

Chapter 15A Options on Oat Futures

15A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to put and call options on Oat futures contracts. In addition to the rules of this chapter, transactions in options on Oat futures shall be subject to the general rules of the Exchange insofar as applicable.

For purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise specified, times referred to herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.

15A01. OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS

15A01.A. Contract Months

Trading may be conducted in the nearby Oat futures options contract month and any succeeding months, provided however, that Exchange may determine not to list a contract month. For options that are traded in months in which Oat futures are not traded, the underlying futures contract is the next futures contract that is nearest to the expiration of the option. For example, the underlying futures contract for the February option contract is the March futures contract.

15A01.B. Trading Unit

One 5,000 bushel Oat futures contract of a specified contract month.

15A01.C. Minimum Fluctuations

The premium for Oat futures options shall be in multiples of one-eighth (1/8) of one cent per bushel of a 5,000 bushel Oats futures contract which shall equal \$6.25 per contract.

However, a position may be initiated or liquidated in Oat futures options at a premium ranging from \$1.00 to \$6.00, in \$1.00 increments per option contract.

15A01.D. Trading Hours

The hours of trading for options on Oat futures contracts shall be determined by the Exchange. Oat futures options shall be opened and closed for all months and strike prices simultaneously or in such other manner as determined by the Exchange.

15A01.E. Exercise and Exercise Prices¹

Transactions and exercise of options shall be conducted for option contracts as set forth in the [Strike Price Listing and Exercise Procedures Table](#).

15A01.F. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

The applicable position limits 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 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.

15A01.G. Reserved

15A01.H. Nature of Options on Oat Futures

The buyer of one Oat futures put option may exercise his option at any time prior expiration (subject to Rule 15A02.A.), to assume a short position in one Oat futures contract of a specified contract month at a striking price set at the time the option was purchased. The seller of one Oat futures put option incurs the obligation of assuming a long position in one Oat futures contract of a specified contract month at a striking price set at the time the option was sold, upon exercise by a put option buyer.

The buyer of one Oat futures call option may exercise his option at any time prior to expiration (subject to Rule 15A02.A.), to assume a long position in one Oat futures contract of a specified

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contract month at a striking price set at the time the option was purchased. The seller of one Oat futures call option incurs the obligation of assuming a short position in one Oat futures contract of a specified contract month at a striking price set at the time the option was sold, upon exercise by a call option buyer.

15A01.I. Termination of Trading

Subject to the provisions of Rule 15A01.D., no trades in Oat futures options expiring in the current month shall be made after the close of the electronic trading session for the corresponding Oat futures contract on the last Friday which precedes by at least two business days, the last business day of the month preceding the option month. If such Friday is not a business day, the last day of trading shall be the business day prior to such Friday.

15A01.J. Contract Modification

Specifications shall be fixed as of the first day of trading of a contract except that all options must conform to government regulations in force at the time of exercise. If the U.S. government, an agency, or duly constituted body thereof issues an order, ruling, directive, or law inconsistent with these rules, such order, ruling, directive, or law shall be construed to become part of the rules and all open and new options contracts shall be subject to such government orders.

15A02. ASSIGNMENT

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the assignment of Oat Options.

Exercise notices accepted by the Clearing House shall be assigned through a process of random selection to clearing members' open short positions in the same series. A clearing member to which an exercise notice is assigned shall be notified thereof as soon as practicable after such notice is assigned by the Clearing House.

The clearing member assigned an exercise notice shall be assigned a short position in the underlying futures contract if a call is exercised or a long position if a put is exercised. The clearing member representing the option buyer shall be assigned a long position in the underlying futures contract if a call is exercised and a short position if a put is exercised.

All such futures positions shall be assigned at a price equal to the exercise price of the option and shall be marked to market in accordance with Rule 814 on the trading day of acceptance by the Clearing House of the Exercise Notice.

15A03. [RESERVED]

15A04. [RESERVED]

15A05. OPTION PREMIUM LIMITS

There are no option premium limits during any day for options on Oat futures.

15A06. PAYMENT OF OPTION PREMIUM

The option premium must be paid in full by each clearing member to the Clearing House and by each option customer to his futures commission merchant at the time that the option is purchased, or within a reasonable time after the option is purchased.