

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
TRICE DAVID A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [NFX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President /Chief Executive Off / Chairman of the Board

363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)  
HOUSTON, TX 77060

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
common stock	12/22/2005		M		20,000	A	\$ 12.69 365,200 D
common stock	12/22/2005		S		500	D	\$ 51.05 364,700 D
common stock	12/22/2005		S		100	D	\$ 51.01 364,600 D
common stock	12/22/2005		S		2,500	D	\$ 51 362,100 D
common stock	12/22/2005		S		400	D	\$ 50.93 361,700 D

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common stock	12/22/2005	S	500	D	\$ 50.91	361,200	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	400	D	\$ 50.9	360,800	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	400	D	\$ 50.86	360,400	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	500	D	\$ 50.82	359,900	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	400	D	\$ 50.81	359,500	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 50.79	358,500	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	800	D	\$ 50.75	357,700	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	300	D	\$ 50.74	357,400	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	100	D	\$ 50.73	357,300	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	900	D	\$ 50.72	356,400	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	400	D	\$ 50.71	356,000	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	900	D	\$ 50.59	355,100	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	500	D	\$ 50.58	354,600	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	500	D	\$ 50.57	354,100	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	400	D	\$ 50.55	353,700	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	400	D	\$ 50.53	353,300	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	500	D	\$ 50.52	352,800	D	
common stock	12/22/2005	S	7,600	D	\$ 50.5	345,200	D	
common stock						6,720	I	by IRA

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 12.69 <u>(1)</u>	12/22/2005		M	20,000	<u>(1)</u>	05/16/2009	common stock	20,000 <u>(1)</u>
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 14.91 <u>(2)</u>					<u>(2)</u>	02/10/2010	common stock	60,000 <u>(2)</u>
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 19.02 <u>(3)</u>					<u>(3)</u>	02/09/2002	common stock	40,000 <u>(3)</u>
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 16.87 <u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	02/07/2003	common stock	40,000 <u>(4)</u>
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 17.84 <u>(5)</u>					<u>(5)</u>	11/26/2012	common stock	40,000 <u>(5)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TRICE DAVID A 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020 HOUSTON, TX 77060	X		President /Chief Executive Off	Chairman of the Board

## Signatures

\_\_\_\_\_ C. William Austin as Attorney in Fact  
for David A. Trice

12/27/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 50,000 shares from the Issuer's 1998 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 5/16/2000. This option was previously reported as covering 25,000 shares at an exercise price of \$25.38 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

(2) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 60,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/10/2001. This option was previously reported as covering 30,000 shares at an exercise price of \$29.81 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

(3) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/09/2002. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$38.03 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

(4) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/07/2003. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$33.73 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

(5) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 11/26/2003. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$35.68 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

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