

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

SCHEDULE 13G  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 12)

MIDWEST GRAIN PRODUCTS, INC.  
(Name of Issuer)

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

59832G 104  
(CUSIP Number)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled 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 PERSONS  
IRS IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
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 (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
(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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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF SHARES 81,600  
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6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 823,244  
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7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
81,600  
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8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
823,244  
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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
904,844  
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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 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 (9)  
10.61%

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 or Endowment Fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)

Item 4. Ownership.

The following information is provided as of December 31, 2000:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:  
904,844

(b) Percent of Class, based on 8,527,126 shares outstanding:  
10.61%

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

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

81,600

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

823,244

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

81,600

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

823,600

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 904,844 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 (823,244 shares at December 31, 2000) in accordance with instructions given by such participants. Unallocated shares (81,600 shares at December 31, 2000) are voted by the Trustees.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent 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. Certifications.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

MIDWEST GRAIN PRODUCTS, INC.  
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Date: January 25, 2001

By: /s/ Robert G. Booe  
Robert G. Booe  
Trustee and Member of the  
Administrative Committee