



Special Executive Report

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PLANNED CHANGES TO CBOT WHEAT AND MINI-SIZED WHEAT FUTURES

This SER has been superseded by SER S-5911R issued December 1, 2011.

As part of its ongoing contract review process, CME Group has held customer focus meetings and conducted an industry-wide survey with a broad cross-section of CBOT Wheat market participants. The purpose of this outreach was to garner feedback on contract market performance to assure the CBOT Wheat futures market continues to meet customer trading and risk management needs.

Market participants provided feedback on a broad range of contract terms, but a consensus arose out of two main areas:

That deliverable wheat meet standard merchandisable quality standards, and that the contract retain sufficient deliverable supply to ensure that the delivery process provides adequate supplies to those taking delivery

Based on this feedback, the Exchange intends to implement the following changes to the CBOT Wheat and Mini-Sized Wheat futures contracts beginning with the September 2013 contract:

1. Eliminate wheat containing 4 parts per million (ppm) vomitoxin from deliverable grades.
2. Increase the discount for wheat containing 3 ppm vomitoxin from 12 cents per bushel to 20 cents per bushel.
3. Reduce the discount for wheat delivered in the Northwest Ohio delivery territory from 20 cents per bushel to 10 cents per bushel.

In addition to these changes, the Exchange intends to implement the following contract changes, pending CFTC approval, beginning with the December 2011 contract expiration:

4. In order to bring the St. Louis – Alton delivery territory in-line with all other CBOT Wheat delivery territories, allow Hard Red Winter, Dark Northern Spring, and Northern Spring wheat to be deliverable in that territory.

5. Add language to the Rulebook outlining the Exchange's custom to adjust how the nearby calendar spread is measured when calculating the Variable Storage Rate (VSR) mechanism when contract changes that could affect that spread are pending.
6. Remove language in the Rulebook requiring River delivery facilities to be connected by railroad service.

Affected product terms and conditions are attached.

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Attachment

**CBOT Rulebook
Chapter 14. Wheat Futures**

14104. GRADES / GRADE DIFFERENTIALS

Upon written request by a taker of delivery at the time loading orders are submitted, a futures contract for the sale of wheat shall be performed on the basis of United States origin only.

<u>WHEAT GRADE DIFFERENTIALS</u>	
At 3¢ Premium	At Contract Price
No. 1 Soft Red Winter	No. 2 Soft Red Winter
No. 1 Hard Red Winter	No. 2 Hard Red Winter
No. 1 Dark Northern Spring	No. 2 Dark Northern Spring
No. 1 Northern Spring	No. 2 Northern Spring

Wheat which contains moisture in excess of 13.5% is not deliverable.

A contract for the sale of wheat for future delivery shall be performed on the basis of the grades officially promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture as conforming to United States Standards at the time of making the contract. If no such United States grades shall have been officially promulgated, then such

contract shall be performed on the basis of the grades established by the Department of Agriculture of the State of Illinois, or the standards established by the Rules of the Exchange in force at the time of making the contract.

~~[A taker of delivery of wheat shall have the option to request in writing load-out of wheat which contains no more than 4 (four) parts per million of deoxynivalenol (vomitoxin). At the taker's expense, a determination of the level of vomitoxin shall be made at the point of load-out by the Federal Grain Inspection Service or by a third party inspection service which is mutually agreeable to the maker and taker of delivery.]~~

~~[Effective September 1, 2009, all wheat shipping certificates shall be marked as either 3 parts per million deoxynivalenol (vomitoxin) or 4 parts per million vomitoxin. Shipping certificates marked as 3 parts per million vomitoxin shall be delivered at contract price, while shipping certificates marked as 4 parts per million shall be delivered at a 12 cent per bushel discount. A taker of delivery of wheat shall have the option to request in writing vomitoxin testing. At the taker's expense, a determination of the level of vomitoxin shall be made at the point of load-out by the Federal Grain Inspection Service or by a third party inspection service which is mutually agreeable to the maker and taker of delivery. Regular facilities shall load-out wheat containing unit average testing results of 3 parts per million vomitoxin or below for canceled shipping certificates marked as 3 parts per million and shall load-out wheat containing unit average testing results of 4 parts per million vomitoxin or below for canceled shipping certificates marked as 4 parts per million.]~~

