

## DuPont de Nemours, Inc (DD)

**\$35.95** (As of 03/26/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$38.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

**Zacks Recommendation:**

**Neutral**

(Since: 02/13/20)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

**Zacks Rank: (1-5)**

**4-Sell**

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:D

Value: B

Growth: F

Momentum: C

### Summary

Earnings estimates for DuPont for the first quarter of 2020 have been going down over the past month. DuPont will benefit from its ongoing investment in innovation and new product development. New product launches across high growth markets will drive the company's top line. DuPont's cost and productivity improvement actions should also support its margins. The company also remains focused on driving cash flow and shareholder value. Actions to divest non-core assets and focus on growth areas should also boost its performance. However, weak demand across a number of markets including automotive and semiconductor are likely to hurt DuPont's volumes. Weak pricing is also expected to weigh on its sales and margins in 2020. The company also faces headwinds from higher manufacturing costs and unfavorable currency swings.

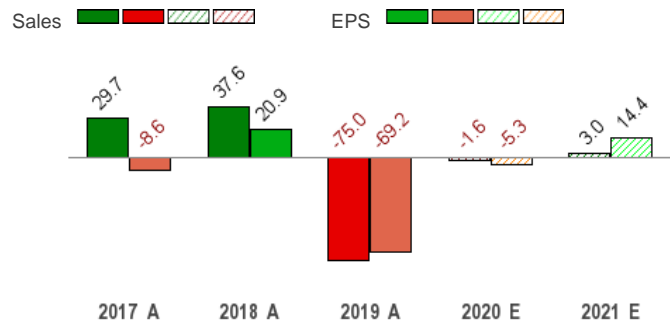
### Price, Consensus & Surprise



### Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	<b>\$83.73 - \$28.33</b>
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	<b>10,458,738</b>
Market Cap	<b>\$26.6 B</b>
YTD Price Change	<b>-44.0%</b>
Beta	<b>1.49</b>
Dividend / Div Yld	<b>\$1.20 / 3.3%</b>
Industry	<b><u>Chemical - Diversified</u></b>
Zacks Industry Rank	<b>Bottom 7% (235 out of 253)</b>

### Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	<b>-1.0%</b>
Last Sales Surprise	<b>-0.3%</b>
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	<b>-4.3%</b>
Expected Report Date	<b>05/07/2020</b>
Earnings ESP	<b>-0.8%</b>

### Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					21,795 E
2020	5,051 E	5,443 E	5,531 E	5,336 E	21,162 E
2019	19,649 A	5,468 A	5,426 A	5,204 A	21,512 A

### EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					\$4.12 E
2020	\$0.70 E	\$0.99 E	\$1.02 E	\$0.98 E	\$3.60 E
2019	\$2.52 A	\$0.97 A	\$0.96 A	\$0.95 A	\$3.80 A

\*Quarterly figures may not add up to annual.

P/E TTM	<b>9.7</b>
P/E F1	<b>10.0</b>
PEG F1	<b>1.0</b>
P/S TTM	<b>0.7</b>

The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and Sales estimates, is as of 03/26/2020. The reports text is as of 03/27/2020.

## Overview

DuPont de Nemours, Inc., which was formerly known as DowDuPont Inc., started trading as a stand-alone company on Jun 3, 2019 following the separation of its Agriculture division through the spin-off of Corteva, Inc. Following the Corteva separation, DuPont now holds the specialty products business of the former DowDuPont.

DuPont provides technology-based materials, ingredients and solutions. It serves markets including electronics, transportation, construction, health and wellness, food and worker safety. The company, which recorded revenues of around \$21.5 billion in 2019, has strong geographic, customer and end-market diversification and leading positions in core markets with businesses aligned with high-growth market trends. The company currently operates in five segments:

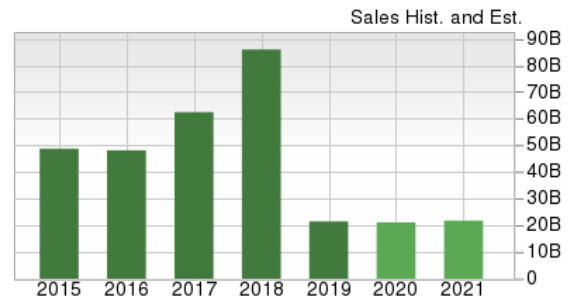
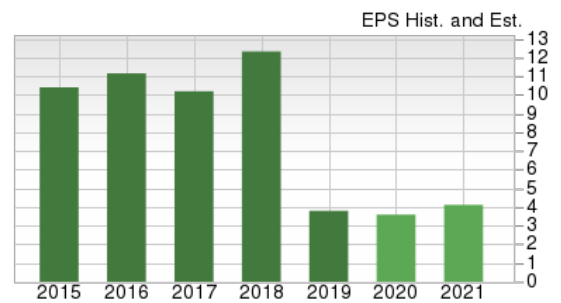
**Electronics & Imaging:** The segment provides the industry's broadest portfolio of semiconductor and advanced packaging materials. It offers differentiated materials and systems for a vast range of consumer electronics. The segment accounted for 17% of 2019 sales.

