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ASHLAND INC Form 8-K April 22, 2003

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 22, 2003

ASHLAND INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-2918 61-0122250 (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

P.O. Box 391, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391 (Mailing Address) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (859) 815-3333

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated April 22, 2003

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

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On April 22, 2003, Ashland Inc. reported its fiscal 2003 second quarter results, which are discussed in more detail in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The information, furnished under "Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure," is intended to be furnished under "Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition," in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 33-8216.

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SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

> ASHLAND INC. _____ (Registrant)

Date: April 22, 2003 /s/ J. Marvin Quin

J. Marvin Quin

Title: Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

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