

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
 Dansby, John W.

 1000 Ashland Drive
 Russell, KY 41169
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
 September 30, 1998
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)
 Treasurer;Administrative 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						6,716 (1)	I	By Trustee
Common Stock						250 (2)	I	By Trustee
Common Stock	9-22-98	S	1,000	D	\$48.50	3,384	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
Option (3)	30.50				9-19-94 10-19-01	Common Stock 1,000		500	D	
Option (3)	33.125				9-16-94 10-16-03	Common Stock 4,000		4,000	D	
	33.125				9-16-95 10-16-03	Common Stock 2,000		2,000	D	
	33.125				9-16-96 10-16-03	Common Stock 2,000		2,000	D	
Option (4)	35.875				9-15-95 10-15-04	Common Stock 4,000		4,000	D	
	35.875				9-15-96 10-15-04	Common Stock 2,000		2,000	D	
	35.875				9-15-97 10-15-04	Common Stock 2,000		2,000	D	
Option (4)	33.875				9-21-96 10-21-05	Common Stock 4,000		4,000	D	
	33.875				9-21-97 10-21-05	Common Stock 2,000		2,000	D	
	33.875				9-21-98 10-21-05	Common Stock 2,000		2,000	D	
Option (4)	39.00				9-19-97 10-19-06	Common Stock 4,000		4,000	D	
	39.00				9-19-98 10-19-06	Common Stock 2,000		2,000	D	
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