**Nutrition & Biosciences:** The unit is among the biggest producers of specialty ingredients globally. It offers solutions for home and personal care, food and beverage, dietary supplements, energy, animal nutrition and pharmaceuticals markets. DuPont, in late 2019, agreed to merge this unit with International Flavors & Fragrances. The deal is expected to complete by first-quarter 2021. The division accounted for 28% of 2019 sales.

**Transportation & Industrial:** The segment provides high-performance engineering resins, silicones, lubricants, adhesives and parts in transportation, electronics, healthcare, industrial and consumer end-markets. It accounted for 23% of 2019 sales.

**Safety & Construction:** The unit is a leading provider of engineered products and integrated systems for industries including construction, energy and transportation. It accounted for 24% of 2019 sales.

**Non-Core:** The segment supplies key materials for the production of photovoltaics and solar cells, and components and films for consumer electronics, automotive and aerospace markets. It accounted for 8% of 2019 sales.



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## Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ DuPont remains focused on driving top-line growth through innovation and new product development. New product launches are driving growth in a number of areas including automotive electrification, water and 5G. The company's innovation-driven investment is focused on several high-growth areas. It remains committed to drive returns from its R&D investment. The company plans to invest roughly \$900 million on R&D in 2020.
- ▲ The company is gaining from cost synergy savings and productivity actions. DuPont achieved roughly \$500 million in productivity and cost synergy savings in 2019. The company sees \$215 million of savings this year from its synergy program and previous cost actions. It is also taking additional cost actions in 2020, which is expected to deliver \$90 million of savings. Overall, DuPont aims to deliver more than \$300 million in gross cost savings this year. The company expects its cost actions to contribute 10 cents in its adjusted earnings per share in 2020.
- ▲ The company remains focused on driving cash flow and shareholder value. It looks to boost cash flow through working capital productivity and earnings growth. The company sees around \$1 billion in multi-year working capital productivity opportunity. DuPont also remains committed to effective capital allocation. The company returned more than \$1.3 billion to shareholders since Jun 1, 2019 including \$750 million of share buybacks. It expects to return roughly \$900 million in dividends this year.
- ▲ DuPont is actively managing its portfolio with an aim for value creation. The company is divesting non-core assets to focus more on high-growth, high-margin businesses. It is making significant progress in its divestiture actions. In sync with its portfolio strategy, DuPont has agreed to combine its Nutrition & Biosciences unit with International Flavors & Fragrances to form a new entity with 55.4% shareholding. Upon the deal's closure, DuPont expects to get one-time cash payment of \$7.3 billion, enabling the company to boost shareholders' returns, repay debts and focus on growth through potential merger and acquisitions. DuPont has also agreed to sell its silicon wafer business to SK Siltron. The company expects its portfolio actions to boost its underlying performance.

DuPont will gain from its investment in innovation and new product development. Its cost and productivity actions should also support margins. DuPont also remains focused on driving shareholder value.

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## Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ DuPont faces headwind from weak demand across some of its businesses. Soft demand in the semiconductor market, in particular in the memory segment, is affecting volumes in the company's electronics and imaging business unit. Moreover, softness in automotive market is hurting volumes in North America and Europe. The company is also seeing lower demand and inventory destocking in the electronics end-market. Weakening global economic conditions and trade tariffs are hurting demand in these major markets. Demand weakness, especially in automotive and semiconductor, is expected to continue to affect the company's organic sales over the near term.
- ▼ Weaker pricing is expected to dent the company's organic sales and margins for 2020. The company is facing pressure from lower nylon prices as witnessed in the most recent quarter. It is expected to face pricing pressure in 2020 stemming from the supply-demand imbalance. Nylon pricing weakness is expected to hurt first-quarter 2020 sales as reflected in the company's guidance. DuPont expects its net sales for the quarter to be down mid-single digits on a year-over-year basis factoring in soft pricing. The company sees pricing headwind of roughly \$200-\$250 million this year. It also expects prices to be down mid-single digits in the Transportation & Industrial division.
- ▼ The company faces headwind from manufacturing issues. The company saw increased manufacturing costs across some of its segments in the most recent quarter. In particular, plant maintenance expenses pushed up manufacturing costs in the company's safety & construction unit. The company expects margins in this unit to be hurt by manufacturing headwinds in the first quarter as well.
- ▼ DuPont is exposed to currency headwinds, which is hurting its organic sales and earnings. Currency contributed to the year-over-year decline in its adjusted earnings for 2019. Headwind from unfavorable currency swings on earnings was 16 cents for the year. The company saw unfavorable currency impacts on sales and margins across its segments in 2019. Currency is expected to continue to impact its results moving ahead.

