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Organization: Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME")

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Filing Date (mm/dd/yy): December 13, 2016 **Filing Description:** Extension of the Agricultural Options Market Maker Program

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Certification | § 40.6(a) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Notification | § 40.6(d) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change | § 40.10(a) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Novel Derivative Product Notification | § 40.12(a) |
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Official Product Name:

Product Terms and Conditions (product related Rules and Rule Amendments)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Made Available to Trade Determination | § 40.6(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Security Futures | § 41.24(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Delisting (No Open Interest) | § 40.6(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval | § 40.5(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Made Available to Trade Determination | § 40.5(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Security Futures | § 41.24(c) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Amendments to enumerated agricultural products | § 40.4(a), § 40.5(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | “Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change” | § 40.4(b)(5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Notification | § 40.6(d) |

Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected:

Rule Numbers:



Christopher Bowen
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December 13, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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**RE: Extension of the Agricultural Options Market Maker Program
CME Submission No. 16-556 (1 of 2)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") and The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT") (collectively, the "Exchanges") hereby notify the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to extend the Agricultural Options Market Maker Program ("Program") through February 28, 2017. The extension of the Program will become effective on January 1, 2017. All other Program terms remain unchanged.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this Program. Modifications appear below, with additions underlined and deletions ~~overstruck~~.

The Exchanges reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, the Exchanges' staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Prevention of Market Disruption, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, and Recordkeeping.

The Program does not impact the Exchanges' ability to perform their trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA and the Exchanges' market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' obligations under the Program to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchanges' staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchanges' rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchanges in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and rules. The Program is subject to the Exchanges' record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

The Exchanges certify that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchanges certify that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchanges' website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com. Please reference our CME Submission No. 16-556 (1 of 2) in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

Agricultural Options Market Maker Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize market participants to trade the products listed below. The resulting increase in liquidity benefits all participant segments in the market.

Product Scope

Options on the following Agricultural products that are traded on Globex:

Dairy, Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, KC HRW Wheat, Soybean Meal, Soybean Oil, Live Cattle, Lean Hogs, Feeder Cattle, Weekly Options, South American SDNC, and SDNC Meal & Oil ("Products").

Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. To be eligible for participation, a participant must be a CME or CBOT Member Firm or individual member within division and hold a 106 R., H., S., or J. membership.

Program Term

Start date is January 2, 2014. End date is ~~December 31, 2016~~ February 28, 2017.

Hours

RTH and/or ETH

Obligations

Quoting Requirements. All participants will be required to quote on outright options for the first three (3) contracts (nearby and 2+ back months) months at any given time with seven (7) strikes over the ATM strike and 7 strikes below the ATM strike.

Participants must additionally be able to respond to Request-for-Quotes ("RFQ") orders and execute spread options between 8:30 A.M. and 1:15 P.M.

PRODUCTS	QUOTING REQUIREMENTS
Corn Option Complex	(1) Quote on outright options for the first three (3) contracts months with seven (7) strikes over the ATM strike and 7 strikes below the ATM strike, and (2) Respond to RFQ orders
Soybean Complex	(1) Quote on outright options for the first three (3) contracts months with seven (7) strikes over the ATM strike and 7 strikes below the ATM strike, and (2) Respond to RFQ orders
Wheat Option Complex	(1) Quote on outright options for the first three (3) contracts months with seven (7) strikes over the

	ATM strike and 7 strikes below the ATM strike, and (2) Respond to RFQ orders
Soybean Meal Option Complex	(1) Quote on outright options for the first three (3) contracts months with seven (7) strikes over the ATM strike and 7 strikes below the ATM strike, and (2) Respond to RFQ orders
Soybean Oil Option Complex	(1) Quote on outright options for the first three (3) contracts months with seven (7) strikes over the ATM strike and 7 strikes below the ATM strike, and (2) Respond to RFQ orders
Feeder Cattle	(1) Quote on outright options for the first three (3) contracts months with seven (7) strikes over the ATM strike and 7 strikes below the ATM strike, and (2) Respond to RFQ orders
Live Cattle	(1) Quote on outright options for the first three (3) contracts months with seven (7) strikes over the ATM strike and 7 strikes below the ATM strike, and (2) Respond to RFQ orders
Lean Hogs	(1) Quote on outright options for the first three (3) contracts months with seven (7) strikes over the ATM strike and 7 strikes below the ATM strike, and (2) Respond to RFQ orders
Dairy Complex	(1) Quote on outright options for the first three (3) contracts months with seven (7) strikes over the ATM strike and 7 strikes below the ATM strike, and (2) Respond to RFQ orders

Incentives

Fee Discounts. Upon satisfying all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchanges, each Program participant shall be eligible to receive a percentage discount on all-in fees in accordance with the following table.

Product	Rank		
	#1	#2	#3
Corn	40%	30%	20%
Soybeans	40%	30%	20%
Wheat	75%	50%	50%
Soybean Meal	100%	75%	50%
Soybean Oil	100%	75%	50%
Live Cattle	75%	50%	50%
Lean Hogs	75%	50%	50%
Feeder Cattle	75%	50%	50%
Dairy Options	75%	75%	75%

Qualification for the fee discounts are based on ranking methodology as determined by the Exchanges, in accordance with the following table:

Product	Sub-Product	Product Weighting
Corn		

	Standard	20%
	Weekly	40%
	SDNC	40%
Soybeans		
	Standard	20%
	Weekly	30%
	SDNC	25%
	SA SDNC	25%
Wheat		
	Standard	30%
	Weekly	20%
	SDNC	20%
	KC Standard	30%
Meal		
	Standard	60%
	Weekly	20%
	SDNC	20%
Oil		
	Standard	60%
	Weekly	20%
	SDNC	20%

Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Exchanges shall monitor participants' activity and performance in the Products and shall retain the right to revoke Program participant status if it concludes from review that a Program participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements or obligations of the Program.