67)
Proceeds from sale of operations Other - net		7 11		- 27		9 9		50 70		24 97
Other - het										
		(97)		(162)		(259)		(684)		(178)
CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CONTINUING OPERATIONS		(154)		(181)		83		(13)		79
Cash provided (used) by discontinued operations		287		35		86		(30)		(3)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		133		(146)		169		(43)		76
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		90		236		67		110		34
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ ===	223 ======	\$ ===	90 =====	\$ ====	236	\$ ===	67 ======	\$ ===	110 =====
DECREASE (INCREASE) IN OPERATING ASSETS (1)										
Accounts receivable	\$	(79)	\$	110	\$	70	\$	69	\$	(89)
Inventories		15		12		5		1		(23)
Deferred income taxes Other current assets		22 (5)		17 30		- 31		(28) (29)		1 (21)
Investments and other assets		7		36		(168)		(80)		(50)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN OPERATING LIABILITIES (1)		•				()		()		()
Trade and other payables		115		(132)		71		108		(76)
Income taxes Noncurrent liabilities		(50)		(18)		4 106		(15)		2 39
MOLICALLELIC TIGNITICIES		(33)		(114)		тар		(43)		39
CHANGE IN OPERATING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	\$ ===	(8)	\$	(59)	\$	119	\$ ===	(17)	\$ ===	(217)

⁽¹⁾ Excludes changes resulting from operations acquired or sold.

In millions)		2003		2002		2001		2000		1999
REVENUES										
Sales and operating revenues										
APAC	\$	2,400	\$	2,652	\$	2,624	\$	2,504	\$	1,678
Ashland Distribution		2,804		2,535		2,849		3,214		2,925
Ashland Specialty Chemical		1,170		1,094		1,055		1,092		1,083
Valvoline		1,235		1,152		1,092		1,077		1,059
Intersegment sales (1) Ashland Distribution		(21)		(20)		(26)		(38)		(25)
Ashland Specialty Chemical		(21) (69)		(63)		(26) (64)		(76)		(35) (82)
Valvoline		(1)		(2)		(2)		(2)		(5)
Varvorino										
quity income		7,518		7,348		7,528		7,771		6,623
quity income APAC		9		_		_		_		_
Ashland Specialty Chemical		7		4		5		4		5
Valvoline		-		1		1		2		1
Refining and Marketing		285		176		749		389		344
ther income		301		181		755		395		350
APAC		_		12		13		21		12
Ashland Distribution		19		17		15		9		6
Ashland Specialty Chemical		10		4		6		12		6
Valvoline		5		7		6		7		6
Refining and Marketing		2		2		7		6		8
Corporate		10		5		6		8		50
		46		47		53		63		88
	\$	7,865	\$	7,576	\$	8,336	\$	8,229	\$	7,061
PERATING INCOME	===	======	===	======	===	======	==:	======	===	======
PAC	\$	(42)	\$	122	\$	55	\$	140	\$	107
shland Distribution		32		1		35		70		37 (2
shland Specialty Chemical		31		70		38		69		94
alvoline		87		77		81		78		74
efining and Marketing (3)		263		143		707		361		323 (4
corporate		(105)		(92)		(85)		(73)		(24)(5
	\$	266	\$	321	\$	831	\$	645	\$	611
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EPRECIATION, DEPLETION AND AMORTIZATION	•	400			•	100		400	•	
PAC	\$	108	\$	114	\$	133	\$	129	\$	89
shland Distribution shland Specialty Chemical		19 40		21 38		27 46		23 40		44 (6 44
alvoline		26		36 24		23		22		26
		11		11		11		13		16
Corporate										
or por ace	\$	204	\$	208	\$	240	\$	227	\$	219

- Intersegment sales are accounted for at prices that approximate (1) market value.
- Includes a \$21 million charge for asset impairment related to (2) European plastics distribution operations.
- Includes Ashland's equity income from MAP, amortization related to Ashland's excess investment in MAP, and other activities (3)
- Ashland's excess investment in MAP, and other associated with refining and marketing.