Weak demand across certain end-use markets will hurt DuPont's volumes and organic sales. The company is also exposed to headwinds from weak pricing, currency and manufacturing issues.

## Last Earnings Report

### DuPont Misses Earnings and Revenue Estimates in Q4

DuPont recorded earnings (on a reported basis) from continuing operations of 24 cents per share for fourth-quarter 2019, down from earnings of 39 cents per share in the comparable quarter a year ago. The bottom line in the reported quarter was hurt by higher tax rate and lower segment results.

Barring one-time items, earnings were 95 cents per share for the reported quarter, missing the Zacks Consensus Estimate of 96 cents.

DuPont raked in net sales of \$5,204 million, down around 5% from the comparable quarter a year ago. It fell short of the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$5,217.7 million.

Net sales fell 2% on an organic basis as 1% higher pricing was more than offset by 3% lower volumes. The company faced challenges from weak automotive markets and lower nylon prices.

### Full-Year Results

For 2019, loss from continuing operations (as reported) was 86 cents per share, compared with earnings of 45 cents per share a year ago. Revenues were \$21,512 million for the full year, down around 5% year over year.

### Segment Highlights

The company's Electronics & Imaging segment recorded net sales of \$937 million in the reported quarter, up 3% on a year-over-year comparison basis. Organic sales rose 3%. Higher volumes in interconnect solutions were masked by weaker volumes in semiconductor technologies.

At the Nutrition & Biosciences unit, sales fell 2% to \$1.5 billion. Organic sales were flat year over year on 1% higher pricing and 1% lower volumes.

Net sales for the Transportation & Industrial division were \$1.2 billion in the reported quarter, down 9% year over year. Organic sales fell 8% on 2% lower pricing and 6% volume decline due to sustained weakness in automotive and electronics markets.

Net sales in the Safety & Construction unit were \$1.3 billion, down 3%. Organic sales rose 1% on the back of a 3% price improvement, offset by 2% lower volume. Local prices rose in all businesses and all regions.

For the non-core reporting segment, net sales fell 19% to \$404 million. Organic sales declined 9%, impacted by 15% lower volumes. Prices rose 6% in the quarter.

### Financials

DuPont had cash and cash equivalents of \$1,540 million at the end of 2019. Long-term debt was \$13,617 million.

### Outlook

DuPont expects adjusted earnings per share in the range of \$3.70-\$3.90 for 2020. The guidance takes into account continued headwind in nylon pricing and mix. Adjusted earnings for first-quarter 2020 are projected in the range of 70-74 cents per share.

The company also sees full-year 2020 sales between \$21.5 billion and \$22 billion. Moreover, it envisions first-quarter net sales to be down mid-single digits, factoring in the nylon headwinds.

Quarter Ending **12/2019**

Report Date	<b>Jan 30, 2020</b>
Sales Surprise	<b>-0.26%</b>
EPS Surprise	<b>-1.04%</b>
Quarterly EPS	<b>0.95</b>
Annual EPS (TTM)	<b>5.40</b>

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## Recent News

### DuPont Declares Leadership Changes – Feb 18, 2020

DuPont's board has appointed current Executive Chairman Edward D. Breen to the additional role of CEO. Moreover, Lori D. Koch has been named Chief Financial Officer (CFO). As a result of these appointments, Marc Doyle, who has served as CEO, and Jeanmarie Desmond, who has served as CFO, will depart the company. The company made these leadership changes to improve operational performance.

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## Valuation

DuPont's shares are down 77.3% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks Chemicals-Diversified industry and the Zacks Basic Materials sector are down 49.9% and 32.8% over the past year, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is down 12.6% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 4.53X trailing 12-month enterprise value-to EBITDA (EV/EBITDA) ratio, which compares to 6.06X for the Zacks sub-industry, 6.91X for the Zacks sector and 9.16X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 22.38X and as low as 3.94X, with a 5-year median of 9.01X.

Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$38 price target reflects 10.13X forward 12-month earnings per share.

