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MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN EXCHANGE ENHANCES WEBSITE

MINNEAPOLIS, February 7, 2006 – The Minneapolis Grain Exchange (MGEX) announced new features to its website today. The updates will complement the existing design and provide more information to focus on customer needs. The MGEX encourages everyone to utilize the material that is available on the website, www.mgex.com.

The MGEX recently implemented a web market commentary page which is updated daily with submissions from various market participants. The commentaries may include a market recap for the day and potential opportunities involving MGEX products. This will compliment the MGEX daily phone market commentary which can be accessed at (612) 321-7131 or (800) 827-4746 (outside the Twin Cities). The phone market commentary features grain futures and cash prices as well as grain market commentary.

“What the MGEX has created via its commentary page, certainly does exhibit an open willingness to service MGEX customers,” stated Joe Victor, Vice President, Marketing of Allendale Inc. “Allendale Inc strives to produce fact based research articles to better inform the farmer and end user as well as enlighten the speculative funds, all of which utilize the risk management tools the MGEX offers. The MGEX continues to envision and implement ideas, which proves it is a global leader within the futures exchange industry.”

Live quotes are now available for all of the MGEX Index Contracts. “The Exchange’s addition of live quotes to their website has helped with price transparency for the index products,” stated Fred Rice of Rice Trading.

In addition, users can now find a list of conferences that the MGEX will be attending on the Conferences and Events page. The MGEX looks forward to visiting market participants throughout the region as well as on a national level.

The MGEX is preparing to celebrate its 125th anniversary on October 7, 2006. Visitors to the website can also learn more about the anniversary and events to be held in conjunction with this celebration.

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.