



Press Release

Standard & Poor's Announces 2009 Weights for the S&P GSCI™

New York, November 3, 2008 – Standard & Poor's today announced the composition and weights for the 2009 S&P GSCI™. The S&P GSCI is a world production-weighted commodity index which, in 2009, will be composed of 24 liquid, exchange-traded futures contracts. The S&P GSCI includes energy, industrial metals, precious metals, agricultural and livestock products. There will be no substantive modifications or new contracts added to or removed from the S&P GSCI in 2009. The weights of the 2009 S&P GSCI are listed on the next page. These weights become effective with the January roll period.

Standard & Poor's also announced that the Investment Support Level (ISL), which is the level of investment in the S&P GSCI and other commodity indices estimated to support adequate liquidity based on trading volumes, will be increased from the current level of US\$ 150 billion to US\$ 200 billion, effective January 2009. The increase in the ISL reflects an increase in the general level of investment in the S&P GSCI and other commodity indices.

Selected tables updating the 2008 S&P GSCI Methodology can be found at www.spgsci.standardandpoors.com.

	2009 S&P GSCI Contract Production Weights	2008 S&P GSCI CPW's
Wheat (CBOT)	18,284.34	17,608.84
Wheat (KBOT)	3,648.020	4,038.438
Corn	26,040.59	25,074.14
Soybeans	7,134.814	6,727.534
Coffee	16,402.18	16,531.1
Sugar	326,600.0	321,233.7
Cocoa	3.602584	3.47784
Cotton	46,706.92	44,904.52
Lean Hogs	63,629.95	60,793.40
Live Cattle	87,753.95	80,690.59
Feeder Cattle	14,720.39	13,826.24
WTI Crude Oil	15,418.16	14,822.0
Heating Oil	67,072.57	69,165.06
RBOB	71,853.63	66,013.97
Brent Crude Oil	5,364.404	5,373.649
Gasoil	225.6823	216.2461
Natural Gas	28,781.35	28,870.6
Aluminum	36.1980	34.922
Copper	15.840	15.46
Lead	7.030	6.752
Nickel	1.2420	1.20
Zinc	10.0080	9.672
Gold	80.76268	81.5343
Silver	622.4385	605.7201

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