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Reminder: The 2013 Listing Cycle for Short-Dated New Crop Options on Corn and Soybean Futures Starts on January 2, 2013

The 2013 listing cycle for short-dated new crop Corn and Soybean options will start on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. These options will be available for trade on both the trading floor and on CME Globex.

CBOT launched short-dated new crop Corn and Soybean options on June 4, 2012. These new options were well received and gained deep liquidity as market participants utilized them to hedge against highly volatile new crop Corn and Soybean futures markets. More than 40,000 contracts traded during the 2012 listing cycle.

Short-dated new crop Corn and Soybean options exercise into new crop futures contracts (December Corn, November Soybean) instead of nearby futures. They also expire much earlier than standard new crop options resulting in lower time value, which provides market participants an additional cost effective tool to hedge new crop risk. In addition, these options give market participants increased hedging and trading opportunities such as the ability to trade high impact events that affect new crop markets in specific time frames; hedging positions in old-crop/new-crop Calendar Spread Options; and managing Greek sensitivity of an options book.

Short-dated new crop options have the same contract specifications – American-style exercise; strike price ranges; strike price increments; minimum option premium increments; daily and final settlement – as their related standard options. For more information, please visit the landing page for short-dated new crop options: <http://www.cmegroup.com/sdnc>.

On January 2, 2013, the following short-dated new crop Corn and Soybean option contract months will be listed for trade:

- For Corn: May-2013 (expires on 4/26/2013), July-2013 (expires on 6/21/2013) and September-2013 (expires on 8/23/2013). All of them exercise into the December-2013 Corn futures contract.
- For Soybeans: May-2013 (expires on 4/26/2013), July-2013 (expires on 6/21/2013) and September-2013 (expires on 8/23/2013). All of them exercise into the November-2013 Soybean futures contract.

Also please note that the March-2013 (expires on 2/22/2013) and May-2013 (expires on 4/26/2013) contract months of short-dated new crop Wheat options are currently available for trade. Both of these exercise into the July-2013 Wheat futures contract.

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