



[agstar.com](http://agstar.com)

# Cash Grain Optimizer



# Cash Quotes

Quickly identify today's local cash prices.

AgStar Optimizer - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Home Search Favorites Refresh Print Mail

Address <http://www.cashgrainbids.com/agstar/index.asp> Go

**AGSTAR**  
FINANCIAL SERVICES, ACA

Cash Quotes Optimizer Charts Maps Comments Key Markets Futures Optimizer by Email Bids on Cell My Trades

Get Bids delivered to your cell phone! Click the Bids on Cell tab to get started!

**CASH QUOTES** Display Price Commodities Soybeans # of Markets 25 Display

For selling Soybeans today your best local market is ADM at Mankato. Their basis is -51 as compared to your closest market's basis of -54. Assuming it costs 0 cents to haul it 0 miles then you would make an extra 3 cents. Use the Optimizer button to look for forward contracting opportunities or to change your trucking costs.

Use the My Trades button to keep track of your marketing positions.

Market	Date	Spot	6/07	7/07	8/07	9/07	10/07	11/07	12/07	1/08	2/08	3/08	4/08	5/08
Mankato, MN(Cenex Harvest States)	5/2/2007	695	696	701	708	722	725	730	736	741		748		754
Mankato, MN(Equity Grain)	4/30/2007	672	671	676		699	699							
Mankato, MN(ADM)	5/2/2007	698	697	702	712	725	725	730	737	737				
Good Thunder, MN(Protein Sources Mill)	5/2/2007	677	679		686	692			717	722	729			
Mapleton, MN(Protein Source Milling)	5/1/2007	684	686		699					729				
Saint Peter, MN(Traverse Elevator)	5/1/2007	684	683	688	698		712							
Vernon Center, MN(Crystal Valley Coop)	5/2/2007	681	681	682	690	691	704		719	719				
Lake Crystal, MN(Crystal Valley Coop)	5/2/2007	681	681	682	691	691	704		719	719				

# Optimizer

Use the Optimizer to customize your search.

Custom Cash Grain Optimizer - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Refresh Home Search Favorites

Address <http://www.cashgrainbids.com/agstar/customopt.asp> Go

**AGSTAR**  
FINANCIAL SERVICES, ACA

Cash Quotes Optimizer Charts Maps Comments Key Markets Futures Optimizer by Email Bids on Cell My Trades

Get Bids delivered to your cell phone! Click the Bids on Cell tab to get started!

### OPTIMIZER CONTROL PANEL

Determine the best markets in your area based on trucking costs and prices.

Select Closest Market to Your Farm	<input type="text" value="Mapleton-Protein Source Milling"/>
Select Commodity	<input type="text" value="Corn"/>
Hauling Rate per 100 Miles	<input type="text" value="22.5"/> Cents per Bu
Sort by	<input type="text" value="Net Returns"/>
Show only Positive Net Returns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Would you like an analysis of forward contracting opportunities in your area?

### CASH GRAIN OPTIMIZER FOR MARKET AREA OF Mapleton, MN

The nearest market to your farm is Protein Source Milling at Mapleton. Their Corn basis for spot delivery is **-50 N7**.

For selling Corn today, the best market in your area is **HCP Ethanol at Winthrop** with a basis of **-24**. To haul the grain would cost 14 cents so you could earn an extra **12 cents** by trucking to HCP Ethanol at Winthrop as opposed to selling it to Protein Source Milling at Mapleton.

However, you may want to compare forward contracting opportunities using the Control Panel.

Market		Basis	Distance	Trucking Cost	Net Returns
--- Cents per Bushel ---					
MN,Winthrop-HCP Ethanol		-24	63	14	12
MN,Winnebago-Corn Plus Ethanol		-36	20	5	10
MN,Truman-Watonwan Farm Service		-40	29	7	3

# Comments

Stay up-to-date with the current agricultural news and commentary.

**AGSTAR**  
FINANCIAL SERVICES, ACA

Cash Quotes | Optimizer | Charts | Maps | **Comments** | Key Markets | Futures | Optimizer by Email | Bids on Cell | My Trades

Get Bids delivered to your cell phone! Click the Bids on Cell tab to get started!

