Agricultural and Commodity Risk Management Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Risk Management	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

Upon completion, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the nexus of climate change and agricultural production risk using advanced remote sensing data.
2. Evaluate the impact of geopolitical tensions and trade policy on global commodity supply chains.
3. Construct and execute sophisticated commodity hedging strategies using futures and options contracts.
4. Implement a robust Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) framework tailored for agribusiness value chains.
5. Master the application of AI and Predictive Analytics for short- and long-term price forecasting.
6. Apply techniques for managing Foreign Exchange (FX) risk and interest rate risk in commodity finance.
7. Differentiate and utilize various agricultural insurance products, including Index-Based Weather Insurance.
8. Design financial contracts like swaps and forward agreements to lock in margins and stabilize cash flow.
9. Assess and mitigate operational risks related to food safety, logistics efficiency, and inventory management.
10. Incorporate ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) factors and sustainability risk into procurement and trading.
11. Conduct comprehensive Value-at-Risk (VaR) and Stress Testing for a commodity portfolio.
12. Leverage Blockchain Technology to enhance supply chain traceability and reduce counterparty risk.
13. Develop an action plan for Digital Risk Transformation by integrating cutting-edge AgriTech solutions.

Target Audience

1. Commodity Traders and Analysts (Energy, Metals, and Softs Desks)
2. Agribusiness Executives and Farm Managers (Large-scale/Corporate Farms)
3. Treasury and Finance Professionals (CFOs, Corporate Hedging Teams)
4. Agricultural Lenders and Insurers (Risk Officers, Underwriters)
5. Supply Chain Managers and Procurement Officers (Food & Beverage, Consumer Goods)
6. Investment Bankers and Fund Managers (Focus on Agricultural/Natural Resource Assets)
7. Government and Policy Makers (Agriculture Ministries, Central Banks)
8. Agricultural Cooperative and Farmer Organization Leaders

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Agricultural Risk & Market Dynamics

- Sources of Risk.
- Understanding the Futures and Cash Market Relationship
- Macroeconomic drivers of Commodity Price Volatility
- Case Study: The 2022 Wheat Market Spike.
- Introduction to the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) framework for agriculture.

Module 2: Production Risk and Climate Resilience

- Strategies for on-farm risk reduction
- Utilizing IoT Sensors and Satellite Remote Sensing for real-time risk monitoring and yield forecasting.
- Deep dive into Weather Index-Based Insurance and parametric insurance products.
- Case Study: Mitigating Drought Impact in the US Corn Belt.
- Implementing Regenerative Agriculture practices to build soil health and improve long-term resilience.

Module 3: Commodity Futures and Forward Hedging

- Mechanics of Futures Contracts and their application for both producers and consumers
- Calculating and managing Hedge Ratio and Margin Calls.
- Utilizing Forward Contracts and Over-The-Counter derivatives for customized risk transfer.
- Case Study: A multinational food processor hedging its forward-purchased cocoa inventory against unexpected market price drops using the ICE Futures exchange.
- Understanding and mitigating Counterparty Risk in physical and financial forward agreements.

Module 4: Advanced Derivative Hedging with Options

- Introduction to Call and Put Options and their intrinsic and time value.
- Designing floor and ceiling price protection strategies.
- Using Synthetic Positions to manage market view and risk exposure creatively.
- Case Study: A large dairy cooperative implementing a Zero-Cost Collar strategy to guarantee a minimum milk price while funding a ceiling on their feed grain purchase costs.
- The role of options in managing catastrophe risk and sudden market shocks.

Module 5: Financial Risk Management and Capital Structure

- Managing Liquidity Risk and access to Agricultural Finance and credit facilities.
- Evaluating the risk exposure of different debt-to-equity ratios and financial leverage.
- Instruments for managing Interest Rate Risk
- Case Study: Assessing the balance sheet risk of a highly leveraged farm operation facing rising interest rates and low soybean prices.
- Best practices for robust Working Capital Management in seasonal commodity cycles.

Module 6: Supply Chain and Operational Resilience

- Mapping and scoring supply chain vulnerabilities.
- Implementing Quality and Inventory Risk controls using Warehouse Receipts and third-party verification.
- The application of Blockchain for end-to-end traceability and enhanced data integrity.
- Case Study: Tracing a contaminated batch of imported spice using a permissioned blockchain ledger to rapidly isolate the source and mitigate a global product recall.

- Risk-based approach to Contract Farming and supplier relationship management.

Module 7: Technology and Digital Risk Transformation

- Leveraging Machine Learning for superior Predictive Pricing Models and demand forecasting.
- Cybersecurity and Data Governance risks in integrated Digital Agriculture Platforms.
- Algorithmic Trading Strategies and low-latency execution.
- Case Study: A grain trading house deploying an AI-driven trading algorithm to optimize basis trading across 50 regional markets, analyzing performance under extreme market volatility.
- Evaluating new AgriTech investments from a risk-adjusted return perspective.

Module 8: Governance, Regulation, and Sustainable Risk

- Integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance factors into risk assessments.
- Understanding and preparing for new Carbon Markets and Sustainability Regulations
- Regulatory compliance
- Case Study: Developing an ESG-linked commodity procurement policy for a major coffee roaster, favoring suppliers who demonstrate certified carbon sequestration and fair labor practices.
- Building a culture of Risk Governance and establishing a specialized Risk Committee.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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