# Marketing Considerations for 2023 

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Row Crop Short Course
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## Production Cost Breakeven Prices

- Based on 2023 MSU Planning Budgets Using Mississippi 10-year Average Yield

| Commodity | Production <br> Cost $(\$ / \mathrm{acre})$ | Average Yield | Breakeven <br> Price |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Corn | $\$ 997$ | 177.8 | $\$ 5.61 / \mathrm{bu}$ |
| Soybeans | $\$ 578$ | 51.3 | $\$ 11.26 / \mathrm{bu}$ |
| Cotton | $\$ 1,035$ | 1,104 | $\$ 0.94 / \mathrm{lb}$ |

## Weekly Average December Corn Futures Price for Select Contract Years



Weekly Average November Soybeans Futures Price for Select Contract Years


United States Corn Stock-to-Use Ratio vs. Price


United States Soybeans Stock-to-Use Ratio vs. Price



## United States Corn Use by Category



## United States Soybean Use by Category

5,000

 $\rightleftarrows$ Exports $\Longleftarrow$ Crush Use, Total

## 2023 Corn and Soybean Outlook



Weekly Average December Cotton Futures Price for Select Contract Years

\$0.20
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United States Cotton Stock-to-Use Ratio vs. Price

U.S. All Cotton Planted Acreage and Ratio of New Crop Corn: Cotton

Futures Ratio


## 2023 Cotton Outlook



Pre-Harvest Marketing

Harvest Month Futures Contract Prices, 2007-2022, $1^{\text {st }}$ Week June vs. $1^{\text {st }}$ Week October
Years of Market

| Commodity | Years Market Improved | Years Market Declined | Years of Market Declined More Than 10\% | Average Price Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Corn | 4 | 12 | 9 | -\$0.32 |
| Soybeans | 6 | 10 | 8 | -\$0.76 |
| Cotton | 7 | 9 | 5 | -\$0.03 |

Location: Washington County
APH: 194 Acres: 500

Expected Production: 97,000
Insurance: Buy Revenue Insurance at 75\% Coverage Level
Objective: Price 70,000 bushels of anticipated crop before end of June

Sale 1) Price 10,000 bushels at $\$ 5.95$ cash price ( $\$ 6.02$ futures) or before January 27 th, fixed price Sale 2) Price 10,000 bushels at $\$ 6.20$ cash price ( $\$ 6.27$ futures) or before by February 24 th, fixed price
Sale 3) Price 10,000 bushels at $\$ 6.45$ cash price ( $\$ 6.52$ futures) or before by March 24th, fixed price
Sale 4) Price 15,000 bushels at $\$ 6.70$ cash price ( $\$ 6.77$ futures) or before by April 28 th, minimum or fixed price Sale 5) Price 15,000 bushels at $\$ 6.95$ cash price ( $\$ 7.02$ futures) or before by May 19th, minimum price Sale 6) Price 5,000 bushels at $\$ 7.20$ cash price ( $\$ 7.27$ futures) or before by June 6th, minimum price Sale 7) Price 5,000 bushels at $\$ 7.45$ cash price ( $\$ 7.52$ futures) or before by June 30th, minimum price

## 2023 Pre-Harvest Marketing Plan for Soybeans

Location: Washington County

APH: 61 Acres: 500
Expected Production: 30,500
Insurance: Buy Revenue Insurance at 75\% Coverage Level
Objective: Price 30,000 bushels of anticipated crop before end of June

Sale 1) Price 5,000 bushels at $\$ 12.60$ cash price ( $\$ 12.61$ futures) or before January 27 th, fixed price
Sale 2) Price 5,000 bushels at $\$ 13.30$ cash price ( $\$ 13.31$ futures) or before by March 24 th, fixed price
Sale 3) Price 5,000 bushels at $\$ 14.00$ cash price ( $\$ 14.01$ futures) or before by April 28th, fixed price
Sale 4) Price 5,000 bushels at $\$ 14.70$ cash price ( $\$ 14.71$ futures) or before by May 19th, fixed/minimum price
Sale 5) Price 5,000 bushels at $\$ 15.40$ cash price ( $\$ 15.41$ futures) or before by June $2 n d$, minimum price
Sale 6) Price 5,000 bushels at $\$ 16.10$ cash price ( $\$ 16.11$ futures) or before by June 30 th, minimum price

## Price Targets - Minimum Price Objective

- Set at the local cost of production breakeven
- If you are producing at a price significantly higher than your neighbor, you face a fundamental competitive problem
- Futures price set on an expectation of local basis at harvest
- Should you make sales below your minimum price objective?
- Sometimes you have to minimize losses
- Late spring/early summer decision


## Price Targets - Maximum Price Objective

- Serves as the top-end price objective
- Least important part of a pre-harvest marketing plan, but needs to be realistic
- Use historic price changes as a guide

Harvest Month Futures Price Change from Jan 1. to Highest Price

| $\frac{\text { Year }}{2007}$ | $\frac{\text { Corn }}{}$ | Soybeans | $\frac{\text { Cotton }}{}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2008 | $18 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| 2009 | $76 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| 2010 | $22 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| 2011 | $35 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $87 \%$ |
| 2012 | $44 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| 2013 | $49 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| 2014 | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| 2015 | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 2016 | $6 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| 2017 | $10 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| 2018 | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| 2019 | $9 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| 2020 | $14 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 2021 | $8 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| 2022 | $49 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $67 \%$ |
| Average | $36 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $47 \%$ |

## Decision Dates

- Makes the plan proactive
- Commit to making a new crop sale, even if a price objective is not reached
- All sales made by June in my plan
- Why?

Weekly Average Harvest Month Corn and Soybeans Futures Price: 2007-2022

\$4.30

$\$ 4.20$
$\$ 4.10$

## Pricing Tools

- Fixed Price Tools
- Forward Contract/Futures Hedges/ HTA contracts
- Use on early sales when prices are typically lower
- Minimum price tools
- Minimum price contracts; option strategies
- Can justify premiums on the higher prices of later sales
- Keep it simple


## Thanks!

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