Effective September 1, 2011, all wheat shipping certificates shall be marked as either 2 parts per million deoxynivalenol (vomitoxin), 3 parts per million vomitoxin, or 4 parts per million vomitoxin. Shipping certificates marked as 2 parts per million vomitoxin shall be delivered at contract price, while shipping certificates marked as 3 parts per million shall be delivered at a 12 cent per bushel discount and shipping certificates marked as 4 parts per million shall be delivered at a 24 cent per bushel discount. A taker of delivery of wheat shall have the option to request in writing vomitoxin testing. At the taker's expense, a determination of the level of vomitoxin shall be made at the point of load-out by the Federal Grain Inspection Service or by a third party inspection service which is mutually agreeable to the maker and taker of delivery. Regular facilities shall load-out wheat containing unit average testing results of 2 parts per million vomitoxin or below for canceled shipping certificates marked as 2 parts per million, shall load-out wheat containing unit average testing results of 3 parts per million vomitoxin or below for canceled shipping certificates marked as 3 parts per million, and shall load-out wheat containing unit average testing results of 4 parts per million vomitoxin or below for canceled shipping certificates marked as 4 parts per million.

Effective September 1, 2013, all wheat shipping certificates shall be marked as either 2 parts per million deoxynivalenol (vomitoxin), or 3 parts per million vomitoxin. Shipping certificates marked as 2 parts per million vomitoxin shall be delivered at contract price, while shipping certificates marked as 3 parts per million shall be delivered at a 20 cent per bushel discount. A taker of delivery of wheat shall have the option to request in writing vomitoxin testing. At the taker's expense, a determination of the level of vomitoxin shall be made at the point of load-out by the

Federal Grain Inspection Service or by a third party inspection service which is mutually agreeable to the maker and taker of delivery. Regular facilities shall load out wheat containing unit average testing results of 2 parts per million vomitoxin or below for canceled shipping certificates marked as 2 parts per million and shall load out wheat containing unit average testing results of 3 parts per million vomitoxin or below for canceled shipping certificates marked as 3 parts per million.

14105. LOCATION DIFFERENTIALS

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 14106., wheat for shipment from regular facilities located within the Chicago Switching District, the Burns Harbor, Indiana Switching District, on the Ohio River, or the Toledo, Ohio Switching District may be delivered in satisfaction of Wheat futures contracts at contract price, subject to the differentials for class and grade outlined above. Wheat for shipment from regular facilities in the Northwest Ohio territory may be delivered in satisfaction of Wheat futures contracts at a discount of [20] **10** cents per bushel, subject to the differentials for class and grade outlined above. Wheat for shipment from regular facilities on the Mississippi River may be delivered in satisfaction of Wheat futures contracts at a premium of 20 cents per bushel, subject to the differentials for class and grade outlined above. [~~Only No. 1 Soft Red Winter and No. 2 Soft Red Winter~~] Wheat for shipment from regular facilities located within the St. Louis-East St. Louis and Alton Switching districts may be delivered in satisfaction of Wheat futures contracts at a premium of 10 cents per bushel over contract price, subject to the differentials for class and grade.

14106. DELIVERY POINTS

Wheat certificates shall specify shipment from one of the currently regular for delivery facilities located in one of the following territories: Wheat for shipment from regular facilities located within the Chicago Switching District, the Burns Harbor, Indiana Switching District, the Northwest Ohio Territory, on **the** Ohio River, on **the** Mississippi River or the Toledo, Ohio Switching District may be delivered in satisfaction of wheat futures contracts. [~~Only No. 1 Soft Red Winter and No. 2 Soft Red Winter Wheat for shipment from regular facilities located within the St. Louis-East St. Louis and Alton Switching Districts may be delivered in satisfaction of Wheat futures.~~] When used in these Rules, Burns Harbor, Indiana Switching District will be that area geographically defined by the boundaries of Burns Waterway Harbor at Burns Harbor, Indiana which is owned and operated by the Indiana Port Commission. The Northwest Ohio Territory shall be shuttle loading facilities within the following 12 counties: Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Marion, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Wood, and Wyandot. The Ohio River facilities shall be river loading facilities on the Ohio River from mile marker 455 to the Mississippi River. The Mississippi River facilities shall be river loading facilities on the Mississippi River downriver from the St. Louis-East St. Louis Alton Switching District to mile marker 715.

