

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 8)

MIDWEST GRAIN PRODUCTS, INC.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, No Par Value  
(Title of Class of Securities)

59832G 104  
(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with the statement [ ]. (A fee is not required only if the reporting person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7.)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filed out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
 Midwest Grain Products, Inc.  
 Employee stock Ownership Plan  
 48-6107197

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
 (a)   
 (b)

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
 U.S.A.

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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	864,719
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	864,719

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 864,719

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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
 CERTAIN SHARES\*  
 The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership   
 in all the shares in Row 9.

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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
 8.86%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
 EP

\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

SCHEDULE 13G  
 For Midwest Grain Products, Inc.  
 Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:  
 Midwest Grain Products, Inc.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
 1300 Main Street

Atchison, Kansas 66002

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

Midwest Grain Products, Inc.  
Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None,  
Residence:

1300 Main Street  
Atchison, Kansas 66002

Item 2(c) Citizenship: Kansas

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, No Par Value

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number: 59832G 104

Item 3 If this Statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or  
13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:

- (f)  Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is  
subject to the provisions of the Employment  
Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment  
Fund.

Item 4 Ownership:

The following information is provided as of December 31,  
1996:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

864,719

(b) Percent of Class, based on 9,765,172 shares  
outstanding:

8.86%

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(c) Number of Shares as to Which Such Person has:

(i) Sole Voting Power to Vote or to Direct the  
Vote:

0

(ii) Shared Power to Vote or Direct the  
Vote:

864,719

(iii) Sole Power to Dispose or to Direct the  
Disposition of:

0

(iv) Shared Power to Dispose or to Direct the  
Disposition of:

864,719

The Midwest Grain Products Employee Stock Ownership Plan  
disclaims beneficial ownership in all of the above-referenced  
shares.

The reporting person is the principal stock ownership plan  
of Midwest Grain Products, Inc. The Employee Stock Ownership  
Plan and each of the subsidiary employee stock ownership plans  
are managed by five Trustees consisting of Laidacker M. Seaberg,  
Robert G. Booe, Randy M. Schrick, Brian Cahill and Dave Rindom,  
all of whom are employees of Midwest Grain Products, Inc., and  
all of whom have addresses at 1300 Main Street, Atchison, Kansas  
66002. The other Midwest Grain Products, Inc. employee stock  
ownership plans, which are also managed by the five Trustees, and  
which shareholdings are included in the 864,719 shares mentioned  
above are: (a) Illinois Non Union ESOP; (b) Illinois Union ESOP;  
and (c) Union ESOP.

The Trustees of the Plans are obligated to vote the shares

which are allocated to participants (864,719 shares at December 31, 1996) in accordance with instructions given by such participants. Unallocated shares (0 shares at December 31, 1996) are voted by the trustees.

Item 5 Ownership of 5% or less of a class:

Not applicable

Item 6 Ownership of more than 5% on behalf of another person:

Not applicable

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Item 7 Identification and classification of the subsidiary which acquired the security being reported on by the parent holding company:

Not applicable

Item 8 Identification and classification of members of the Group:

Not applicable

Item 9 Notice of dissolution of group:

Not applicable

Item 10 Certification

Not applicable

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of the knowledge of the undersigned, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

MIDWEST GRAIN PRODUCTS, INC.  
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Date February 13, 1997 \_\_\_\_\_

s/Laidacker M. Seaberg  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laidacker M. Seaberg, Trustee and  
Member of the Administrative  
Committee