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MGEX Sets Daily Electronic Trading Record; Second Best Daily Exchange Volume

MINNEAPOLIS – MGEX, a Designated Contract Market (DCM) and Derivatives Clearing Organization (DCO), today announced preliminary electronic trading volume reached 20,836 contracts, setting a new record. The total tops the former daily electronic trading record set November 9, 2009 by 2,244 contracts. Preliminary total Exchange volume reached 22,485 futures and options contracts, second only to April 25, 2005 when 23,630 contracts traded.

The preliminary electronic trading volume makes February 2011 the third highest electronic trading month in MGEX history with 167,172 contracts trading electronically. Including today, MGEX experienced six top 20 electronic volume trading days in February.

February 2011 is now the eighth highest total Exchange monthly volume ever at MGEX with 187,842 contracts traded. With three trading days remaining in the month, February 2011 has already outpaced year ago trading levels with trading volumes 73 percent higher than February 2010.

“Weather, politics and market fundamentals affected today’s markets in varying degrees,” Mark G. Bagan, President & CEO, MGEX said. “Market participants worldwide recognize the value of our spring wheat contract in their risk management and trading strategies, as shown by today’s record volume,” Bagan 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.