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MGEX April 2009 Volume Exceeds March and Previous Year; Sets New Monthly Electronic Volume Records

MINNEAPOLIS – MGEX (Minneapolis Grain Exchange or Exchange) April trading volume reached 116,179 contracts. This marks a 23 percent increase over the previous April and 51 percent increase over March 2009.

The Exchange set its all-time monthly volume record for electronic trading with 100,633 contracted traded in April. This surpasses the previous record of 82,931, set in October 2008, a 21 percent increase.

MGEX posted six of its top 20 electronic trading days in April, with the all-time daily record of 10,350 set on Tuesday, April 21. Four of these records were set during the week of April 20 to April 24 marking the highest electronic trading volume week in MGEX history with 35,272 contracts traded.

“The CME Globex[®] electronic trading platform provides market participants increased accessibility to MGEX products including our flagship Hard Red Spring Wheat (HRSW) contract,” said Mark G. Bagan, President & CEO, MGEX. “The liquidity of our contracts provides our customers with a reliable marketplace to execute their risk management strategies as we continue through our HRSW planting season.”

About Minneapolis Grain Exchange

MGEX, established in 1881, 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 the MGEX visit our website at www.mgex.com.