



MEMO

TO: Minneapolis Grain Exchange Members
FROM: Jesse M. Bartz, Chief of Staff
SUBJECT: Christmas and New Year's Day Holidays **DATE:** 12/11/08

Thursday, December 25, 2008, and January 1, 2009 are official holidays for the Minneapolis Grain Exchange ("MGEX" or "Exchange"). Pursuant to MGEX Rules and Regulations, the Exchange will not be open for business (cash, futures and options) on any day declared to be a holiday by the Board of Directors.

Wednesday, December 24, futures markets will close at 12:00 p.m. All option contracts markets close at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, futures and options contract markets will be open as normal. However, the evening session for MGEXpress® contracts will be closed the evenings of the 24th and 31st.

December 24

Futures market closes at 12:00 p.m.
Options market closes at 12:10 p.m.
Electronic evening session closed

December 31

Normal trade hours for all futures and options markets
Electronic evening session closed

December 25 and January 1

Daytime futures and options trading sessions closed
Electronic evening session closed

December 26 and January 2

Normal trade hours for all futures and options markets