

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

SCHEDULE 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 9)

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 the retoreporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of
suchclass.) (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

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*
(a) []
(b) [X]

3 SEC USE ONLY

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

5 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF 1,000
SHARES

6 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 889,593
REPORTING PERSON WITH
7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,000

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 889,593

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
890,593

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.

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
9.18%

*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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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, 1997:

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned:
890,593
- (b) Percent of Class, based on 9,700,172 shares outstanding:
9.18%
- (c) Number of Shares as to Which Such Person has: Page 4 of 5 Pages
- (i) Sole Voting Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote:
1,000
- (ii) Shared Power to Vote or Direct the Vote:
889,593
- (iii) Sole Power to Dispose or to Direct the Disosition of:
1,000
- (iv) Shared Power to Dispose or to Direct the Disposition of:
889,593

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

890,593 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 (889,593 shares at December 31, 1997) in accordance with instructions given by such participants. Unallocated shares (1,000 shares at December 31, 1997) 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 12, 1998

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