

Marketing Terminology

Basis – Difference between the cash price and the corresponding futures contract.

Call Option – The right, but not the obligation, to buy the underlying futures contract.

Cash Price – Price being paid for grain delivered to a specific location during a specific period.

Futures – Contract obligating the buyer to purchase a commodity and the seller to sell a commodity at a predetermined future date, price, quality, and quantity.

Hedging – Taking equal but opposite positions in the cash and futures markets.

In-the-Money – Situation in which an option's strike price is below the current futures price (call option) or above the current futures price (put option).

Margin – Borrowed money that is used to buy/ sell commodities.

Option Premium – Income received by an investor who sells an option contract to another party.

Out-of-the-Money – Situation in which an option's strike price is above the current futures price (call option) or below the current futures price (put option).

Over-the-Counter (OTC) – Instruments traded via a dealer network as opposed to a centralized exchange.

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Put Option – The right, but not the obligation, to sell the underlying futures contract.

Strike Price – The price at which a specific futures contract can be exercised.

Volatility – Variable in option pricing formulas showing the extent to which the return of the underlying asset will fluctuate between now and the option's expiration.



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