

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
 Farley, James B.

Villa D'Este
 2665 North Ocean Boulevard
 Delray Beach, Florida 33483

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Ashland Inc.
 ASH

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
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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)
 (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)

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)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D Price			
Common Stock					2,000 (1)	D	
Common Stock					400 (2)	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)	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 Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Option (3)	37.50				7-28-94 - 1-28-04	Common Stock 1,000		1,000	D	
Option (3)	33.00				7-27-95 - 1-27-05	Common Stock 1,000		1,000	D	
Option (3)	43.125				7-30-97 - 1-30-97	Common Stock 1,000		1,000	D	
Option (3)	52.75				7-29-98 - 1-29-08	Common Stock 1,000		1,000	D	
Common Stock Units (4)	1-for-1	3-31-98	J	96		Common Stock 96	(4)			
Common Stock Units (4)	1-for-1	6-30-98	J	88		Common Stock 88	(4)			
Common Stock Units (4)	1-for-1	9-30-98	J	102		Common Stock 102	(4)	12,550	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 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.
- Jointly with wife.
- Stock options (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation and Stock Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation and Stock Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors, payable in cash or stock upon termination in service, and exempt under Rule 16b-3. The price

of the Common Stock Units on applicable dates has varied from
\$46.250 to
\$57.313.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

James B. Farley

DATE

October 20, 1998