

# Purpose of a Hedge

- Provide a change in value of the hedging instrument in the <u>opposite</u> direction of the hedged item.
- For <u>tax</u> purposes, the <u>gains or losses</u> on from hedging activities are recognized <u>when hedges are</u> lifted
- For <u>accounting</u> purposes, hedging gains/losses are recognized <u>in the period the gains or losses occur</u>
  - Hedging is consider normal business operation so should be <u>matched to gross revenue and expense</u>

# What is Hedging?



- Hedging is a risk management strategy that attempts to offset price movements of owned assets, planned production of a commodity or good, or planned purchases of commodity or good against a derivative instrument (which generally derives its value from an underlying physical commodity).
- It is not an attempt to make money in the futures and options markets, but rather an attempt to offset price changes in the cash market, thereby protecting the producers net income.

# What is Not Hedging?



- Speculation
  - Taking a futures or options position in a commodity not owned or produced.
  - Taking the same position in the futures or options market as exists (or will exist) on the farm.
- Forward contracts
  - Fixed price, delayed or deferred price contracts, basis contracts, installment sale contracts, etc.

# Tax Purposes

- · May be different from GAAP
- An agricultural producer normally reports hedging gains or losses when the hedge is closed (similar to GAAP).
- However, if the producer meets certain requirements, they
  can elect to report all hedging gains and losses on a markto-market basis (i.e. usually pick up the 1099 reported net
  gain or loss).
  - This simplified method allows producers to simply report the gains and losses from the Broker's statement form 1099B.
  - Care must be taken in reviewing form 1099B from brokerage companies if options are used since many brokers will show a purchase of an option as a realized loss and any outstanding option value at year-end as unrealized gain.
  - This may result in reported gains or losses that are materially different from actual gains or losses.

# Hedging Types and Treatment

- Three types of hedges
  - Fair value
  - Cash flow
  - Net investment hedge/Foreign currency transactions
- Financial Statement treatment
  - Income Statement -- depends on the hedging type.
     May be included in net income or may be excluded from net income.
  - Balance Sheet -- No difference in presentation between the two methods.

# Fair Value Hedges

- ...used to protect the exposure to market value changes of an asset or a liability. For agricultural producers this generally refers to stored crop inventory.
- If crops are valued at market then the underlying hedge is marked-to-market and the gain or loss is included in net income for the period. In other words, gains and losses are realized with respect to net income.

# Cash Flow Hedges



- ...used to reduce the risk of price fluctuations of forecasted transactions. For agricultural producers this generally refers to items that are growing, being raised, unfinished, or yet to be produced. Examples: growing crops, future crops, or livestock that is being raised or will be raised. This could also refer to the future purchase of inputs including feed.
- The gain or loss associated with this type of hedge is not included in net income. Instead, they are recognized as "Other Comprehensive Income" and are reported after net income on the Income Statement or in a separate statement called the Statement of Comprehensive Income. In other words, gains and losses are not realized with respect to net income, but are realized with respect to other comprehensive income.





- GAAP
  - Recommended approach
  - Separate hedging gains and losses between earned (in the body of the Income Statement) and unearned (at the end of the Income Statement or on a separate statement).
- Alternative
  - Simplified method may be used
  - Ignore distinction between earned and unearned and include all hedging gains and losses in earnings.

# Fair Value Hedge Approach

- Hedging transactions are considered fair value hedges when the
  underlying asset being hedged is available for sale or is valued on
  the balance sheet at its fair (or market) value. In this case, the
  hedging transactions are marked-to-market as of the date of
  financial statement and any resulting gains or losses are
  recognized with respect to net income and reported on the Income
  Statement as hedging gains/losses.
- If the hedged item is normally sold in the course of business, then the hedging gain or loss should be reported in the revenue section of the income statement. On the other hand, if the hedged item is normally purchased in the course of business then the hedging gain or loss should be reported in the expense section of the income statement. (Generally hedged purchases are cash flow hedges, but if the purchased items, for instance feed, is valued at market, then the unrealized hedging gain or loss should be included with expenses and therefore will be included in net income).

# Cash Flow Hedge Approach

- A simple way to think of cash flow hedges is to consider the gains and losses flowing to valuation equity. Technically the gains and losses are accumulated in the equity section of the balance sheet in an account titled accumulated other comprehensive income. Accordingly, all these unrealized gains and losses are considered unrecognized with respect to net income (i.e., they are not included in net income).
- As these unrealized gains and losses are offset, previous accumulated gains or losses are removed from other comprehensive income and are reclassified in net income, which has the impact of moving the gain or loss in the equity section of the balance sheet from accumulated other comprehensive income to retaining earnings.

