

# Southern Extension Marketing Committee Trading Game

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Welcome to FACTSim: The University of Florida's Financial and Agricultural Commodity Trading Simulation.

This simulation is an invaluable tool in gaining experience with commodities trading. Trading can be simulated for agricultural, financial, energy, weather, and metal commodities from many exchanges around the country. If you are a registered user, please log in to continue your simulation. If you are a new user, please feel free to look around and decide if you would like to begin your trading simulation, and begin learning about the ever-changing world of commodity trading.

**June 22, 2006**

**Response time issues**

We are working on efficiency issues related to processing of FACTSim data. We are aware that at times our response time is not what it should be, but we will work this out. It is most problematic at the open and close for some of the major exchanges when we get the most updates on our data. We hope you have patience while we work thru these issues and ask you to tell us when it gets problematic to you.

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# 2012 SEMC FACTSim Competition

- Five teams competed

- Rules

- 4 or 5 person teams, top 4 count for team score
- \$100,000 in capital, \$50,000 in loans available
- Agricultural futures and options only

# 2010/11 Team Results

- Florida Milk Money \$1,008,025
- Ford Cotton 2010 \$648,085
- AL Black Belt Cattle \$100,410
- TN Traders 2011 \$72,402
- AIRbitrage \$28,666

# 2012 Team Results

■ Ford Cotton	\$81,420
■ Showstoppers	\$10,037
■ Florida Milk Money	\$5,736
■ Whispering Wheat	
■ UGA Dawgs	

# 2010/11 Top 12 Individuals

■ Nick McMichen: Ford Cotton	\$2,194,900
■ Will Lloyd: FL Milk Money	\$1,684,700
■ Keith Shiver: FL Milk Money	\$1,009,617
■ Steve Ford: Ford Cotton	\$415,275
■ John VanSickle: FL Milk Money	\$310,403
■ Michael Davis: AL Black Belt Cattle	\$90,700
■ Rhodri Lane: Arbitrage	\$55,295
■ Chuck Danehower: TN Traders	\$43,135
■ Mark Welch: TX Holdem	\$33,797
■ Alexander Young: KY Blue Sunglasses	\$24,589
■ Don Shurley: GA Dawgs	\$23,460
■ Curt Lacy: GA Dawgs	\$12,095

# 2012 Top 7 Individuals

■ Nick McMichen: Ford Cotton	\$278,775
■ John VanSickle: FL Milk Money	\$109,438
■ Nathan Smith	\$15,663
■ Todd Perry, Showstoppers	\$9,988
■ Katelyn McCulloch, Whispering Wheat	\$2,353
■ Luke Brummel, Whispering Wheat	\$1,927
■ Alexander Young: Showstoppers	\$49



# Corn was a trader's (and farmer's) Dream market

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# Soybeans like corn?

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09/14/2011 - 09/13/2012 Last Price Bar 1) Compare Mov. Avgs 10 20 50 Contract OI USD

1D 3D 1M 6M YTD 1Y 5Y Max Daily Security/Study Event

Last Price 1741  
 High on 09/04/12 1794 1/2  
 Average 1372 1/2  
 Low on 12/14/11 1094 1/2  
 SMAVG (10) on Close 1742 1/2  
 SMAVG (20) on Close 1732 1/2  
 SMAVG (50) on Close 1692 1/2



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# Feeder cattle market hot as well



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Range 3 Relative To Data High/Low Grid



Historical Intraday

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# FACTSim is being used in college classrooms across the U.S. and internationally

- University of Florida – 2 classes \*
- Mississippi State University \*
- Auburn University\*
- Michigan State University – 2 classes \*
- University of Nebraska, Lincoln \*
- Purdue University \*
- Kansas State University \*
- University of Georgia \*
- Oregon State University
- Ft. Valley State
- Ft. Hayes State University \*
- Texas A&M
- Florida A&M
- Oklahoma State University \*
- HEC HEG Geneva \*
- University of Illinois – 2 classes\*

\* - currently using FACTSim in Fall 2012 classes – 700 students

## ■ SEMC 2012/13 Competition

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## ■ Competition to run from October 1, 2012 to September 16, 2013

# FACTSim

- Southern Extension Marketing Committee (SEMC) thanks Southern Farmer Magazine, for sponsoring 4 teams for the 2011/12 competition
- FACTSim can be subscribed to, \$40 for 6 months, \$60 for a full year. Payments can be made online over the secure PayPal system, or pre-paid with FACTSim.
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