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COMMODITY MARKETS

- The growth in 2004 trading volume and open interest in the commodity products;
- The factors that may have influenced that growth;
- Trading volume in general at the CME, and
- Commodity client demographics and why they trade CME products.

MR. THOMAS CLARK has been with CME for two years, working in the Products and Services Division as Manager of Commodity Products. Prior to his work with CME, Thomas worked for nine years in marketing and sales at an agricultural Introducing Broker in Chicago. Thomas' main responsibility is the marketing of the Commodity Products complex, which includes Live Cattle, Feeder Cattle, Lean Hogs, Pork Bellies, Lumber, Fertilizer and dairy futures and options contracts. He works within the brokerage industry, teaming with floor and retail brokers, FCMs, IBs, CTAs and Funds to facilitate educational programs and pioneer new business development projects. He also works directly with agricultural trade groups, producers, processors and manufactures through seminars, cooperative ventures and other initiatives aimed at creating a better understanding of how commodity products can be utilized as risk management tools.