



Forward Contract Compared to Put Option Opportunity

Today's Date **4/21/2011**

Forward Contract Opportunity

December Futures Price	\$ 663.00
Today's Basis - fall del.	\$ (0.70)
Today's Forward Contract Price	\$ 662.30

2011 New Crop Corn

Put Option Opportunity Using Dec 11 Corn Put Options

	\$ 6.40	\$ 6.20	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.80	\$ 5.60	\$ 5.40	\$ 5.20
Strike Price	\$ 6.40	\$ 6.20	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.80	\$ 5.60	\$ 5.40	\$ 5.20
Less Premium Cost	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.58)	\$ (0.46)	\$ (0.38)	\$ (0.30)	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.19)
Less Transaction Cost	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)
Futures Floor	\$ 5.73	\$ 5.61	\$ 5.53	\$ 5.41	\$ 5.29	\$ 5.13	\$ 5.00
Less Expected Basis	\$ (0.60)	\$ (0.60)	\$ (0.60)	\$ (0.60)	\$ (0.60)	\$ (0.60)	\$ (0.60)
Expected Minimum Cash Price	\$ 5.13	\$ 5.01	\$ 4.93	\$ 4.81	\$ 4.69	\$ 4.53	\$ 4.40

Revenue Per Acre Protected

Yield Estimate of 185 bu/ac	\$949.05	\$926.85	\$912.05	\$889.85	\$867.65	\$838.05	\$814.00
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Futures "Trade off point" above this point the put strategy nets more than the forward sale

	\$ 663.66	\$ 663.58	\$ 663.46	\$ 663.38	\$ 663.30	\$ 663.26	\$ 663.19
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Outcomes over a range of futures prices

Range of Prices	Expected Cash Prices at Various Futures Prices						
\$12.00	\$10.73	\$10.81	\$10.93	\$11.01	\$11.09	\$11.13	\$11.20
\$11.50	\$10.23	\$10.31	\$10.43	\$10.51	\$10.59	\$10.63	\$10.70
\$11.00	\$9.73	\$9.81	\$9.93	\$10.01	\$10.09	\$10.13	\$10.20
\$10.50	\$9.23	\$9.31	\$9.43	\$9.51	\$9.59	\$9.63	\$9.70
\$10.00	\$8.73	\$8.81	\$8.93	\$9.01	\$9.09	\$9.13	\$9.20
\$9.50	\$8.23	\$8.31	\$8.43	\$8.51	\$8.59	\$8.63	\$8.70
\$9.00	\$7.73	\$7.81	\$7.93	\$8.01	\$8.09	\$8.13	\$8.20
\$8.50	\$7.23	\$7.31	\$7.43	\$7.51	\$7.59	\$7.63	\$7.70
\$8.00	\$6.73	\$6.81	\$6.93	\$7.01	\$7.09	\$7.13	\$7.20
\$7.50	\$6.23	\$6.31	\$6.43	\$6.51	\$6.59	\$6.63	\$6.70
\$7.00	\$5.73	\$5.81	\$5.93	\$6.01	\$6.09	\$6.13	\$6.20
\$6.50	\$5.23	\$5.31	\$5.43	\$5.51	\$5.59	\$5.63	\$5.70
\$6.00	\$5.13	\$5.01	\$4.93	\$5.01	\$5.09	\$5.13	\$5.20
\$5.50	\$5.13	\$5.01	\$4.93	\$4.81	\$4.69	\$4.63	\$4.70
\$5.00	\$5.13	\$5.01	\$4.93	\$4.81	\$4.69	\$4.53	\$4.40
\$4.50	\$5.13	\$5.01	\$4.93	\$4.81	\$4.69	\$4.53	\$4.40
\$4.00	\$5.13	\$5.01	\$4.93	\$4.81	\$4.69	\$4.53	\$4.40

2011 Corn - Example

	Revenue Insurance floor			\$6.01 base	
Coverage Election	65%	70%	75%	80%	85%
Futures Equivalent Price	\$ 3.91	\$ 4.21	\$ 4.51	\$ 4.81	\$ 5.11
Basis	\$ (0.70)	\$ (0.70)	\$ (0.70)	\$ (0.70)	\$ (0.70)
Cash Equivalent	\$ 3.21	\$ 3.51	\$ 3.81	\$ 4.11	\$ 4.41

Assumes producing a crop that yields equal to your crop insurance APH

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