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### **Minneapolis Grain Exchange Set to Launch Agricultural Futures and Options on Evening of December 15**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (Dec. 15, 2004) — The Minneapolis Grain Exchange (MGEX) is set to launch five electronically traded agricultural index futures and options contracts the evening of December 15. Simultaneously, MGEX begins trading their flagship contracts, hard red spring wheat futures and options, electronically during the evening.

The index futures contracts financially settle to spot cash indexes calculated by Data Transmission Network (DTN), a leading business-to-business provider of real-time information services. Financial settlement means no delivery threat, guaranteed convergence between futures and cash prices, and futures and options expire simultaneously. MGEX is offering futures and options on the following DTN indexes: National Corn Index (NCI), National Soybean Index (NSI), Hard Red Spring Wheat Index (HRSI), Hard Red Winter Wheat Index (HRWI) and Soft Red Winter Wheat Index (SRWI).

The Minneapolis Grain Exchange website will offer real time streaming quotes for the five agricultural index products, evening session hard red spring wheat quotes, and a wheat spreads table. Margins on MGEX inter-class wheat spreads are marked-to-the-market.

A table listing contract abbreviations, ticker symbols and trading times for all MGEX products follows. Check with your vendor for retrieval codes specific to your quote retrieval system.

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## Minneapolis Grain Exchange Product Trading Times and Ticker Symbols Central Time

	<b>FUTURES</b> National Corn Index (NCI)	<b>FUTURES</b> National Soybean Index (NSI)	<b>FUTURES</b> Hard Red Spring Wheat (MW)	<b>FUTURES</b> Hard Red Spring Wheat Index (HRSI)	<b>FUTURES</b> Hard Red Winter Wheat Index (HRWI)	<b>FUTURES</b> Soft Red Winter Wheat Index (SRWI)
Ticker Symbol: Open Outcry	None	None	MW	None	None	None
Trading Hours: Open Outcry	None	None	Mon-Fri 9:30 am- 1:15 pm	None	None	None
Ticker Symbol: Electronic	IC	IS	MWE	IP	IH	IW
Trading Hours: Electronic	Sun-Fri 7:30 pm- 1:45 pm	Sun- Fri 7:31 pm- 1:45 pm	Sun- Fri 7:32 pm- 6:00 am	Sun- Fri 7:32 pm- 1:45 pm	Sun- Fri 7:32 pm- 1:45 pm	Sun- Fri 7:32 pm- 1:45 pm

	<b>OPTIONS</b> National Corn Index (NCI)	<b>OPTIONS</b> National Soybean Index (NSI)	<b>OPTIONS</b> Hard Red Spring Wheat (MW)	<b>OPTIONS</b> Hard Red Spring Wheat Index (HRSI)	<b>OPTIONS</b> Hard Red Winter Wheat Index (HRWI)	<b>OPTIONS</b> Soft Red Winter Wheat Index (SRWI)
Ticker Symbol: Open Outcry	None	None	PW=Puts CW=Calls	None	None	None
Trading Hours: Open Outcry	None	None	Mon-Fri 9:30 am- 1:30 pm	None	None	None
Ticker Symbol: Electronic	OIC	OIS	OMW	OIP	OIH	OIW
Trading Hours: Electronic	Sun- Fri 7:32 pm- 1:45 pm	Sun- Fri 7:33 pm- 1:45 pm	Sun- Fri 7:34 pm- 6:00 am	Sun- Fri 7:34 pm- 1:45 pm	Sun- Fri 7:34 pm- 1:45 pm	Sun- Fri 7:34 pm- 1:45 pm

### About Minneapolis Grain Exchange

MGEX, established in 1881, is the only market for hard red spring wheat, Hard Red Winter Wheat Index (HRWI), Hard Red Spring Wheat Index (HRSI), Soft Red Winter Wheat Index (SRWI), National Corn Index (NCI) and National Soybean Index (NSI) futures and options. [www.mgex.com](http://www.mgex.com).

### About DTN

DTN, a private company based in Omaha, Neb., is the leading business-to-business provider of real-time information services across multiple vertical markets including agriculture, energy, commodity trading, and other weather-sensitive industries.

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