

# WORKING WITH A BROKER

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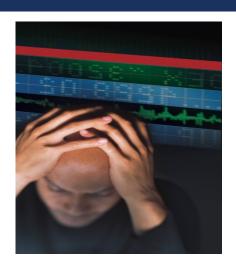
### HOW IS A BROKER SUPPOSED TO HELP?

- Help to define price risk to your commodity production.
- Help you to make a risk plan short term and possibly longer term.
- It's not about making money, it's about protecting your investment and your livelihood.



#### WHERE DOES IT ALL GO WRONG?



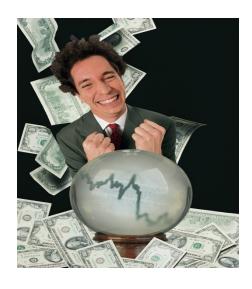




# Major Causes Why People Do Not Hedge or Unknowingly Sabotage Their Risk Plan

# GREED







The desire to pick the absolute top or bottom of the market.

### KNOWLEDGE-LACK OF KNOW HOW







Do not understand the tools available. Contact Donna!

## **PROCRASTINATION**





Too busy with day-to-day operations to enact a marketing plan.

# NO CONSISTENCY – LACK OF PLANNED STRATEGY







For Hedging to be profitable use a consistent method. Remember, hedging is not trading the market. Hedging is Protecting!

# HAVE A PLAN



### THREE THINGS THAT WILL HANDICAP YOUR MARKETING PLAN

I. Fear

2. Greed

3. Procrastination

#### REMEMBER...

- A smart hedging plan includes planning, conservative strategies and constant communication with your Futures Broker!
- Hedging is like Insurance it is not a risky speculative gamble.



### SO NOW WHAT DO I DO?

- 1. Finding a knowledgeable broker you can depend on.
- 2. Fill out the account application... Are you operating as an individual, corporate, partnership or trust?
- 3. Begin forming a Marketing Plan with your broker.
- 4. Stay informed... Keep your broker updated.

### WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM MY BROKER?

- I. Personalized marketing plan
- 2. Communication
- 3. Information
- 4. Service

## **QUESTIONS?**

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