



MEMO

TO: MGEX Members & Staff

FROM: Jesse Marie Bartz, Chief of Staff & Assistant Corporate Secretary

SUBJECT: Margins

DATE: May 22, 2008

The Minneapolis Grain Exchange Clearing House Committee has approved changes to clearing and exchange margin requirements for the Spring Wheat futures contract months; the new rates are in bold below. MGEX Old Crop Month is July 2008. Also, Old Crop vs. New Crop spreads will require margin of \$1,500. The changes are effective for positions held at the close of business on May 22, 2008.

| SPECULATIVE MARGINS | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Contract | Initial Margin | Maintenance Margin |
| Spring Wheat - New Crop Months | \$3,250 per contract | \$2,500 |
| Spring Wheat - Old Crop Month | \$5,200 per contract | \$4,000 |
| Hard Red Spring Wheat Index (HRSI) | \$3,510 per contract | \$2,700 |
| Hard Red Winter Wheat Index (HRWI) | \$3,510 per contract | \$2,700 |
| Soft Red Winter Wheat Index (SRWI) | \$3,510 per contract | \$2,700 |
| National Corn Index (NCI) | \$1,300 per contract | \$1,000 |
| National Soybean Index (NSI) | \$2,600 per contract | \$2,000 |
| HEDGE MARGINS | | |
| Contract | Initial Margin | Maintenance Margin |
| Spring Wheat - New Crop Months | \$2,500 per contract | \$2,500 |
| Spring Wheat - Old Crop Month | \$4,000 per contract | \$4,000 |
| Hard Red Spring Wheat Index (HRSI) | \$2,700 per contract | \$2,700 |
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