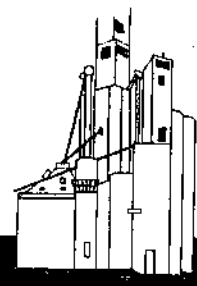


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FARMERS GRAIN COMPANY OF CHESTNUT



June 21, 2000

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Dear Ms Webb:

As President of The Farmers Grain Company of Chestnut, a cooperative grain elevator in central Illinois, I am concerned with the Chicago Board of Trade's (CBOT) proposal to increase the daily price limits of its' major commodities futures contracts.

Using the CBOT's futures contracts plays a major role in our company's grain merchandising plan. I am fearful that the proposed increase in daily limits will adversely effect our company in the following ways:

- Anticipated increased margin requirements will raise the cost of hedging our grain on the CBOT, which in turn could mean lower cash grain prices for our producers.
- Shutting down all months of a commodity for the remainder of the trading session does not allow the market to react to changing conditions during the day. This would not allow price discovery to take place.

I hope that more thought can be put into how the current price limits can be incorporated into the Eurex system so we do not have to give up a system that has proven to work well, for a system hastily thought out.

Sincerely,

Ron Sams

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President

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