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- Primarily dryland
- Crops include waxy corn, amylose corn, soybeans & winter wheat

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1. Forward Contracting

- 30% Crops Forward Contracted
 - Usually in Spring/Summer Months
 - ■Take advantage of summer weather scares
- Sell Another 20% before January for cash flow purposes
- Remaining 50% sold in Spring/Summer months following harvest

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 - Primarily utilize puts
 - ► Have on farm storage.
 - Protect our downside risk while hoping to take advantage of an upswing in the market.



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Why Crop Insurance?

- Risk Management/Safety Net
 - Fixed & Variable Costs are high
 - Gives us a baseline to budget our year and manage our costs

Disclaimer: In the 20 years I've been involved in our operation we've collected very few years. We don't buy with the intention to collect.

- Required by Lender
 - Working capital to obtain inputs
 - Crop insurance is our lender's colleteral
- Marketing Flexibility
 - Know we can safely market to our percentage APH coverage

How do markets affect our Crop Insurance Coverage

- Crop Insurance Revenue Products are Essential to Our Operation
- Markets truly reflecting supply/demand is crucial for our survival
 - 2012 disaster crop year for us

2012 Average Corn Projection



АРН	120bu/ac	
2012 Spring Price	\$5.68	
Gross Income/Acre	\$681.60	
Input Expenses/Acre	\$353.00	
Gross Profit/Acre	\$328.60	

^{*}Corn Inputs/ac: Seed \$70, Chemical \$50, Fertilizer \$120, Cash Rent \$100, Crop Ins/Scouting \$13 = \$353.00 Does not include fixed costs of equipment, employees, liability insurance, regulatory expenses and living expenses

2012 Corn Crop Reality



Corn Averaged	44.76bu/ac
2012 Fall Price	\$7.50
Gross Income/Acre	\$335.70
Input Expenses/Acre	\$353.00
Gross Profit/Acre	(\$17.30)

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Spring Price	HPO (Harvest Price Option)
97bu/ac	97bu/ac
\$5.68	\$7.50
\$550.96	\$727.50
\$353.00	\$353.00
	\$374.50
	97bu/ac \$5.68

Bottomline

- Markets affect our operation when we have grain to sell
- BUT, they also affect our operation when we don't have grain to sell

