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MGEX Announces Strong Year to Date, September Volume

MINNEAPOLIS – MGEX, a Designated Contract Market and Derivatives Clearing Organization, today announced calendar year to date volume increased by 22 percent over the same period a year ago. Through September, total Hard Red Spring Wheat (HRSW) trading volume reached 1,506,617 contracts, a 22 percent increase over the same period a year ago. HRSW futures volume year to date was up 21 percent to 1,470,034 contracts, while HRSW options volume moved sharply higher, up 63 percent over the same period a year ago.

September monthly options volume soared 140 percent over September 2010 to 4,348. HRSW futures volume in September reached 118,553 contracts traded.

September was also a successful electronic volume month for MGEX, marking the eighteenth highest monthly electronic trading volume in Exchange history. September 30 volume helped fuel the monthly electronic record. It was a top 20 electronic volume day with 12,392 contracts traded.

“The increase in calendar year volume is a testament to the vision of MGEX,” Mark G. Bagan, President & CEO, MGEX said. “While we are positioned very well for future business expansion, MGEX is committed to growing our flagship spring wheat contract to ensure it remains a viable risk management product for the worldwide wheat industry,” Bagan said.

Complete volume and options 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.