

# MINIMUM PRICE +

## What is a Minimum Price Plus contract?

The **POET Minimum Price Plus** contract is the same as a Minimum Price, but is tied to a double obligation commitment. This option allows you to lock in a lower cost minimum price contract, while still taking advantage of futures advances on the board.



The lower cost is generated by a firm offer for a like amount of bushels on a future delivery period, with a set target price and date.

### Advantages:

- You establish the quantity, floor price, and pricing period
- Opportunity to capture gains when there is an increase in the futures price or early on in the trade
- Fees are typically 8-14 cents less than a single obligation MP
- You get to deliver the corn now and get paid the minimum price

### Disadvantages:

- There is a fee associated with this contract
- Possible loss of the fee you paid if the futures price moves sideways or decreases
- Potential offer of like bushels may fill

## How it works:

The **Minimum Price Plus** contract allows you to deliver and get paid now; less the investment cost, all while still having the potential to take unlimited upside gains later, and potentially pricing future bushels.

### Example:

The current cash bid is \$3.00, and you select a July 2021 \$3.60 MP which has an investment cost of \$0.25/bu.

### Here's the Math on the MP option:

Current Cash Price	\$ 3.60
Min. Price Investment	<u>- 0.25</u>
Cash Price	\$ 2.75

While you like the MP value and potential that you have to make gains with the \$3.60 futures, you don't like the \$.25/bu investment cost. To reduce that fee, you decided to add a double obligation. This is similar to Premium Plus in that you have a strike price and strike date for an agreed upon target offer. In this case we pick the September \$3.90 strike price, which reduces your fee by \$0.12/bu to \$0.13/bu.

### Here's the where you stand now:

Current Cash Price	\$ 3.00
Min. Price Investment	- 0.25
DO Fee Reduction	<u>+ 0.13</u>
Cash Price	\$ 2.87

You will be paid \$2.87 upon delivery of the grain.

For the MP portion, the July 2021 \$3.60 option expires on 6/25/2021. If at anytime up to 6/25/2020, there is value in the call, you can choose to execute the option and take any gains.

For the D.O. Target, the September \$3.90 strike price has an expiration date of 8/27/2021; on 8/27/2021 if the September 2021 futures close at \$3.90 or above, this will trigger a double obligation commitment.

The following page shows some examples of different scenarios that could take place with the **Minimum Price Plus** contract:

### **MP Scenario 1:**

**Strike Price:** \$3.60/CN1

**Expiration Date:** 6/25/2021

Market closes higher at \$4.00 CN1 on expiration date and add the value of the option to your minimum price.

Your premium is around \$0.40/bu

### **MP Scenario 2:**

**Strike Price:** \$3.60/CN1

**Expiration Date:** 6/25/2021

Market closes lower at \$3.40 CN1 on expiration date.

No additional gains are paid out. Strike is below current futures and no time value remaining due to expiration date.

### **MP Scenario 3:**

**Strike Price:** \$3.60/CN0

**Expiration Date:** 6/25/2021

You are still a couple of months from your option expiration date; however the market is up and the July futures are trading at \$4.00/bu. Rather than risk waiting until the expiration date, you decide to call in and take the value of the call. The premium will be at least \$0.40/bu.

### **Double Obligation Scenario 1:**

**Strike Price:** September \$3.90

**Expiration Date:** 8/27/2021

Market closes lower on expiration at \$3.50 CU1 on strike date. You do not owe like amount of bushels.

### **Double Obligation Scenario 2:**

**Strike Price:** September \$3.90

**Expiration Date:** 8/27/2021

Market closes higher at \$4.00 CU1 on strike date. You owe a like amount of bushels at \$3.90 futures +/- basis depending on which delivery month you select.

## **Key Points to Remember :**

- **Any** combination of the above scenarios could take place on the contract
- If you want to take any gains on the MP portion of the contract, prior to option expiration, **you must call POET Jewell to exercise the option**