

Premium plus

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What is a premium plus contract?

The **POET Premium Plus** contract pays a per bushel premium on the initial quantity of Corn, when you commit to sell a like quantity in a deferred delivery period, at a specified target price.

Should the target price trigger on the market close of the strike date, then the target offer becomes a contract for the agreed upon delivery period.



Advantages:

- Good option if you think the market is headed sideways or lower
- You choose the target price and date
- Take your premium (market gain) upfront
- Potentially price future deliveries above the current market price
- If price is below target price on the market close of the target date then there is no additional bushels required to be delivered and no repayment of premium

Disadvantages:

- There is a double obligation tied to this contract
- The only time the target price can be set is on the target date if the market closes at or above the set target price

How it works:

*Write a Premium Plus contract to sell 5,000 bushels of corn for February delivery.

You receive a premium above the current bid in exchange for your firm offer to sell an additional 5,000 bushels of corn for **\$3.80 May 2021 Futures** with a strike date of **4/23/2021**

The local cash bid is \$3.03 for July delivered corn, so here's an example of how that would work with the additional premium:

▪Selected CK1 Target price of \$3.80 futures

Current Price:	3.27	Nearby Futures (board price)
	+ <u>-0.24</u>	Nearby Delivery Basis
	3.03	Cash Price
	+ <u>0.07</u>	Target futures premium
	3.10	Cash Price with Premium

Once the contract is established, two different scenarios could play out:

Scenario #1

Strike Price: \$3.80

Strike Date: 4/23/2021

March futures are less than \$3.80 at the close on 4/23/2021, then you owe nothing and the double obligation commitment is done.

Scenario #2:

Strike Price: \$3.80

Strike Date: 4/23/2021

On April 23rd, May 2021 futures close at \$3.80 then you would owe a like amount of bushels. A new contract will be established with a set \$3.80 CK1 futures.

Keys to Remember:

- For example, if May futures are \$3.80 at the close on the 4/23/2021 strike date, **the like amount of bushels is still owed at the locked in \$3.80 futures.**
- You are looking for this to happen on one date, and one date **ONLY**—The option expiration date.
- You will establish basis on or before delivery if the second obligation fills.

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