

# Structured Product Guide Structured Commodity Solutions



## What are structured products?

Structured products are grain contracts with pricing rules



## When a farmer is sitting on un-priced grain, what are his goals? No downside All upside No cost ...Unfortunately, he can only have 2



## No downside + No cost = Selling you his grain

## All upside + No cost = Doing nothing

No downside + All upside = Buying puts



# When a farmer is pricing grain, what are his goals? Optimizing his downside, upside, and cost to create flexibility



# Flexibility is introduced through the addition of optionality

## **Assurance** Plan

Just like an HTA



#### With a Master Assurance Plan, the producer has:

- A fixed price on his bushels (just like an HTA)

#### Master Assurance Plan is suitable for:

- A producer who is bearish and wishes to sell grain at the current market





# All structures accumulate an average price instead of being set at the outset



It's June 1<sup>st</sup> 10,000 bushels Delivery in August Instead of one price on 10,000 bu 10 prices on 1,000 bu This *accumulates* a price until delivery



## Assurance Plan + Additional Quantity

Additional Quantity Types:

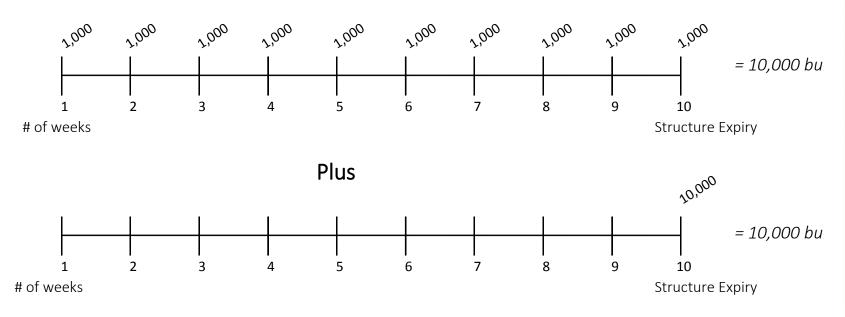
- Reserve prices additional bushels on a weekly basis
- 2. Plus prices additional bushels at the structure's expiry



# Let's say your additional quantity is on 10,000 bu...



Reserve



## **Assurance Reserve Plan**

When an HTA is not bearish enough



#### With a Master Assurance Reserve Plan, the producer:

- Has a fixed price for his bushels above current market
- Is committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market on a weekly basis

#### Master Assurance Reserve Plan is suitable for:

- A producer who is bearish and wishes to sell grain above the market



## **Assurance Plus Plan**

When an HTA is not bearish enough



#### With a Master Assurance Plus Plan, the producer:

- Has a fixed price above current market
- Is committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market at structure expiry

#### Master Assurance Plus Plan is suitable for:

- A producer who is bearish and wishes to sell grain above the market





## Structured Product Matrix

Nothing KO/Reset KO Only Sell OTM Put Buy Strip of OTM Call Spreads Buy Strip of OTM Calls KO higher

Floor	Min/Max	Fixed
Floor	Range	Assurance
		Originator
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Support	Fence	
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Release		



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## Floor Plan

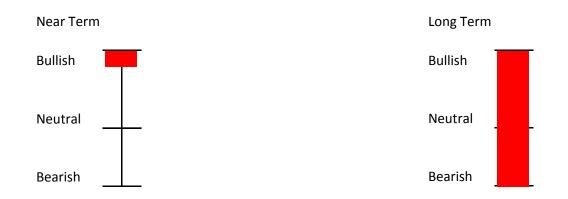
Max Protection, Max Upside, a little cheaper than outright puts

#### With a Master Floor Plan, the producer has:

- All his upside, though his sales are averaged into over time
- No downside
- A slightly cheaper price than a put

#### A Master Floor Plan is suitable for:

- A producer who is bullish, but wants to lock in protection to the downside





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## **Floor Reserve/Plus Plan**

Max Protection, Max Upside, a little cheaper



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#### With a Master Floor Reserve Plan, the producer:

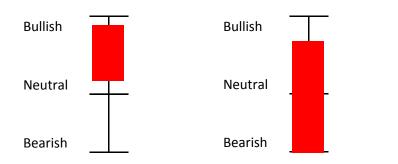
- Has all his upside, though his sales are averaged into over time - Has no downside
- Is committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market on a weekly basis

#### A Master Floor Reserve Plan is suitable for:

Near Term

- A producer who is bullish, but thinks it's likely it will end lower than the reserve price but also wants to lock in protection to the downside