# Alternative Approach

- The simplified method of accounting for hedges treats all hedges as fair value, thus all hedging gains and losses are marked-to-market and recognized on the Income Statement.
- No distinction between hedges of commodities on hand (fair value) vs. planned or in-process production (cash flow) disappears with this approach.



#### Tax Treatment

- · Hedging transactions
  - Treated as ordinary income or expense and reported on schedule F.
  - Detailed rules and documentation requirements must be met to qualify a futures transaction as a hedge.
  - Generally, for cash-basis tax payers, only the gains or losses from closed hedging transactions are recognized in taxable income, and this is almost always different from the amount of gains or losses recognized from an accounting perspective. IRS guidelines suggest showing all gains and losses in Schedule F "Other income."



## Tax Treatment, cont.

- Speculative transactions
  - Treated as capital gains and losses.
  - Any futures transaction that doesn't meet the hedging rules is consider a speculative transaction, and capital gains and losses are reported on Form 6781 "Section 1256 Contracts and Straddles" which flows to schedule D. Capital gains may result in a favorable tax rate; however, capital losses can be limited to only \$3,000 per year or may, in some cases, be carried back to prior years to offset net Section 1256 gains reported in those years.

# Summary

- Gain and losses from hedging transactions may be significant items for an agricultural producer. Proper treatment and presentation in the financial statements are important to be sure earnings are measured accurately.
- The recommended approach is to:
  - Treat hedging transactions as fair value hedges when inventories are valued at market (stored grain or livestock available for sale).
     This treatment has the impact of showing in net income the gain and losses from hedging transactions.
  - Treat hedging transactions as cash flow hedges when inventories are value at cost (growing crops or livestock) or production is planned (has not begun). This treatment has the impact of showing in other comprehensive income the gain and losses from hedging transactions, and keeping these amounts out of net income.

#### **Definitions**

- Realized gains or losses from hedging are computed based on closed hedging transactions.
  - Realized gains and losses appear in a brokerage statement's closed equity position.
- Recognized gains or losses from hedging –
  are the amounts that flow through the income
  statement or statement of comprehensive
  income whether resulting from realized or
  unrealized gains or losses.

# Definitions (Continued)

- Unrealized gains or losses from hedging –
  are based on the mark-to-market rules and
  value hedging transactions as of the date of the
  financial statement.
  - Appear in a brokerage statement's open equity position
  - May be recognized as Other Comprehensive Income but not Net Income in respect to Cash Flow Hedges

# Definitions (Continued)

- Other comprehensive income (OCI) is unrecognized income that falls outside the scope of net income, and is considered part of an entity's total comprehensive income.
  - Includes the unrealized gains or losses from cash flow hedges that will at some point in the future be reclassified into net income.

# Definitions (Continued)

- Accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) – is the accumulated amount of OCI until reclassified into retained earnings (via the income statement).
  - Unrealized gains and losses are accumulated here for cash flow hedges until the hedged commodity is either sold or priced (and/or the hedge is lifted).

# Recognized/Realized Recap

	Recognized	Realized
Tax Treatment		
Accrual Treatment		

# Recognized / Realized Recap 2 Recognized Realized Fair Value Cash Flow

# Definitions (Continued)

Effective Hedge – In order to use Cash Flow hedging, the hedge must be effective (80/125%). Effective Hedges can flow through OCI

Ineffective Hedge – If the hedge is ineffective, it must flow through net income. You can elect to have all hedges be ineffective and flow all through net income

# Types of Hedges

- Fair Value Hedge
  - Used to offset changes in the fair value of items with fixed prices
- Cash Flow Hedge
  - Used to establish a fixed price when future cash flows could vary due to changes In prices

# Hedge Flow Chart

#### Fair Value Hedge

 All gains or losses, whether realized or unrealized flow through net income.

#### Cash Flow Hedge

- Unrealized gains or losses flow into OCI.
- When hedge is lifted or converted to fair value, realized gain/loss is reflected in net income.
- Accumulated unrealized gain or loss is reclassified to net income

# Cash Flow Hedge Example

- Go short 5,000 corn futures at \$5.65 on March 1, 2013.
- Value on March 31, 2013 is \$5.80, report \$750 loss in OCI.
- On June 20, 2013, close futures at \$5.25.
   Realized gain of \$2,000 is reported in other comprehensive income.

