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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 424B3  
 May 08, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 42  
 DATED: May 4, 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: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
 Original Issue Date: 5/8/2001 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
 Maturity Date: 5/8/2003 CUSIP#: 073928TZ6  
 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	----- N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A  
 Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A  
 Federal Funds Rate Interest Reset Date(s): Daily  
 Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily  
 LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*  
 LIBOR Telerate  
 Prime Rate  
 CMT Rate  
 Initial Interest Rate: 4.9875% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.55%

\* On the 8th of each August, November, February and May, including the maturity

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date.

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