Long Term



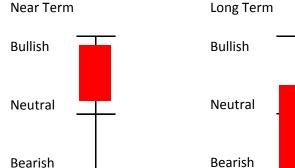
#### With a Master Floor Plus Plan, the producer:

- Has all his upside, though his sales are averaged into over time
- Has no downside

- Is committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market at the end of the structures life

#### A Master Floor Plus Plan is suitable for:

- A producer who is bullish, but feels comfortable making another sale at the plus price but also wants to lock in protection to the downside



Long Term



## Range Plan

Nothing
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Buy Strip of OTM Call Spreads
Buy Strip of OTM Calls
KO higher

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## Range Plan

Max Protection, Capped Upside, a little cheaper



#### With a Master Range Plan, the producer has:

- Capped upside, with sales averaged over time
- No downside
- A cheaper price than a Master Floor Plan

#### A Master Range Plan is suitable for:

- A producer who is bullish (range-bound), and wants to lock in protection to the downside



## Range Reserve/Plus Plan

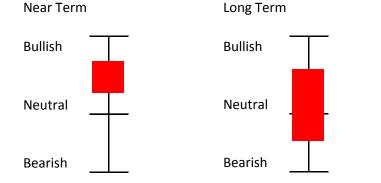
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#### With a Master Range Reserve Plan, the producer:

- Has capped upside, with sales averaged over time
- Has no downside
- Has a cheaper price than a Master Range Plan
- Is committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market on a weekly basis

#### A Master Range Reserve Plan is suitable for:

- A cost conscious producer who is mildly bullish, but wants to lock in protection to the downside



## **SCS** Price it. Control it. Share it.

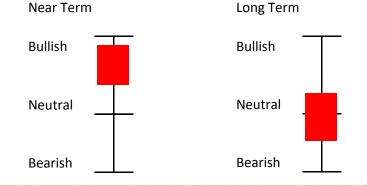
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#### With a Master Range Plus Plan, the producer producer:

- Has capped upside, with sales averaged over time
- Has no downside
- Has a cheaper price than a Master Range Plan
- Is committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market at the end of the structures life

#### A Master Range Plus Plan is suitable for:

- A cost conscious producer who is mildly bullish, but wants to lock in protection to the downside





## Support Plan

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## Support Plan

Limited Protection, Max Upside - a cheaper floor



#### With a Master Support Plan, the producer has:

- unlimited upside
- downside protection which ends beyond a certain level
- a cheaper price than a Master Floor Plan

#### A Master Support Plan is suitable for:

- a producer who is really bullish, and wants to lock in protection to the downside above a certain level
- particularly suitable for a producer with crop insurance



## Support Reserve/Plus Plan

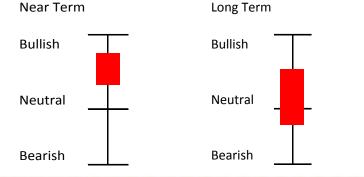
Limited Protection, Max Upside - a cheaper floor

#### With a Master Support Reserve Plan, the producer:

- Has unlimited upside
- Has downside protection which ends beyond a certain level
- Has a slightly cheaper price than a Master Support Plan
- Is committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market on a weekly basis

#### A Master Support Reserve Plan is suitable for:

- a producer who is really bullish, and wants to lock in protection to the downside above a certain level
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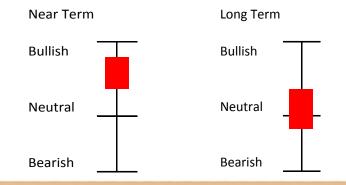
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## **Release Plan**

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## **Release** Plan

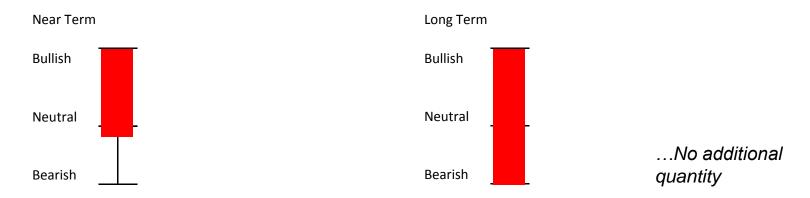
Max Protection with a second chance to price higher

#### With a Master Release Plan, the producer has:

- Upside with a Trigger Level that releases the remaining bushels
- No downside
- A little cheaper than a Floor

#### A Master Release Plan is suitable for:

- A producer who is bullish and is ok making a new decision if prices rise beyond his release level, but wants to lock in protection to the downside for now.





