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Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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REPORTING OWNER

SMITH GARY L

CIK: **1220253**

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Business Address

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ISSUER

ANDERSONS INC

CIK: **821026** | IRS No.: **341562374** | State of Incorporation: **OH** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**

SIC: **5150** Farm product raw materials

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|--|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person SMITH GARY L | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ANDERSONS INC [ANDE] | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) VP Finance & Treasurer | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/22/2004 | | | | | |
| 480 W DUSSEL DR | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | | | |
| MAUMEE, OH 43537 | | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----|---|------------|---------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 04/22/2004 | | J | (L) | 5.823 | A | \$19.04 | 15,645.148 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 07/22/2004 | | J | (L) | 6.429 | A | \$17.31 | 15,651.577 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
| STOCK OPTION | \$8.625 | | | | | | 01/01/2001 | 01/01/2006 | COMMON STOCK | 5,700 | 3,700 | D | |
| STOCK OPTION | \$8.875 | | | | | | 01/01/1997 | 01/02/2007 | COMMON STOCK | 1,741 | 1,741 | D | |
| STOCK OPTION | \$8.875 | | | | | | 01/01/1998 | 01/01/2008 | COMMON STOCK | 1,741 | 1,741 | D | |

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| STOCK OPTION | \$12.7 | | | | | | 01/01/2003 | 01/01/2008 | COMMON STOCK | 5,300 | | 5,300 | D | |
| STOCK OPTION | \$15.967 | | | | | | 01/01/2004 | 01/01/2009 | COMMON STOCK | 4,800 | | 4,800 | D | |
| STOCK OPTION | \$10 | | | | | | 01/01/2002 | 01/02/2007 | COMMON STOCK | 4,200 | | 4,200 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Acquisition pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c)

Signatures

GARY L. SMITH

** Signature of Reporting Person

08/11/2004

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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