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Form 8-K  
April 17, 2007

UNITED STATES  
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 17, 2007

DELTA AND PINE LAND COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

62-1040440  
(IRS employer  
identification No.)

000-21788  
(Commission file number)

One Cotton Row, Scott, Mississippi 38772  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (662) 742-4000

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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:

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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### Item 5.04. Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans.

On April 17, 2007, Delta and Pine Land Company (the "Company") sent a notice to its directors and executive officers informing them of a blackout period in the Delta and Pine Land Company Savings Plan's D&PL Unitized Company Stock Fund (the "Fund"), expected to begin at the effective date (which has not been determined as of this date) of the pending merger with Monsanto Company, and ending two to five business days thereafter (the "Blackout Period"). During the Blackout Period, participants would be unable to transfer monies to or from the Fund or to receive a distribution from the Fund.

The Company received the notice required by Section 101 (i) (2) (E) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 on April 17, 2007.

Security holders or other interested persons may obtain information about the actual beginning and ending dates of the Blackout Period, without charge, by contacting Kenneth M. Avery, in writing, at Delta and Pine Land Company, One Cotton Row, Scott Mississippi 38772, either during the Blackout Period or for a period of two years after the ending date of the Blackout Period.

A copy of the notice transmitted to the directors and executive officers of the Company is set forth in Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated by reference into this item.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No.<br>----- | Description<br>-----                                                                     |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1                 | Notice of plan blackout period to directors and executive officers dated April 17, 2007. |

#### SIGNATURE

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.

DELTA AND PINE LAND COMPANY

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| Date: | April 17, 2007 | /s/ Kenneth M. Avery<br>-----<br>Kenneth M. Avery,<br>Vice President - Chief Financial Officer and<br>Assistant Secretary |
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