

Chapter 14B Mini-Sized Wheat Futures

14B00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to futures trading of mini-sized wheat. The procedures for trading, clearing, inspection, delivery and settlement, and any other matters not specifically covered herein or in Chapters 7 and 14 shall be governed by the general rules of the Exchange.

14B01. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

Each futures contract shall be for 1,000 bushels of No. 2 Soft Red Winter, No. 2 Hard Red Winter, No. 2 Dark Northern Spring, and No. 2 Northern Spring at par; and No. 1 Soft Red Winter, No. 1 Hard Red Winter, No. 1 Dark Northern Spring and No. 1 Northern Spring at 3 cents per bushel over contract price. Every delivery of mini-sized wheat may be made up of the authorized grades for shipment from eligible regular facilities provided that no lot delivered shall contain less than 1,000 bushels of any one grade in any one facility.

14B02. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

Trading in mini-sized wheat futures is regularly conducted in five months – July, September, December, March and May. The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

14B02.A. Trading Schedule

The hours for trading of mini-sized wheat futures shall be determined by the Exchange.

On the last day of trading in an expiring future, the close of the expiring future shall begin at 12 o'clock noon and trading shall be permitted thereafter for a period not to exceed one minute. Quotations made during this one minute period shall constitute the close.

14B02.B. Trading Unit

The unit of trading shall be 1,000 bushels of wheat.

14B02.C. Price Increments

The minimum fluctuation for mini-sized wheat futures shall be 1/8 cent per bushel (\$1.25 per contract), including spreads.

14B02.D. Daily Price Limits

Daily price limits for mini-sized Wheat futures are the same as those for standard-sized Wheat futures on the same day.

14B02.E. Position Limits, Limits on Holdings of Registered and Outstanding Shipping Certificates, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

The applicable position limits, limits on holdings of registered and outstanding shipping certificates and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits, limits on holdings of registered and outstanding shipping certificates for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

14B02.F. RESERVED

14B02.G. Termination of Trading

No trades in mini-sized wheat futures deliverable in the current month shall be made after the business day preceding the 15th calendar day of that month. Any contracts remaining open after the last day of trading must be either:

- (a) Settled by delivery no later than the second business day following the last trading day (tender on business day prior to delivery).
- (b) Liquidated by means of a bona fide Exchange of Futures for Related Position, no later than the business day following the last trading day.

14B03.

SETTLEMENT PRICES

Settlement prices of mini-sized wheat futures contracts shall be set equal to the settlement prices of the corresponding contracts in the primary market. Where a particular contract has opened on the Exchange for which the primary market has established no settlement price, the Clearing House shall set a settlement price consistent with the spread relationships of other contracts; provided, however, that if the contract is not subject to daily price fluctuation limits then the settlement prices shall be set at the fair market value of the contract at the close of trading.

14B04.

GRADES / GRADE DIFFERENTIALS

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

<u>WHEAT GRADE DIFFERENTIALS</u>	
<u>At 3¢ Premium</u>	<u>At Contract Price</u>
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 mini-sized 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.

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.

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 mini-sized 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 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. Wheat for shipment from regular facilities located within the St. Louis - Alton Territory 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, the St. Louis-Alton 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. 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 St. Louis – Alton Territory shall be on the Mississippi River between Upper River mile markers 205 and 168. The Mississippi River facilities shall be river loading facilities on the Mississippi River downriver from the St. Louis - Alton Territory to Lower River mile marker 715.

14B07. DELIVERIES BY MINI-SIZED WHEAT CERTIFICATES AND DELIVERY PAYMENT¹

14B07.A. Deliveries by Mini-Sized Wheat Certificates

Deliveries of CBOT mini-sized Wheat shall be made by delivery of mini-sized Wheat Certificates created by the Exchange from Wheat Shipping Certificates issued by facilities designated by the Exchange as regular to issue shipping certificates for Wheat, utilizing the Clearing House electronic delivery system. In order to effect a valid delivery, each Certificate must be properly endorsed by the holder making the delivery, and transfer as specified above constitutes endorsement. Such endorsement shall constitute a warranty of the genuineness of the Certificate and of good title thereto, but shall not constitute a guaranty, by an endorser, of performance by the warehouseman. Such endorsement shall also constitute a representation that all storage charges have been paid on the commodity covered by the Certificate, in accordance with Rule 14B08.

Deliveries for Mini-Sized Wheat futures contracts, commencing with the December 2012 contract, will be restricted to multiples of 5 Mini-Sized Wheat futures contracts on all days on which deliveries may take place with the exception of the last intent day. On the last intent day, there will be no restriction on the delivery Quantity.

Mini-sized Wheat Certificates may not be cancelled for load-out. Upon the return of five (5) min-sized Wheat Certificates to the Exchange, a registered Wheat Shipping Certificate will be

¹ Revised June 2008.

delivered by the Exchange to the holder of the five (5) mini-sized Wheat Certificates, utilizing the Clearing House electronic delivery system.
(Refer to Rule 713., Delivery Procedures.)

14B07.B. Delivery Payment

Delivery Payment shall be made utilizing the electronic delivery system via the Clearing House's online system. Delivery Payment will be made during the 6:45 a.m. collection cycle, or such other time designated by the Clearing House. Thus, the cost of delivery will be debited or credited to a clearing firm's settlement account. Buyers obligated to accept delivery must take delivery and make Delivery Payment and sellers obligated to make delivery must make delivery during the 6:45 a.m. settlement process, or such other time designated by the Clearing House, on the day of delivery, except on banking holidays when delivery must be taken or made and Delivery Payment made during the 6:45 a.m. settlement process, or such other time designated by the Clearing House, on the next banking business day. Adjustments for differences between contract prices and delivery prices established by the Clearing House shall be made with the Clearing House in accordance with its rules, policies and procedures.

14B08. PREMIUM CHARGES

(FOR ALL CONTRACT MONTHS UP TO AND THROUGH THE CONCLUSION OF THE DECEMBER 2026 DELIVERY PERIOD (DECEMBER 16, 2026))

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 = CME Group 3-Month Term SOFR rate + 221.25 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 19th 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 19th calendar day of the nearby contract delivery month.

The Exchange may adjust how the observed nearby spread is measured relative to financial full carry should pending contract changes exist that have the potential to affect the normal nearby spread relationship. Any adjustments to how the observed spread is measured will attempt to remove the potential effects caused by the pending contract change. Any adjustments in how the nearby spread is measured will be communicated to market participants through a Special Executive Report or Exchange Advisory Notice prior to the beginning of the measurement period.

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

14B08. PREMIUM CHARGES

(FOR ALL CONTRACT MONTHS COMMENCING FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE DECEMBER 2026 DELIVERY PERIOD (DECEMBER 17, 2026))

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:

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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 19th 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 19th calendar day of the nearby contract delivery month.

The Exchange may adjust how the observed nearby spread is measured relative to financial full carry should pending contract changes exist that have the potential to affect the normal nearby spread relationship. Any adjustments to how the observed spread is measured will attempt to remove the potential effects caused by the pending contract change. Any adjustments in how the nearby spread is measured will be communicated to market participants through a Special Executive Report or Exchange Advisory Notice prior to the beginning of the measurement period.

Premium charges shall not be reduced below 26.5/100's of one cent per bushel per day.