14108. PREMIUM CHARGES

To be valid for delivery on futures contracts, all certificates covering wheat under obligation for shipment must indicate the applicable premium charge. No certificate shall be valid for delivery on futures contracts unless the premium charges on such wheat shall have been paid up to and including the 18th calendar day of the preceding month, and such payment is endorsed on the certificate. Unpaid accumulated premium charges at the posted rate applicable to the facility shall be allowed and credited to the buyer by the seller up to and including date of delivery.

The maximum premium charges on Wheat shall be determined prior to the nearby contract delivery period. The Exchange shall measure the nearby spread relative to financial full carry each business day from the 19th calendar day of the delivery month of the contract that expires prior to the nearby contract until the last Friday which precedes by at least two business days the last business day of the month preceding the nearby contract delivery month. For example, for a September expiration, the Exchange would measure the September – December spread relative to financial full carry each business day from July 19 until the last Friday in August which precedes by at least two business days the last business day in August. Financial full carry will be determined by the following formula:

$$N * \left[\left(\frac{i}{360} \right) * FP + P \right]$$

Where:

N = Number of calendar days from the first delivery day in the nearby contract to the first delivery day in the contract that follows the nearby contract

i = 3-Month LIBOR rate + 200 basis points

FP = Settlement price for the nearby futures contract

P = Current daily premium charge

The percentage of the nearby spread to financial full carry is calculated each business day during the calculation period and a running average of each of these daily values is calculated. At the end of the calculation period (the last Friday which precedes by at least two business days the last business day of the month preceding the nearby contract delivery month), should the running average carry be 80 percent of financial full carry or greater, then the maximum daily premium charge shall increase 10/100's of one cent per bushel on the 18th calendar day of the nearby contract delivery month. Should the running

average carry be 50 percent of financial full carry or less, then the maximum daily premium charge shall decrease 10/100's of one cent per bushel on the 18th calendar day of the nearby contract delivery month.

The Exchange reserves the right to adjust the nearby spread used in the calculation should changes in quality specifications or other pending contract changes have the potential to affect the normal nearby spread relationship.

Premium charges shall not be reduced below 16.5/100's of one cent per bushel per day.

14109. REGULARITY OF FACILITIES AND ISSUERS OF SHIPPING CERTIFICATES

14109.A. Regularity Requirements

In addition to the conditions set forth in Rule 703. A., Conditions for Approval, all facilities regular for delivery of Wheat, **except for barge loading facilities on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers**, shall be connected by railroad tracks with one or more railway lines.

14109.B. Location

For the delivery of wheat, regular facilities may be located within the Chicago Switching District or within the Burns Harbor, Indiana Switching District (subject to the provisions of Paragraph A above), within the Toledo, Ohio Switching District, within the Northwest Ohio Territory defined as Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Marion, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Wood and Wyandot counties; on the Ohio river from mile marker 455 to the Mississippi River; on the Mississippi River downriver from the St. Louis-East St. Louis Alton Switching District to mile marker 715; or ~~[with respect to only No. 1 Soft Red Winter and No. 2 Soft Red Winter Wheat,]~~ within the St. Louis-East St. Louis or Alton Switching Districts.

Delivery in Toledo must be made by shipping certificates at regular facilities providing water loading facilities and maintaining water depth equal to normal seaway draft of 27 feet.

However, deliveries of wheat may be made in off-water elevators within the Toledo, Ohio Switching District PROVIDED that the party making delivery makes the grain available upon call within five calendar days to load into water equipment at one water location within the Toledo, Ohio Switching District. The party making delivery must declare within one business day after receiving shipping certificates and loading orders the water location at which wheat will be made available.

Any additional expense incurred to move delivery grain from an off-water elevator into water facilities shall be borne by the party making delivery; PROVIDED that the party taking delivery presents water equipment clean and ready to load within fifteen calendar days from the time the grain has been made available.

Official weights and official grades as loaded into the water equipment shall govern for delivery purposes.

Delivery in the St. Louis-East St. Louis or Alton Switching Districts, on the Ohio River, and on the Mississippi River must be by shipping certificates at regular facilities providing barge loading facilities and maintaining water depth equal to the average draft of the current barge loadings in the St. Louis-East St. Louis and Alton barge loading districts, and equal to the average draft of the current barge loadings along the Ohio River, and along the Mississippi River, respectively.

