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### **MGEX Breaks September Electronic Trading Record; Tops 2009 Total Volume**

MINNEAPOLIS – MGEX, a Designated Contract Market (DCM) and Derivatives Clearing Organization (DCO), today announced it opened the new fiscal year by setting a September electronic trading record with 122,800 futures and options contracts trading electronically. September 2010 was also the fifth highest electronic month in the history of the Exchange.

September's total Exchange volume reached 142,804, a more than 15 percent increase over the year ago period. The number brings the calendar year to date volume to 1,236,141 contracts traded, surpassing the previous total calendar year volume with three trading months remaining.

Trading of the MGEX flagship Hard Red Spring Wheat (HRSW) contract totaled 141,145 contracts, a 17 percent increase over September 2009. Total Exchange month-end open interest was 68,155 or 26 percent higher than September 2009.

"Challenges stemming from worldwide crop concerns have led to increased U.S. wheat prices and in turn, supported volume growth in our spring wheat contract," Mark G. Bagan, President & CEO, MGEX said. "Furthermore, U.S. spring wheat harvests have yielded higher protein levels than last year, bringing additional interest to our flagship contract," Bagan said.

Complete volume and open interest as well as daily written and audio commentary is available at [www.mgex.com](http://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](http://www.mgex.com).