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As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 19, 2005 Registration No. 333-

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND COMPANY

(Exact name of the Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 41-0129150

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

4666 Faries Parkway Decatur, Illinois 62526 (217) 424-5200

(Address and telephone number of the Registrant s principal executive offices)

David J. Smith

Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel Archer-Daniels-Midland Company 4666 Faries Parkway Decatur, Illinois 62526 (217) 424-5200

(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

Copies to:

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Approximate date of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement, as determined by the Registrant.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. o

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. o

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. x 333-103291

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box. o **CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

| Title of Each | Amount | Proposed Maximum | Proposed Maximum | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Class of Securities | to be | Offering Price Per | Aggregate | Amount of |
| to be Registered | Registered | Unit(1) | Offering Price(1) | Registration Fee |
| Debt Securities | \$100,000,000 | 100% | \$100,000,000 | \$11,770.00 |

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c).

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

This Registration Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and includes the registration statement facing page, this page, the signature page, an exhibit index and certain exhibits. Pursuant to Rule 462(b), the contents of the registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-103291) (the Original Form S-3) of Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, including the exhibits thereto and each of the documents incorporated by reference therein, are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Decatur, State of Illinois, on September 19, 2005.

ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND COMPANY

/s/ Douglas J. Schmalz
Douglas J. Schmalz
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed on September 19, 2005 by the following persons in the capacities indicated:

| Signature | Title | |
|--|---|--|
| | Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) | |
| G. Allen Andreas* /s/ Douglas J. Schmalz | Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) | |
| Douglas J. Schmalz /s/ Steven R. Mills | Group Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer) | |
| Steven R. Mills | Director | |
| Alan L. Boeckmann* | Director | |
| Mollie Hale Carter* | Director | |
| Roger S. Joslin* | Director | |
| Patrick J. Moore* | Director | |
| M. Brian Mulroney* | Director | |
| Thomas F. O Neill* | Director | |
| O. Glenn Webb* | | |

Director

Kelvin R. Westbrook*

Douglas J. Schmalz, by signing his name hereto, does hereby sign this document on behalf of each of the above named officers and directors of the Registrant pursuant to powers of attorney duly executed by such persons.

> /s/ Douglas J. Schmalz Douglas J. Schmalz Attorney-in-fact

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