

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).
 () Form 3 Holdings Reported
 () Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Duquin, James 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
 September 30, 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)
 Vice President

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (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) Amount	A/D	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock						4,747 (1)	I	By Trustee
Common Stock						1,856	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) Amount	A/D	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Date Exercisable Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Option (2)	41.00					9-21-90 10-21-99	Common Stock 500		500	D	
	41.00					9-21-91 10-21-99	Common Stock 250		250	D	
	41.00					9-21-92 10-21-99	Common Stock 250		250	D	
Option (2)	30.75					9-20-91 10-20-00	Common Stock 750		750	D	
	30.75					9-20-92 10-20-00	Common Stock 375		375	D	
	30.75					9-20-93 10-20-00	Common Stock 375		375	D	
Option (2)	30.50					9-19-92 10-19-01	Common Stock 750		750	D	
	30.50					9-19-93 10-19-01	Common Stock 375		375	D	
	30.50					9-19-94 10-19-01	Common Stock 375		375	D	
Option (2)	23.875					9-21-93 10-21-02	Common Stock 1,000		1,000	D	
	23.875					9-21-94 10-21-02	Common Stock 500		500	D	
	23.875					9-21-95 10-21-02	Common Stock 500		500	D	
Option (3)	33.125					9-16-94 10-16-03	Common Stock 1,000		1,000	D	

	33.125					9-16-95	10-16-03	Common Stock	500		500	D	
	33.125					9-16-96	10-16-03	Common Stock	500		500	D	
Option (4)	35.875					9-15-95	10-15-04	Common Stock	1,000		1,000	D	
	35.875					9-15-96	10-15-04	Common Stock	500		500	D	
	35.875					9-15-97	10-15-04	Common Stock	500		500	D	
Option (4)	33.875					9-21-96	10-21-05	Common Stock	1,000		1,000	D	
	33.875					9-21-97	10-21-05	Common Stock	500		500	D	
	33.875					9-21-98	10-21-05	Common Stock	500		500	D	
Option (4)	39.00					9-19-97	10-19-06	Common Stock	2,500		2,500	D	
	39.00					9-19-98	10-19-06	Common Stock	1,250		1,250	D	
	39.00					9-19-99	10-19-06	Common Stock	1,250		1,250	D	
Option (5)	53.375					9-18-98	10-18-07	Common Stock	2,500		2,500	D	
	53.375					9-18-99	10-18-07	Common Stock	1,250		1,250	D	
	53.375					9-18-00	10-18-07	Common Stock	1,250		1,250	D	
Option (5)	48.00					9-17-99	10-17-08	Common Stock	2,500		2,500	D	
	48.00					9-17-00	10-17-08	Common Stock	1,250		1,250	D	
	48.00					9-17-01	10-17-08	Common Stock	1,250		1,250	D	
Option (6)	36.625	9-16-99	J	1	A	9-16-00	10-16-09	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
	36.625	9-16-99	J	1	A	9-16-01	10-16-09	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
	36.625	9-16-99	J	1	A	9-16-02	10-16-09	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
	36.625	9-16-99	J	1	A	9-16-03	10-16-09	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
Common Stock Units (7)	1-for-1		J	146	A			Common Stock	146		1,427	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 3-31-96, the date of the final allocation to this account.

2. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

3. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Amended Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

4. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1993 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

5. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

6. Grant of employee stock option pursuant to Ashland's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

7. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan as of 9-30-99 and includes transactions on or after 3-10-99, payable in cash or stock upon termination of service and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). The price of the Common Stock Units on applicable valuation dates has varied from \$34.688 -

\$43.313.
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
James A. Duquin
DATE
October 20, 1999