The table below shows summary valuation data for DD:

Valuation Multiples - DD					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
EV/EBITDA TTM	Current	4.53	6.06	6.91	9.16
	5-Year High	22.38	13.36	18.21	12.88
	5-Year Low	3.94	5.43	6.07	8.27
	5-Year Median	9.01	7.58	10.55	10.79
P/E F 12M	Current	9.59	9.6	9.93	14.92
	5-Year High	22.08	15.18	21.12	19.34
	5-Year Low	7.61	8.25	9.83	14.92
	5-Year Median	14.82	12.28	13.51	17.42
P/B TTM	Current	0.64	1.18	1.38	3.33
	5-Year High	3.21	3.55	3.55	4.56
	5-Year Low	0.51	0.89	1.18	2.85
	5-Year Median	2.12	2.37	2.18	3.63

As of 03/26/2020

## Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 7% (235 out of 253)



## Top Peers

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (APD)	Neutral
The Chemours Company (CC)	Neutral
Celanese Corporation (CE)	Neutral
PPG Industries, Inc. (PPG)	Neutral
BASF SE (BASFY)	Underperform
Dow Inc. (DOW)	Underperform
Eastman Chemical Company (EMN)	Underperform
LyondellBasell Industries N.V. (LYB)	Underperform

Industry Comparison Industry: Chemical - Diversified				Industry Peers		
	DD Neutral	X Industry	S&P 500	BASFY Underperform	DOW Underperform	LYB Underperform
<b>VGM Score</b>	<b>D</b>	-	-	<b>C</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Market Cap	26.58 B	1.96 B	18.50 B	43.94 B	22.04 B	17.99 B
# of Analysts	8	3.5	13	3	7	6
Dividend Yield	3.34%	2.36%	2.35%	5.34%	9.43%	7.79%
<b>Value Score</b>	<b>B</b>	-	-	<b>B</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>B</b>
Cash/Price	0.07	0.12	0.07	0.06	0.12	0.08
EV/EBITDA	8.03	6.38	11.16	5.25	14.24	5.20
PEG Ratio	0.93	1.49	1.74	6.29	3.36	0.95
Price/Book (P/B)	0.64	1.32	2.44	0.96	1.56	2.23
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	3.57	4.30	9.87	4.06	4.00	3.80
P/E (F1)	9.29	11.16	15.29	11.88	11.16	6.43
Price/Sales (P/S)	0.74	0.62	1.93	0.64	NA	0.52
Earnings Yield	10.01%	8.52%	6.47%	8.44%	8.96%	15.56%
Debt/Equity	0.33	0.54	0.70	0.39	1.26	1.59
Cash Flow (\$/share)	10.07	3.41	7.01	2.95	7.43	14.19
<b>Growth Score</b>	<b>F</b>	-	-	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>C</b>
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	-4.67%	9.85%	10.85%	0.04%	NA	0.72%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-5.36%	-4.85%	2.89%	-10.12%	-24.65%	-12.82%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-56.42%	-5.85%	5.93%	136.40%	-5.85%	-16.46%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	1.70%	5.70%	8.55%	-0.12%	NA	-3.48%
Current Ratio	1.20	1.85	1.23	1.78	1.57	1.83
Debt/Capital	24.68%	37.36%	42.57%	28.03%	55.69%	61.62%
Net Margin	1.39%	5.29%	11.64%	14.63%	NA	9.78%
Return on Equity	7.33%	12.26%	16.74%	9.13%	NA	36.95%
Sales/Assets	0.36	0.84	0.54	0.68	NA	1.14
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-40.80%	0.00%	2.37%	2.54%	-5.19%	-9.69%
<b>Momentum Score</b>	<b>C</b>	-	-	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>D</b>
Daily Price Chg	8.19%	1.92%	6.21%	3.28%	-2.30%	3.51%
1 Week Price Chg	-15.18%	-10.85%	-16.96%	-15.33%	6.81%	-10.33%
4 Week Price Chg	-20.24%	-16.74%	-15.70%	-20.43%	-24.96%	-23.94%
12 Week Price Chg	-43.39%	-34.90%	-23.67%	-37.42%	-44.78%	-42.54%
52 Week Price Chg	-77.27%	-33.35%	-13.99%	-35.18%	NA	-35.69%
20 Day Average Volume	10,458,738	192,624	4,286,768	1,014,377	12,136,026	5,332,689
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	-0.52%	0.00%	-0.15%	0.00%	-2.10%	-1.37%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-4.32%	-2.49%	-2.28%	-11.18%	-23.03%	-14.97%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-15.38%	-10.95%	-3.22%	-18.38%	-35.28%	-26.13%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-2.19%	-4.09%	-1.60%	-10.26%	-8.40%	-6.02%

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Growth Score	<b>F</b>
Momentum Score	<b>C</b>
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