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## Fence Plan

Nothing	
KO/Reset	
KO Only	
Sell OTM Put	
Buy Strip of OTM Call Spre	eads
Buy Strip of OTM Calls	
KO higher	

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		Deferred Floor
Release		

## Fence Plan

Limited Protection, Max Upside - a cheaper/better range

#### With a Master Fence Plan, the producer has:

- Capped upside
- Downside protection which ends beyond a certain level
- A cheaper price (or better range) than a Master Range Plan

#### A Master Fence Plan is suitable for:

- A producer who is mildly bullish, and wants to lock in protection to the downside above a certain level
- Particularly suitable for a producer with crop insurance





### Fence Reserve/Plus Plan

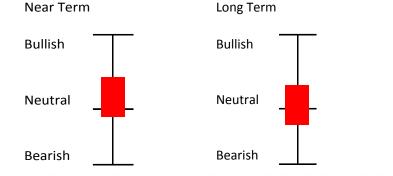
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#### With a Master Fence Reserve Plan, the producer:

- Has capped upside
- Has downside protection which ends beyond a certain level
- Has a cheaper price (or better range) than a Master Range Plan
- Is committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market on a weekly basis

#### A Master Fence Reserve Plan is suitable for:

- A producer who is mildly bullish, and wants to lock in protection to the downside above a certain level
- Particularly suitable for a producer with crop insurance



#### With a Master Fence Plus Plan, the producer:

- Has capped upside
- Has downside protection which ends beyond a certain level
- Has a cheaper price (or better range) than a Master Range Plan

Price it.

Control it.

Share it.

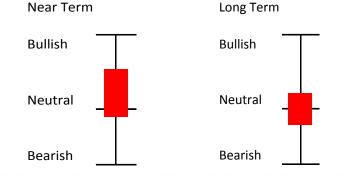
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- Is committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market at the end of the structures life

#### A Master Fence Plus Plan is suitable for:

- A producer who is mildly bullish, and wants to lock in protection to the downside above a certain level

- Particularly suitable for a producer with crop insurance





## **Reset Plan**

Nothing	
KO/Reset	
KO Only	
Sell OTM Put	
Buy Strip of OTM Call Spre	eads
Buy Strip of OTM Calls	
KO higher	

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#### With a Master Reset Plan, the producer has:

- Capped upside
- Has downside protection that ends beyond a certain point (in the form of a trigger level)
- A cheaper price than a Master Range Plan

#### A Master Reset Plan is suitable for:

- A mildly bullish producer who thinks grain will be range bound (especially in the near term), and wants to lock in downside protection above a certain level



### **Reset Reserve/Plus Plan**

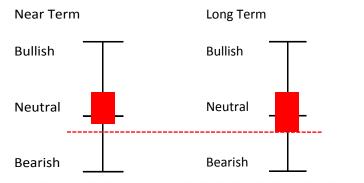
It's a question of when

#### With a Master Reset Reserve Plan, the producer:

- Has capped upside
- Has downside protection, but that ends beyond a certain point
- Has a cheaper price than a Master Reset Plan
- Is committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market on a weekly basis

#### A Master Reset Reserve Plan is suitable for:

- A mildly bullish producer who thinks grain will be range bound (especially in the near term), and wants to lock in downside protection above a certain level



#### With a Master Reset Plus Plan, the producer:

- Has capped upside
- Has downside protection, but that ends beyond a certain point

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Control it.

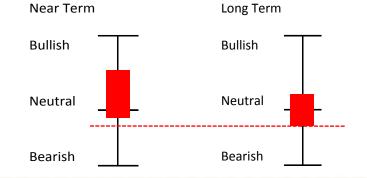
Share it.

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- Has a cheaper price than a Master Reset Plan
- Is committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market at the end of the structure's life

#### A Master Reset Plus Plan is suitable for:

- A mildly bullish producer who thinks grain will be range bound (especially in the near term), and wants to lock in downside protection above a certain level





## **Originator Plan**

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## **Originator** Plan

We're going down, but slowly



#### With a Master Originator Plan, the producer has:

- A fixed price at the current market
- A trigger level which if touched:
  - > Reprices remaining bushels at the futures price at the time the structure was put on

#### Master ORIGINATOR Plan is suitable for:

- Producer who is bearish (especially near term) and likes the current market price



