

2007 SEMC FACTSim Trading Results

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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.

Member Log In

User ID:	<input type="text" value="sickle"/>
Password:	<input type="password"/>
Forgot your password?	
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	

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This Presentation provides an overview of the FACTSim Financial & Agricultural Commodity Trading Simulation. Use the arrow key to move forward and back in the presentation



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Welcome to FACTSim	
Welcome back to FACTSim, John VanSickle . Your last login was on July 22, 2006 at 01:19 AM . Rank: 949 of 1029	
Account Status	
Cash on Hand:	\$49,512.50
Available Capital:	\$48,500.00
Total Fees:	\$52.50
Total Loans:	\$0.00
Total Loan Fees:	\$0.00
Total Loan Interest:	\$0.00
Maintenance Margins:	\$600.00
Initial Margins:	\$840.00
Open Transaction Profit:	\$-430.00
Total Profit to Date:	\$-900.00

Latest News for Group: Florida Gators				View All
Title	News	Author	Date	
Meeting Thursday, July 27	I will be gone until Thursd...	VanSickle, John	07/20/06 05:42:56 PM	
SEMC Competition meeting	Gentlemen, We will b...	VanSickle, John	07/20/06 09:24:34 AM	
2006 SEMC FactSim Competition	2006 SEMC FactSim Trading C...	VanSickle, John	03/21/06 01:31:51 PM	
Welcome Back	Welcome back to the SEMC co...	VanSickle, John	03/29/05 11:39:00 AM	

The Trade Homepage provides an overview of the status of your account. It provides a statement on your current cash position and profits, plus a summary of news items posted by the Instructor of the group.

Five Most Recently Opened Positions											View All
Symbol	Month	Year	Option	Strike	Quantity	Position	Order	Open Date	Open	Current	Profit

The Trader Homepage also shows the current status on current open positions and;

a listing of the 5 most recently queued positions to be opened.

Five Most Recently Opened Positions													View All
Symbol	Month	Year	Option	Strike	Quantity	Position	Order Type	Open Date	Open Price	Current Price	Profit		
OJ	Jan	07	-	-	1	Long	Market Order	07/13/06 10:10:30 AM	1.5925	1.5650	-430.00	Manage Close Orders	

*Contracts with text in gray are outside their trading hours.
 **Highlighted contracts are currently queued to be closed.

Five Most Recently Opened Spread Orders												View All
Symbol	Month	Year	Call	Strike	Position	Quantity	Spread Type	Order Type	Open Date	Profit		
No open spread orders.												

Five Most Recent Positions Queued to Be Opened													View All
Symbol	Month	Year	Option	Strike	Quantity	Position	Order Type	Target Time	Target Price	Current Price	Status	Queue Date	
C	Dec	06	-	-	2	Long	Trade at Open	-	-	2.5275	Pending	07/23/06 01:06:08 AM	Cancel Order Edit Order

Five Most Recently Queued Spread Orders														View All
Symbol	Month	Year	Call	Strike	Position	Quantity	Spread Type	Order Type	Target Price Difference	Target Time	Queue Date	Queue Status		
C06H	Mar	06	-	-	Long	1	Intercommodity	Market Order	-	-	March 1, 2006 01:35:01 PM	Executed	-	
S06H	Mar	06	-	-	Short									
LC06V	Oct	06	-	-	Short	4	Interdelivery	Market Order	-	-	March 1, 2006 11:18:31 AM	Executed	-	
LC06M	Jun	06	-	-	Long									

Five Most Recently Closed Positions													View All
Symbol	Month	Year	Call	Strike	Quantity	Position	Order Type	Open Date	Close Date	Open Price	Close Price	Profit	

2007 SEMC FACTSim Competition

■ Six teams

- AIR Team – Oscar Vergara (MSU grad)
- Gator Nation – JJV Class
- Back to Back Gators – Jim Sterns UF Class
- Moo Traders – Walt Prevatt AL ranchers
- Limit Up – Mark Welch TAMU Group
- Ford Cotton – Steve Ford cotton growers