 Includes a \$10 million charge for severance and other costs related to the formation of MAP, and Ashland's \$117 million share of income from adjustments to MAP's inventory market valuation reserve. The reserve reflects the excess of the LIFO cost of MAP's crude oil and refined product inventories over their net (4) crude oil and refined product realizable values.
- Includes income of \$43 million from environmental insurance (5) recoveries.
- Includes a charge of \$19 million to write down goodwill related to European plastics distribution operations. (6)

Ashland Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries INFORMATION BY INDUSTRY SEGMENT Years Ended September 30

(In millions)		2003		2002		2001		2000		1999
ASSETS										
APAC	\$	1,481	\$	1,498	\$	1,574	\$	1,654	\$	996
Ashland Distribution		856		884		961		1,047		917
Ashland Specialty Chemical		749		941		941		887		875
Valvoline		667		611		642		573		561
Refining and Marketing		2,484		2,409		2,452		2,352		2,229
Corporate (1)		769		379		558		311		897
	\$	7,006	\$	6,722	\$	7,128	\$	6,824	\$	6,475
		======	==	======	==:	======	==:	======		======
CAPITAL EMPLOYED										
APAC	\$	1,014	\$	1,039	\$	1,047	\$	1,156	\$	663
Ashland Distribution		418		459		470		574		527
Ashland Specialty Chemical		438		610		612		597		566
Valvoline		399		343		389		333		346
Refining and Marketing		1,866		1,818		1,654		1,679		1,646
Corporate		(268)		(289)		(75)		(148)		298
	\$	3,867	\$	3,980	\$	4,097	\$	4,191	\$	4,046
	==	======	==	======	==:	======	==:	======	===	======
RETURN ON INVESTMENT (2)										
APAC		(2.4)%		7.3 %		2.5%		7.5%		12.6%
Ashland Distribution		4.3 %		(0.5)%		2.8%		7.2%		2.6%
Ashland Specialty Chemical		4.8 %		9.8 %		5.4%		10.1%		13.1%
Valvoline Refining and Marketing		14.1 % 8.7 %		12.5 %		12.5% 25.3%		12.2%		12.2%
Refining and Marketing Ashland Inc. consolidated		4.4 %		4.9 % 5.0 %		25.3% 12.3%		13.2% 9.6%		11.4% 10.7%
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ADDITIONS TO PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT										
APAC	\$	47	\$	107	\$	92	\$	98	\$	104
Ashland Distribution		5		12		15		18		30
Ashland Specialty Chemical		34		27		38		64		54
Valvoline		16		21		29		25		26
Corporate		8		7		12		9		18
	\$	110	\$	174	\$	186	\$	214	\$	232
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Includes cash, cash equivalents and other unallocated assets. Calculated as income from continuing operations before interest expense on debt (net of related tax benefits) divided by average quarterly capital employed (excluding capital employed in discontinued operations). (1) (2)

Ashland Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries INFORMATION BY INDUSTRY SEGMENT

Years Ended September 30

		2001		2000		1999
•	•	4 000	•	4 007	•	0.40
\$	\$	1,629	\$	1,397	\$	948
		36.7		35.0		25.8
		28.7		27.8		20.7
		2.3		2.6		1.4
_	_		_		_	
\$	\$	11.2	\$	12.8	\$	11.6
		15.9%		15.2%		16.1%
_	_		_		_	
\$	\$	4.2	\$	4.3	\$	4.5
		34.1%		35.7%		35.5%
		187.4		194.1		198.1
		11.7%		10.7%		8.2%
		912		892		898
		139		141		136
		560		559		566
		279		272		266
		75		73		70
		136		131		132
		1,050		1,035		1,034
		1,302		1,309		1,231
\$		5.17	\$	2.63	\$	1.57
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		2,145		2,288		2,178
		3,587		3,742		3,604
\$			\$		\$.1346
						1,857
Ψ	Ψ		Ψ		Ψ	26.2%
		\$	\$.1218	\$.1218 \$ \$ 2,186 \$	\$.1218 \$.1284 \$ 2,186 \$ 2,143	\$.1218 \$.1284 \$ \$ 2,186 \$ 2,143 \$

(1) APAC's proportionate share of the backlog

unconsolidated joint ventures.
Sales are defined as sales and operating revenues. Gross profit is defined as sales and operating revenues, less cost of sales and operating expenses, and depreciation and amortization relative to manufacturing assets. (2)

(3) Amounts represent 100% of MAP's operations, in which Ashland owns

a 38% interest.