## COMMENTARY

**[Planting Season Keeps Basis Inching Higher - 5/7/2007 1:17:39 PM](#)** -Wet weather plagued much of the Plains and Western Cornbelt this past week, keeping farmers from making progress on planting. Over the weekend, 2 to 4 inches of rain fell from Iowa down to Oklahoma. Futures prices responded at the end of last week to the wet weather, but pushed lower on Monday as drier forecasts were in the latest weather models. [Read More.](#)

**[Basis Stabilizes - 4/8/2007 8:00:00 PM](#)** -Basis levels were up in corn, but soybeans showed only a small improvement for the week. [Read More.](#)

**[Markets get Shock and Awe Treatment - 4/2/2007 11:37:37 AM](#)** -Since September of 2006, the corn market has been marching higher as fears mounted about the lack of enough production in 2007 to meet the ever-growing ethanol demand. On Friday, those fears were apparently laid to rest as USDA's Planting Intentions Report definitely changed the mood in the corn market. [Read More.](#)

**[Basis Levels Mostly Steady - 3/12/2007 1:58:41 PM](#)** -Grain futures chopped around this past week, as corn futures gave up 5 cents while soybean futures posted a 7-cent gain. The market is mostly marking time until the plantings report due out at the end of March. Will there be enough corn and soybean acres this year or will we be lopsided with too much of one or the other? [Read More.](#)

**[Basis Strengthens on Futures Selloff - 3/5/2007 12:57:41 PM](#)** -Futures markets posted heavy losses in the past week as some concerns about higher 2007 acreage and profit-taking sent corn futures down 24 cents while soybean futures gave up 44 cents for the week. The good news was basis levels firmed quite significantly in the last week to help soften the blow. [Read More.](#)

**[A Look Back on Ethanol Expansion and Corn Basis - 2/26/2007 12:45:09 PM](#)** -Growth in the ethanol industry has been a driving force in the corn futures market in the last 6 months. Everyone is aware of the phenomenal growth in new plants that will be coming on line in the next year or so. But what can we say about what impact the recently opened plants have had on local cash corn markets? [Read More.](#)

# Futures


View the daily futures quotes. Charts and other options available.

http://www.cashgrainbids.com/agstar/quotes.asp?action=quote&cID=CASHGRAIN&FSQsymbols=C,S,W,KW, - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Home Search Favorites Refresh Print Mail Stop

Address http://www.cashgrainbids.com/agstar/quotes.asp?action=quote&cID=CASHGRAIN&FSQsymbols=C,S,W,KW,MW&FSQtype=Future Go



Cash Quotes Optimizer Charts Maps Comments Key Markets **Futures** Optimizer by Email Bids on Cell My Trades

Get Bids delivered to your cell phone! Click the Bids on Cell tab to get started!

Quotes												
Data retrieved at May 17 13:49:09 GMT • All quotes are in Greenwich Mean Time • Data provided by eSignal												
Contract	Month	Last	Chg	Open	High	Low	Volume	OpenInt	Exchange	Date	Time	
CORN (DAY)	Jul '07	376'0s	4'4	370'0	377'4	368'4	26250	445332	CBT	05/16/07	18:35:02	
CORN (DAY)	Sep '07	377'4s	1'0	375'4	380'4	373'0	8035	145941	CBT	05/16/07	18:35:02	
CORN (DAY)	Dec '07	377'4s	-1'0	377'4	382'4	374'2	13919	445123	CBT	05/16/07	18:35:01	
CORN (DAY)	Mar '08	388'6s	-1'0	389'4	393'4	386'0	683	51877	CBT	05/16/07	18:35:02	
CORN (DAY)	May '08	396'0s	-2'4	398'0	403'0	394'0	117	11131	CBT	05/16/07	18:35:03	
CORN (DAY)	Jul '08	401'0s	-2'0	402'2	406'4	399'4	333	28330	CBT	05/16/07	18:35:02	
CORN (DAY)	Sep '08	393'0s	0'0	392'0	395'0	389'0	43	6555	CBT	05/16/07	18:35:02	
CORN (DAY)	Dec '08	395'6s	1'0	395'0	398'6	392'0	1252	112050	CBT	05/16/07	18:35:01	
CORN (DAY)	Mar '09	401'0s	1'0	402'4	402'4	398'4	10	1734	CBT	05/16/07	18:35:02	
CORN (DAY)	Jul '09	406'4s	1'6	410'0	410'0	404'4	0	839	CBT	05/16/07	18:35:02	
CORN (DAY)	Dec '09	398'0s	1'0	396'4	401'4	395'0	174	16112	CBT	05/16/07	18:35:01	
CORN (DAY)	Mar '10	402'0s	1'0	402'0	402'0	402'0	0	89	CBT	05/16/07	18:35:02	
CORN (DAY)	Jul '10	408'0s	1'0	408'0	408'0	408'0	0	91	CBT	05/16/07	18:35:02	