Rules

- 4 or 5 person teams, top 4 count for team score
- \$30 per trader
- \$50,000 in capital, \$50,000 in loans available
- Agricultural futures only

2006 Team Results

- AIR Team \$178,494.30
- Florida Gators \$134,577.19
- DeeLimit (AL) -\$17,290
- Cowpokers (AL) -26,758.78
- Ford Cotton -\$250,000

2007 Team Results

■ Gator Nation	\$167,765.60
■ Moo Traders (AL)	\$91,945.00
■ Limit Up (TAMU)	-\$17,290.00
■ Back to Back Gators	-\$44,396.45
■ Cotton Cowboys	-\$179,017.50
■ AIR Team	-\$498,925.00

Gator Nation – First Place

■ Kevin Johnson	\$468,707.50
■ Patrick Desire	\$9,685.30
■ John VanSickle	-\$57,282.50
■ Evan Shinbaum	-\$253,344.70
■ Andy Davis	-\$1,017,235

Moo Traders – Second Place

■ Brenda Glover	\$76,550.00
■ Billy Hixon	\$6,550.00
■ Clay Kennamer	\$5,450.00
■ Jack Robertson	\$4,395.00
■ Jimmy Collins	\$3,950.00

Limit Up – Third Place

■ David Anderson	\$0
■ Mark Waller	-\$1,097.50
■ Mark Welch	-\$1,885.00
■ Gabriel Powers	-\$14,959.75

Cotton Cowboys - Fourth

■ Nick McMichen	\$5,375.00
■ Toby Robertson	-\$19,882.50
■ Greg Hanson	-\$52,685.00
■ Steve Ford	-\$111,825.00

2006 Individual Results

- Vivek Basrur \$141,670.78
- Lee Ming \$127,883.28
- John VanSickle \$65,644.40

- Other notables
 - Steve Ford -\$92,625.34
 - Oscar Vergara -\$133,975.02

2007 Individual Results

■ Kevin Johnson (GN)	\$468,707.50
■ Tim Doggett (AIR)	\$92,062.50
■ Brenda Glover (AL)	\$76,550.00
■ Other notables	
– John VanSickle (GN)	-\$57,282.50
– Steve Ford (CC)	-\$111,825.00
– Vivek Basrur (AIR)	-\$274,615.00

Kevin Johnson Trading

- 86 total trades, 47 long (32 profit), 39 short (27 profit).
- 21 OJ trades (14 profit), 16 long (11 profit), 5 short (3 profit)
- 18 coffee trades (12 profit), 9 long (7 profit), 9 short (5 profit)
- 14 cotton trades (12 profit), 6 long (4 profit), 8 short (8 profit)
- 12 cocoa trades (9 profit), 5 long (4 profit), 7 short (5 profit)
- 10 corn trades (7 profit), 8 long (5 profit), 2 short (2 profit)
- 7 feeder cattle (3 profit), 1 long (1 profit), 6 short (2 profit)

FACTSim being used in 10 college classrooms this semester

- University of Florida
- Mississippi State University
- Auburn University
- Texas A&M University
- Michigan State University – 2 classes
- University of Nebraska
- Purdue University
- Clemson University
- Kansas State University
- University of Georgia

FACTSim as a Teaching Tool

Jim Hilker, Mich St. Univ. – “I have used various computer simulations for 24 years of teaching commodity marketing, I like this one the best.”

John Anderson, MSU – “I will use FACTSim every time I teach our futures class. I am also beginning to incorporate it into my extension programming with producers as well.”

Darrell Mark, U. Neb. – “FACTSim is almost perfect for my class. The features that are available are ‘just right’ and there are not a lot of bells and whistles that distract from learning the basics.”

FACTSim as a Teaching Tool

- James Sterns, UF – “I genuinely believe that the use of FACTSim can greatly facilitate student learning. I value FACTSim as a powerful teaching tool.”

FACTSim

- FACTSim has been used in several venues for giving students, growers and others practical experience in trading futures without the risk of losing money.
- FACTSim can be subscribed to, \$30 for 6 months, \$50 for a full year. Payments can be made online over the secure PayPal system, or pre-paid with FACTSim.
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