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Gentlemen:

Although semi-retired, I remain an Introducing Broker through R.J. O'Brien and have actively traded live cattle futures for over thirty years.

The proposed CME change of daily trading limits to 300 points in all futures months from the current 150 points is much too drastic and has the ultimate potential to seriously curtail liquidity through diminished volume and open interest.

We must keep the small trader in the market, and high margins and related large daily risks will surely run him away. I believe we can live with a 200 point daily limit, but any more will almost certainly doom Live Cattle and Feeder Cattle open interest, and thus eventually the contract itself.

Regards,

Larry Beard