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MGEX BREAKS CALENDAR YEAR ELECTRONIC VOLUME RECORD

MINNEAPOLIS – On the heels of breaking several fiscal year-end records, MGEX (Minneapolis Grain Exchange or Exchange) announced today that as of the close of business on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, it has exceeded the previous all-time record for calendar year electronic trading. Following yesterday's close, calendar year electronic contracts traded totaled 460,146 since January 2, 2008.

"MGEX continues to encourage participation in our Hard Red Spring Wheat futures and options contracts to new market participants not only in North America but also around the globe. As a result, MGEX has seen record electronic volume. With 83 trading days left in the calendar year, we expect to set a new standard for electronic trading volume on our exchange and continue that momentum into 2009," said James D. Facente, Director of Market Operations, Clearing & IT at MGEX.

The previous electronic trading record for MGEX was set in 2007 with 458,164 contracts traded in the calendar year.

About Minneapolis Grain Exchange

MGEX, established in 1881, is the only market for Hard Red Spring Wheat, 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.