

Trading E-Options at MGEX™

With the high level of unpredictability in the grain markets, there are growing issues that concern today's market user. With futures trading, market participants face the burden of margin calls, while with options they have only one payment based on premiums without the need for margin. MGEX provides a quick, easy and efficient solution to market volatility with option contracts on Hard Red Spring Wheat (HRSW).

In January 2008, MGEX merged the proven attractiveness of HRSW futures and options with the worldwide availability on the electronic Globex® platform. As a result, the availability and opportunities to trade HRSW options at all times have dramatically increased the distribution of the electronic options execution. "Our focus is to provide opportunities and functionality that will benefit market participants by ensuring transparency and creating additional opportunities for price discovery and risk management. Infinium Capital Management represents an integral part of that success," said Mark G. Bagan, President & CEO, MGEX. MGEX has seen increased liquidity in the wheat markets. Because electronic systems match buyers and sellers quickly and precisely, the gaps between bids and offers have narrowed, making trading more attractive. But it is the market makers who provide liquidity by ensuring market entry and exit at a reasonable bid/ask price.

HRSW Options (OMW) are available for trading electronically during the day.

GLOBEX® Trading hours for Spring Wheat Options

Sunday – Friday | 7:00 pm – 7:45 am
Monday – Friday | 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Pre-open:

Sunday | 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Monday – Thursday | 4:45 pm – 7:00 pm
Friday | 8:15 am – 8:30 am

Post Close Pre-Open:

Monday – Friday | 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Benefits of Electronic Trading

- Systems are compatible with standard API and integrate with major ISV's (independent software vendors).
- Maximum transparency is achieved through orders placed anonymously.
- A simultaneous request for a quote (RFQ) can be sent to every market participant.
- Trade confirmations are immediate and broadcast to users involved.

- Activity on Globex® can be viewed in real time through Barchart.com. (or any ISV or Quote provider)
- Functionality of the option system brings option traders cost-effectiveness via instant trade confirmations.
- Straight Through Processing (STP) is provided by a leading supplier of global STP solutions.
- STP provides automatic linkage to analytical /risk management systems.
- The ability to trade between platforms such as in side-by-side options trading increases market liquidity, opportunity for arbitrage and brings new participants into the marketplace.
- MGEX's centralized order book facilitates transparency and competition among market makers in HRSW options market.
- Electronic trading increases reliability through speedy execution, automated quoting, customized pricing and use of algorithms.

MGEX is committed to options trading technology and invites you to try it. The state-of-the-art technology on Globex® platform provides fast trades, fast confirmations and the reliability you need, even at peak trading times. To ensure you're getting what you deserve, don't forget to check out the Globex® screens.

Visit <http://www.mgex.com> for more details.