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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* DREW ERNEST H					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC [ASH]										Relationship neck all app X Direc	licable)	ng Per	rson(s) to Iss		
(Last) 2029 LA	(FI		(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2003 Officer (give title below) below) Other (spective below)											specify			
(Street) SANTA BARBA			93103 (Zip)		4. 11											e) <mark>X</mark> Form	r Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable I filed by One Reporting Person I filed by More than One Reporting on			
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Common	Common Stock															6,	6,168(1)		D	
Restricted	l Stock									1,000 ⁽²⁾ D										
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4, Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)				7. Title Amour Securi Underl Deriva (Instr. :	nt of ties ying tive Se		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ow For Dire or I (I) (10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Common Stock	\$0 ⁽³⁾	09/15/2003			J ⁽⁴⁾		82			(4)		(4)	Comm		82	\$33.67	10,125	5	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. A portion of these shares are held in Ashland's Open Enrollment Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan as of 6-16-03.
- 2. Represents shares of Restricted Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- 3. Converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 4. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 9-15-03, payable in cash or stock upon termination of service and exempt under Rule 16b-3. (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock)

09/17/2003 M. Craig Hall

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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