

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO

Form 8-K

September 23, 2005

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**  
**FORM 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**September 22, 2005**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

**ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND COMPANY**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**

**1-44**

**41-0129150**

(State of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**4666 Faries Parkway**  
**Decatur, Illinois**

**62526**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

**(217) 424-5200**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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On September 22, 2005, Archer-Daniels-Midland Company (the Registrant ) issued \$600,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 5.375% Debentures due 2035 (the Debentures ) pursuant to an Indenture dated as of June 1, 1986 between the Registrant and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee, as supplemented and amended by a Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 1, 1989 (the Indenture ), governing the terms of the Debentures. Under the Indenture, the holders of not less than 25% of the outstanding principal of the Debentures may declare the Debentures immediately due and payable if an event of default, as defined in the Indenture, occurs and is continuing.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND  
COMPANY

Date: September 23, 2005

/s/ Steven R. Mills  
Steven R. Mills  
*Group Vice President and Controller*

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