### Cash Flow Hedge Example(Cont.)

- The \$750 loss from first quarter is reclassified by showing \$750 gain in OCI and \$750 loss in net income.
- Net income shows a \$2,750 realized gain from closing the hedge.
- Total comprehensive income for quarter is equal to \$2,000 realized gain in net income plus \$750 gain in OCI which equals the net gain of \$2,750 on closing the hedge.

# Rule of Thumb

- If inventories are valued at <u>market</u>, treat as Fair Value Hedge
  - ("Finished goods" inventory)
- If inventories valued at <u>cost</u>, treat as Cash Flow Hedge
  - ("Work In Process" inventory)
  - However, you can elect to treat all "Cash Flow Hedges" as Fair Value Hedges

# Applications to Agriculture

#### Fair Value Hedges

- Stored crop inventories
- Newly-weaned animals
- "Finished Goods @ Market"
- Gain & Loss goes straight through Income Statement

#### **Cash Flow Hedges**

- · Growing crop inventories
- · Growing animals
- "WIP @ Cost"
- Gain & Loss goes to "Other Comprehensive Income"
- Then moved to Income Statement when items are sold

# Accounts Required

- Hedging Asset
  - One account for **each** segregated brokerage account
- Inventory Asset
  - One account for crops; one for livestock
- · Hedging Gain/Loss Income
  - One account for **each** product or commodity
- Unrealized Gain/Loss Income
  - One account for all products or commodities
- Inventory Market Value Gain/Loss Income
  - One account for each product or commodity

#### Additional Cash Flow Hedge Accounts

- · Other Comprehensive Income
  - For recording unrecognized income
  - One account for **each** product or commodity
- Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income
  - Equity account for each product or commodity
  - In farmer terms, "unrealized gain"
  - Use Quantity field to track balance

#### Account Recap **Account Name** Comments Туре **Hedging Equity** Asset One account for each trading fund **Inventory Asset** Asset One account for crops/livestock · Stored Crop Inventories Feeder Livestock Inventories Hedging G/L Income One account for each commodity · Lean Hog G&L • Corn G&L · Soybean Meal G&L Unrealized Hedging G/L Income Only one account required Inventory Market Value G/L Income Only one account required

Expense

Only one account required

Commissions

I	Cash Flow Hedge Account Recap			
	Account Name	Туре	Comments	
	Other Comprehensive Income	Income	One account for each commodity	
	(OCI)		Lean Hog OCI	
			Corn OCI	
			Soybean Meal OCI	
	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Equity	One account for each commodity	
	(AOCI)		• Lean Hog AOCI	
ı			Corn AOCI	П
8			Soybean Meal AOCI	

# Centers Required

- Profit Center
  - Type F/C
  - Farm Financial Standards Managerial Accounting concept
  - Used to post "final" G&L
  - Alternative to allocating G&L to specific production centers or groups
- Or Crop Marketing (M) Center for Crops
- "Delivery Period" Centers for Livestock
  - Type F
  - By Year / Quarter or Month
  - Used to segregate and "park" G&L on the balance sheet by delivery period

# **Delivery Period Centers**

- Fair Value Hedges
  - Post **directly** to the product's Profit or Marketing Center
- Cash Flow Hedges
  - Post to F Centers corresponding to delivery period
  - Center can used for all commodities matched to sales in delivery period
  - Examples (single flow):

Delivery Period	Examples
By Year	"HH14" for hog hedges in 2014
By Quarter	"20141" for first quarter of 2014
By Month	"201401" for January 2014

# **Delivery Period Centers**

- Cash Flow Hedges
  - Examples (multiple flows):

Delivery Period	Examples
By Quarter (Cattle)	"C141" for first quarter of 2014
By Quarter (Hogs)	"H141" for first quarter of 2014
By Month (Cattle)	"C1401" for January 2014
By Month (Hogs)	"H1401" for January 2014

# Marked-To-Market

- Fair Value Hedges—Hedging Gains
- (Auto-reversing) Accrual (or MV) journal entry

Fair Value Hedging Gains		
Category	Debit	Credit
Hedge	Hedging Asset	Unrealized Hedging G/L Income
Inventories	Inventory Market Value G/L Income	Crop Inventory Asset

# Marked-To-Market

- Fair Value Hedges—Hedging Losses
- (Auto-reversing) Accrual (or MV) journal entry

Fair Value Hedging Losses			
Category	Debit	Credit	
Hedge	Hedging Gain/Loss Income	Hedging Asset	
Inventories	Crop Inventory Asset	Inventory Market Value G/L Income	