CBOT Rulebook
Chapter 14B. Mini-Sized Wheat Futures

14B05. LOCATION DIFFERENTIALS

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 14B06., wheat for shipment from regular facilities located within the Chicago Switching District, the Burns Harbor, Indiana Switching District, on the Ohio River, or the Toledo, Ohio Switching District may be delivered in satisfaction of minisized Wheat futures contracts at contract price, subject to the differentials for class and grade outlined above. Wheat for shipment from regular facilities in the Northwest Ohio territory may be delivered in satisfaction of mini-sized Wheat futures contracts at a discount of ~~[20]~~ **10** cents per bushel, subject to the differentials for class and grade outlined above. Wheat for shipment from regular facilities on the Mississippi River may be delivered in satisfaction of mini-sized Wheat futures contracts at a premium of 20 cents per bushel, subject to the differentials for class and grade outlined above. ~~[Only No. 1 Soft Red Winter and No. 2 Soft Red Winter]~~ Wheat for shipment from regular facilities located within the St. Louis-East St. Louis and Alton Switching districts may be delivered in satisfaction of mini-sized Wheat futures contracts at a premium of 10 cents per bushel over contract price, subject to the differentials for class and grade.

14B06. DELIVERY POINTS

Wheat shipping certificates shall specify shipment from one of the currently regular for delivery facilities located in one of the following territories:

Wheat for shipment from regular facilities located within the Chicago Switching District, the Burns Harbor, Indiana Switching District, the Northwest Ohio Territory, on **the** Ohio River, on **the** Mississippi River or the Toledo, Ohio Switching District may be delivered in satisfaction of mini-sized wheat futures contracts. ~~[Only No. 1 Soft Red Winter and No. 2 Soft Red Winter Wheat for shipment from regular facilities located within the St. Louis East St. Louis and Alton Switching Districts may be delivered in satisfaction of mini-sized Wheat futures].~~ When used in these Rules, Burns Harbor, Indiana Switching District will be that area geographically defined by the boundaries of Burns Waterway Harbor at Burns Harbor, Indiana which is owned and operated by the Indiana Port Commission. The Northwest Ohio Territory shall be shuttle loading facilities within the following 12 counties: Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Marion, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Wood, and Wyandot. The Ohio River facilities shall be river loading facilities on the Ohio River from mile marker 455 to the Mississippi River. The Mississippi River facilities shall be river loading facilities on the Mississippi River downriver from the St. Louis-East St. Louis Alton Switching District to mile marker 715.

14B08. PREMIUM CHARGES

To be valid for delivery on futures contracts, all certificates covering mini-sized wheat under obligation for shipment must indicate the applicable premium charge. No certificate shall be valid for delivery on futures contracts unless the premium charges on such wheat shall have been paid up to and including the 18th calendar day of the preceding month, and such payment is endorsed on the certificate. Unpaid accumulated premium charges at the posted rate applicable to the facility shall be allowed and credited to the buyer by the seller up to and including date of delivery.

The maximum premium charges on mini-sized Wheat shall be determined prior to the nearby contract delivery period. The Exchange shall measure the nearby spread relative to financial full carry each business day from the 19th calendar day of the delivery month of the contract that expires prior to the nearby contract until the last Friday which precedes by at least two business days the last business day of the month preceding the nearby contract delivery month. For example, for a September expiration, the Exchange would measure the September – December spread relative to financial full carry each business day from July 19 until the last Friday in August which precedes by at least two business days the last business day in August. Financial full carry will be determined by the following formula:

$$N * \left[\left(\frac{i}{360} \right) * FP + P \right]$$

Where:

N = Number of calendar days from the first delivery day in the nearby contract to the first delivery day in the contract that follows the nearby contract

$i = 3\text{-Month LIBOR rate} + 200 \text{ basis points}$

FP = Settlement price for the nearby futures contract

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The percentage of the nearby spread to financial full carry is calculated each business day during the calculation period and a running average of each of these daily values is calculated. At the end of the calculation period (the last Friday which precedes by at least two business days the last business day of the month preceding the nearby contract delivery month), should the running average carry be 80 percent of financial full carry or greater, then the maximum daily premium charge shall increase 10/100's of one cent per bushel on the 18th calendar day of the nearby contract delivery month. Should the running average carry be 50 percent of financial full carry or less, then the maximum daily premium charge shall decrease 10/100's of one cent per bushel on the 18th calendar day of the nearby contract delivery month.

The Exchange reserves the right to adjust the nearby spread used in the calculation should changes in quality specifications or other pending contract changes have the potential to affect the normal nearby spread relationship.

Premium charges shall not be reduced below 16.5/100's of one cent per bushel per day.