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MGEX Records Second Best Total Annual Volume in History

MINNEAPOLIS – MGEX, a Designated Contract Market and Derivatives Clearing Organization, today announced total Hard Red Spring Wheat (HRSW) futures and options trading volume reached 1,775,646 contracts, the second highest annual volume in the 130 year history of MGEX, and a three percent increase over 2010. Nine of the top 25 record volume days occurred in 2011. There were four months in 2011 which reached the monthly top 25.

There were 1,732,331 futures contracts traded in 2011, the second highest annual spring wheat futures volume in MGEX history. Annual trading of HRSW options contracts soared 34 percent over 2010, and HRSW futures trading grew two percent when compared to 2010.

In December, 68,057 HRSW futures contracts traded. Total volume of HRSW futures and options was 68,231.

Complete volume and open interest information is available at www.mgex.com.



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.