# Accruing Closed Cash Trades

- · Should be done monthly
- Management journal entries
- Reverse cash/tax entries for closed positions
- Record **positive** quantity in Other Comprehensive Income account

Center	Debit	Credit
Delivery Period	Hedging Gain	Other Comprehensive Income
	Other Comprehensive Income	Hedging Loss

# Matching Hedging <u>Gain</u> With Animals Sold

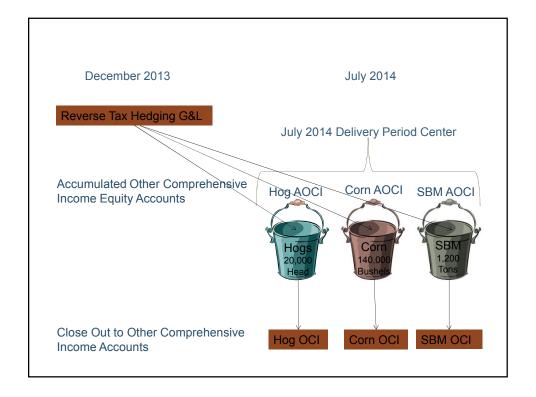
- Should be done monthly
- · Management journal entries
- Record **negative** quantity in "Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income" account

Center	Debit	Credit
Delivery Period	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	
Profit Center		Other Comprehensive Income

# Matching Hedging <u>Loss</u> With Animals Sold

- · Should be done monthly
- Management journal entries
- Record **negative** quantity in "Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income" account

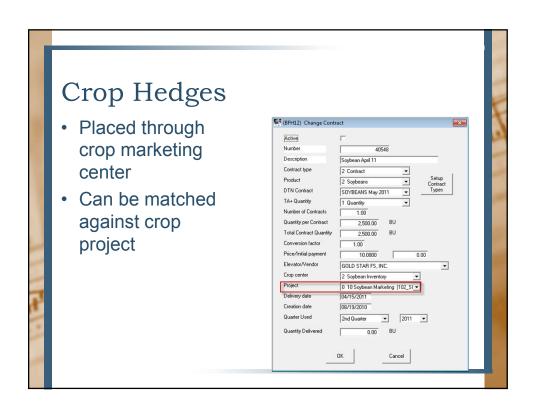
Center	Debit	Credit
Delivery Period		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income
Profit Center	Other Comprehensive Income	

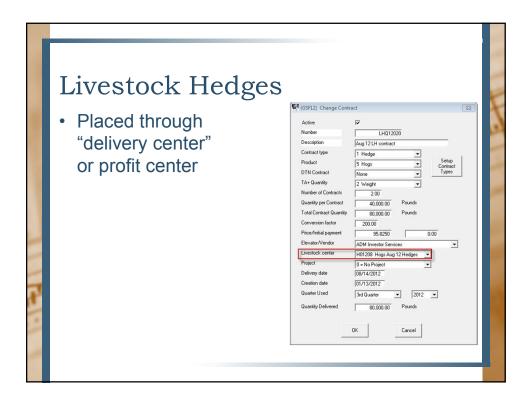


# **Analysis Alternatives**

- · By ledger account/delivery period center
- Through contracts / delivery period center
- Through contracts / specific group/project
- Through contracts / specific ingredient/input
- Through contracts / specific ingredient / input / DTN
- Flow feed hedges through cost of goods
- Flow feed hedges & livestock hedges through closeouts

#### Feed / Fuel Contracts • Ignore center · Match on product Soybean Meal RV February 2011 Description Contract type 1 Hedge Product DTN Contract SOYBEAN MEAL March 201 TA+ Quantity 1 Quantity Number of Contracts 1.00 100,000.00 LBS Quantity per Contract Total Contract Quantity 100,000.00 LBS Price/Initial payment RIVER VALLEY COOPERATIVE Elevator/Vendor Feed 8 Soybean Meal RV 0 = No Project 02/28/2011 11/29/2010 Project Creation date Quarter Used ▼ 2011 ▼ 1st Quarter 0.00 LBS