# My Trades

Record/monitor marketing transactions, view account summary, monitor price needed for unsold crop, generate quick reports and much more.

AgStar My Trades - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Refresh Home Search Favorites RSS Print Mail News Groups

Address <http://www.cashgrainbids.com/amt/index.asp> Go

**AGSTAR**  
FINANCIAL SERVICES, ACA

home crops cash futures options ldp payments insurance account data Optimizer

**Overview**

- 1 Record and monitor your marketing transactions, with seamless updating of positions based on current prices.
- 1 Easily enter your marketing transactions for cash sales, forward contracts, futures, options, and LDPs.
- 1 Easily enter any government payments and/or crop insurance costs & proceeds.
- 1 View your account summary and transactions reports by market positions or by type of transaction/commodity.
- 1 Open futures/options positions updated continuously based on current cash, futures and option prices. Unsold cash grain is valued at your nearest cash market from our database of over 2,700 markets.
- 1 Enter any 'target price' you choose and monitor price needed for unsold crop to achieve target price on entire crop.
- 1 Take your data with you. Use our handy data retrieval feature to put your information into your favorite application for managing your business.

**Welcome**

Generate a Quick Report

Start Date:  
4/19/2007

Crop Year:  
2007

Crop:  
Com

QuickReport!

Logout

# Quick Report

Provides a summary of the 'My Trades' transactions.

Report Statement for:

Reporting Period:03/01/2007 to 5/10/2007 1:18:34 PM  
Prepared On:5/10/2007

Corn 2007 SUMMARY						
Item	Quantity	Percent of Production	Price	Value		
Cash Sales	0	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Forward Contract	10,000	10%	\$3.80	\$38,000.00		
Basis Contract	0	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Hedge-To-Arrive Contract	0	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Unsold	95,000	90%	\$3.10	\$294,500.00		
<b>Total Cash Position</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$3.17</b>	<b>\$332,500.00</b>		
Open Futures	0	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Closed Futures			\$0.00	\$0.00		
Open Options	(10,000)	-9.52%	(\$0.00)	(\$100.00)		
Closed Options			\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>Futures and Options</b>			<b>(\$0.00)</b>	<b>(\$100.00)</b>		
LDPs Claimed	0	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Unclaimed LDPs	105,000	100%	\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>Total LDP</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		
Direct Payments			\$0.00	\$0.00		
Counter Cyclical Payments			\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>Total Government Payments</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		
<b>Total Crop Insurance Revenue</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		
<b>Total Crop Value</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$3.17</b>	<b>\$332,400.00</b>		
To reach your target price of \$4.00 you must sell the remaining 90% of your crop for \$4.02						
<b>CASH TRANSACTIONS: Corn 2007 During the Period 03/01/2007 to 5/10/2007 1:18:34 PM</b>						
Date	Buyer	Type	Delivery	Quantity	Price	Value
No cash transactions during this period						

For more information on the agstar.com  
Cash Grain Optimizer, please [contact us](#) or  
call 800-657-6909

