



CME Announces Good Friday Holiday Trading Hours

CHICAGO, March 16 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- CME today announced the following trading schedule for the Good Friday holiday (all times are Central time):

Thursday, March 24 Commodity futures, foreign exchange and interest rate products traded on Exchange trading floors close at 12:00 noon. (Commodity options close at 12:02 p.m.). Equity index and GSCI products close at their regularly scheduled times (3:15 p.m. for equity index products and 1:40 p.m. for GSCI products).

Products traded on CME(R) Globex(R) during Regular Trading Hours (RTH) close as follows: commodities and fertilizer close at 12:00 noon; foreign exchange and interest rates close at 3:15 p.m. Products closing at their regular times are equity indexes, weather and X-Funds (3:15 p.m.), TRAKRS(SM) (3:00 p.m.), GSCI (1:40 p.m.) and CPI (2:00 p.m.).

Friday, March 25 CME Globex and Exchange trading floors are closed in observance of Good Friday.

Sunday, March 27 CME Globex opens at its regular time of 5:30 p.m. (for trade date of March 28).

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