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MGEX Posts Second Highest Total Daily Exchange Volume in 130 Year History

MINNEAPOLIS – MGEX, A Designated Contract Market (DCM) and Derivatives Clearing Organization (DCO), today announced preliminary total Exchange volume reached 20,358 futures and options contracts, the second highest daily Exchange volume in the history of MGEX. Only April 25, 2005 experienced a more active trading day with 23,630 contracts trading.

The daily volume record was led by electronic futures trading of the MGEX flagship Hard Red Spring Wheat (HRSW) contract. Preliminary electronic volume totaled 18,294 futures and options contracts, the second highest electronic trading day in MGEX history. Today's electronic volume comes on the heels of a top five electronic volume day on February 15 and the eleventh highest electronic volume day on February 4. To date, February electronic trading volume totals 113,016 contracts, the best February electronic month in history with seven trading days remaining in the month.

"Today's volume was driven by uncertainty in Northern Africa and the Middle East as political riots continue in the region," Joe Victor, Business Development Specialist, MGEX said. "Additionally, a lack of confidence looms large in the North American spring wheat planting region because of excess moisture," Victor said.

MGEX 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.