## **Originator Reserve/Plus Plan**

We're going down, but slowly

#### With a Master Originator Reserve Plan, the producer has:

- A fixed price above current market
- Committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market on a weekly basis
- A trigger level which if touched:
  - > Eliminates additional quantity
- > Re-prices remaining bushels at the futures price at the time the structure was put on

#### Master ORIGINATOR Reserve Plan is suitable for:

- Producer who is mildly bearish (especially near term), but wants a price above current market

Near Term

Long Term





#### With a Master Originator Plus Plan, the producer has:

- A fixed price above current market
- Committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market at the end of the structure's life
- A trigger level which if touched:
  - > Eliminates additional quantity

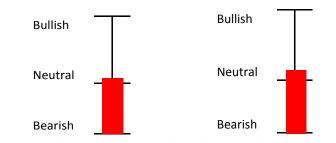
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## **Enhancer Plan**

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### **Enhancer** Plan

Master Enhancer Plan



#### With a Master Enhancer Plan, the producer has:

- A fixed price at the current market
- A trigger level which if touched will cancel all remaining bushels

#### Master Enhancer Plan is suitable for:

- Producer who is bearish (especially near term) and likes the current market price



## **Enhancer Reserve/Plus Plan**

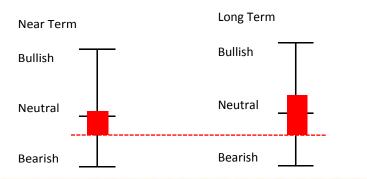
Master Enhancer Plan

#### With a Master Enhancer Reserve Plan, the producer has:

- Fixed price above current market
- Committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current market on a weekly basis
- A trigger level which if touched will:
  - > Eliminate the additional quantity
  - > Cancel all remaining bushels

#### Master Enhancer Reserve Plan is suitable for:

- Producer who is mildly bearish (especially near term), but wants a price above current market



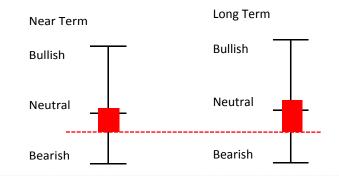


#### With a Master Enhancer Plus Plan, the producer has:

- Fixed price above current market
- Committed to possibly selling additional bushels above current
- market at the end of the structure's life
- A trigger level which if touched will:
  - > Eliminate the additional quantity
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## **Deferred Floor Plan**

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## **Deferred Floor Plan**

When you have to sell some now



#### With a Master Deferred Floor Plan, the producer:

- Prices his grain today
- Retains maximum upside participation

#### Master Deferred Floor Plan is suitable for:

- A producer who is bullish, but needs to sell now



## **Deferred Floor Reserve/Plus Plan**

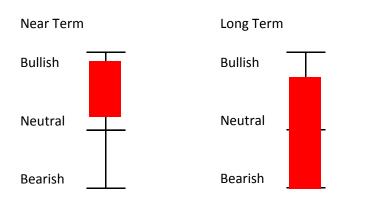
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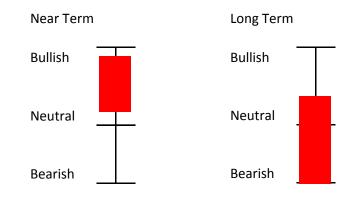
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## **Deferred Range Plan**

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## **Deferred Range Plan**

When you have to sell some now



#### With a Master Deferred Range Plan, the producer:

- Prices his grain today
- Sets a minimum and maximum price for his bushels

#### Master Deferred Range Plan is suitable for:

- A producer who is bullish (range-bound), but needs to sell now



## **Deferred Range Reserve/Plus Plan**

When you have to sell some now



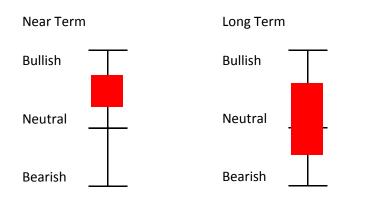
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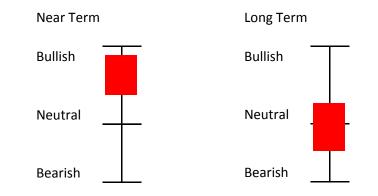


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## **Extended Reserve & Plus**

Choosing the contract



- Will cheapen a structure significantly, though generally not as much as a regular Plus or Reserve
- Allow the producer to have the additional quantity on a different contract (and therefore crop year), thereby reducing risk of a bad crop.
- Limit the upside on the additional quantity



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