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### MGEX Celebrates 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Event on Historic Trading Floor

MINNEAPOLIS – In conjunction with the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, Inc. (MGEX), the company will hold a celebration and auction on Friday, December 2, 2011. Numerous unique and valuable MGEX items, some dating back more than a century, will be available for bid in both live and silent auctions.

The 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Auction will be held on the historic Trading Floor which dates back to 1902 when the first of three current Grain Exchange buildings was erected at the corner of South Fourth Street and South Fourth Avenue in downtown Minneapolis. The Main Building housed the Trading Floor, the central location where producers, processors and millers would gather to trade wheat, oats, corn and other commodities. The cash market trading occurred on unique cash tables where sellers would show potential buyers the various grains being offered. Some of these tables, the first of which was placed on the floor in 1902, are among the historical items up for auction. For a complete list of live and silent auction items, visit [www.mgex.com/history.html](http://www.mgex.com/history.html).

Founded as the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce in 1881, MGEX has served the derivatives marketplace for 130 years. Its flagship contract for Hard Red Spring Wheat has traded continuously since 1883.



#### **About MGEX**

MGEX, a Designated Contract Market (DCM) and Derivatives Clearing Organization (DCO), was established in 1881 and is the only market for Hard Red Spring Wheat (HRSW), National Corn Index (NCI), National Soybean Index (NSI), Hard Red Winter Wheat Index (HRWI), Hard Red Spring Wheat Index (HRSI) and Soft Red Winter Wheat Index (SRWI) futures and options. To learn more about MGEX visit [www.mgex.com](http://www.mgex.com).