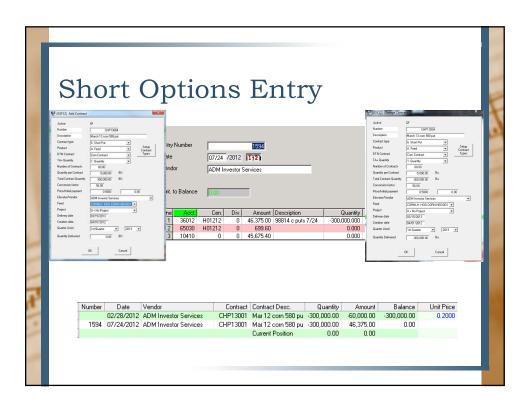
#### **Account Settings for Contracts** Note Integration types Active Type Number Description Inc/Bal Int. Type 36011 Gain/Loss Hedging-Lean Hogs J-1 36012 Gain/Loss Hedging-Corn-Hogs H-1 36013 Gain/Loss Hedging-Corn-Basis H-1 36014 Gain/Loss Hedging-Soybean Meal Α H-1 36015 Gain/Loss Hedging-Other Α 36016 Gain/Loss Hedging-Live Cattle С J-1 36017 Gain/Loss Hedging-Corn-Cattle Α Α H-1 36018 Gain/Loss Hedging-Other-Cattle

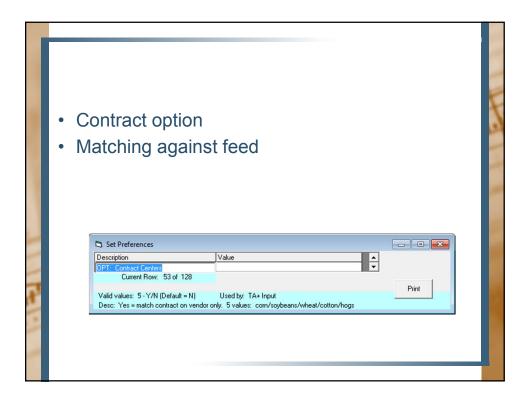
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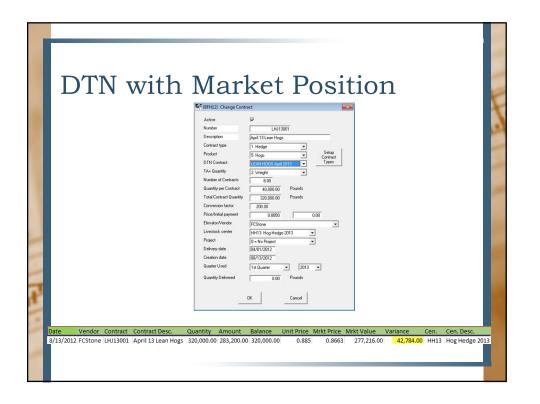
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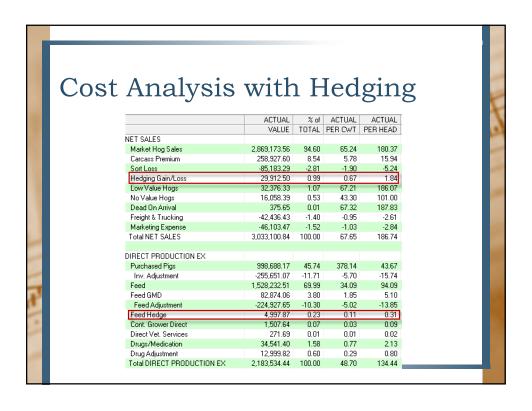
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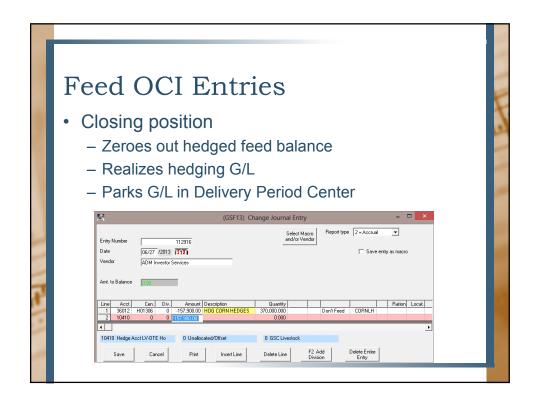
- On open or close of position?
- For long puts and calls use positive quantity
- For short puts and calls use negative quantity





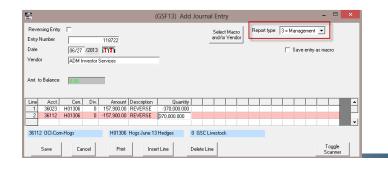






# Feed OCI Entries

- "Reversing" entry
  - Management level (one level higher than last entry)
  - Reverse Hedging Realized G/L account
  - Record to OCI Unrealized G/L account



# Cash Flow Hedge OCI Entries

- For trades to be recognized/allocated to another time period
  - User-Defined Accounting Report for G/L Account
  - Recap by Center
  - Accrual level
  - Note balance for each combination of AOCI Account/ Delivery Period Center not in the current month

