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**BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC**  
**Form 424B3**  
**July 12, 2001**

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 56  
 DATED: June 26, 2001  
 (To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,  
 and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

Rule 424(b) (3)  
 File No. 333-52902

\$9,015,893,162  
 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.  
 MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$125,000,000    Floating Rate Notes     Book Entry Notes   
 Original Issue Date: 7/19/2001    Fixed Rate Notes     Certificated Notes   
 Maturity Date: 7/19/2016    CUSIP#: 073928UP6  
 Option to Extend Maturity:    No   
                                               Yes     Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On -----	Redemption Price(s) -----	Optional Repayment Date(s) -----	Optional Repayment Price(s) -----
*	N/A	N/A	N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate: 7.00%

Interest Payment Dates: \*\*

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis:

- Commercial Paper Rate
- Federal Funds Rate
- Treasury Rate
- LIBOR Reuters
- LIBOR Telerate
- Prime Rate
- CMT Rate

Maximum Interest Rate:

- Minimum Interest Rate:
- Interest Reset Date(s):
- Interest Reset Period:
- Interest Payment Date(s):

Initial Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Period:

Index Maturity:

Spread (plus or minus):

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\* Commencing July 19, 2004 and on the interest payment dates thereafter until Maturity, the Notes may be called in whole at par at the option of the Company on ten calendar days notice.

\*\* Commencing August 19, 2001 and on the 19th of each month thereafter until Maturity or until the Notes are called.

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.