Total average daily volume of all refined product sales to MAP's wholesale, branded and retail (SSA) customers.

Sales revenue less cost of refinery inputs, purchased products and (4)

(5) $\ \ \, \text{manufacturing expenses, including depreciation.}$

(In millions)		2003		2002		2001		2000		1999
INTERNATIONAL ASSETS										
Ashland Distribution	\$	152	\$	125	\$	126	\$	156	\$	180
Ashland Specialty Chemical	Φ	352	Ψ	319	φ	295	Ψ	226	Φ	210
Valvoline		121		101		92		94		105
VUIVOIIIIC										
		625		545		513		476		495
INTERNATIONAL LIABILITIES										
Ashland Distribution		59		49		50		52		63
Ashland Specialty Chemical		104		99		99		69		68
Valvoline		45		37		36		31		38
		208		185		185		152		169
NET INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT										
Ashland Distribution		93		76		76		104		117
Ashland Specialty Chemical		248		220		196		157		142
Valvoline		76		64		56		63		67
	\$	417	\$	360	\$	328	\$	324	\$	326
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INTERNATIONAL INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES (1)										
Ashland Distribution	\$	8	\$	6	\$	12	\$	13	\$	(20)(2)
Ashland Specialty Chemical		54		54		48		34		42
Valvoline		16		9		2		8		6
	\$	78	\$	69	\$	62	\$	55	\$	28
	-	======		======	-	======		======		======
INTERNATIONAL REVENUES										
Ashland Distribution	\$	432	\$	360	\$	417	\$	496	\$	498
Ashland Specialty Chemical	Ψ	485	Ψ	418	Ψ	371	Ψ	373	Ψ	334
Valvoline		208		177		168		180		182
	\$	1,125	\$	955	\$	956	\$	1,049	\$	1,014
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Amounts represent income (loss) recorded by international subsidiaries, equity and dividend income from international affiliates, and international source royalty and other income recorded by U.S. subsidiaries. Amounts do not reflect any allocation of expenses incurred in the U.S. (e.g., research and development, advertising or administrative expenses) for the benefit of both U.S. and international operations. Includes a \$21 million charge for asset impairment related to European plastics distribution operations. (1)

(2)

(In millions)		2003		2002		2001		2000		1999
INTERNATIONAL ASSETS										
Europe	\$	368	\$	325	\$	295	\$	237	\$	270
Canada		141		124		126		143		140
Asia Australia and New Zealand		47		40		38		32		26
Other		43		34		27		31		36
other		26		22		27		33		23
		625		545		513		476		495
INTERNATIONAL LIABILITIES										
Europe		137		129		119		89		113
Canada		40		32		42		38		39
Asia		11		8		8		5		5
Australia and New Zealand		11		10		9		13		11
Other		9		6		7		7		1
				405		405		450		
NET INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT		208		185		185		152		169
NET INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT		231		196		176		148		157
Europe Canada		101		92		176 84		148		101
Asia		36		32		30		27		21
ASIA Australia and New Zealand		32		32 24		18		18		25
Other		17		16		20		26		22
other										
	\$	417	\$	360	\$	328	\$	324	\$	326
	===	======	===	======	===	======	===	======	===	======
INTERNATIONAL INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES (1)	_				_		_		_	(=) (0)
Europe	\$	23	\$	30	\$	25	\$	19	\$	(7)(2)
Canada Asia		25 14		25 11		26 10		24 9		23 7
ASIA Australia and New Zealand		14 8		3		1		9 1		4
Other		8		-		_		2		1
other										
	\$	78	\$	69	\$	62	\$	55	\$	28
	===	======	===	======	===	======	===	======	===	======
INTERNATIONAL REVENUES										
Europe	\$	618	\$	510	\$	475	\$	527	\$	530
Canada		292		265		288		321		283
Asia		76		63		55		50		41
Australia and New Zealand		75		61		61		68		82
Other		64		56 		77		83		78
	\$	1,125	\$	955	\$	956	\$	1,049	\$	1,014
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