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 Form 424B3
 May 31, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 49A
 DATED: May 25, 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: \$325,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
 Original Issue Date: 5/30/2001 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
 Maturity Date: 5/30/2002 CUSIP#: 073928UG6
 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:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis:

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

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Interest Reset Date(s): *

Interest Reset Period: Quarterly

Interest Payment Date(s): **

Initial Interest Rate: 4.05%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

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Index Maturity: Three Months

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.02%

* On the 30th of August, November and February prior to Maturity.

** On the 30th of August, November, February and at Maturity.

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