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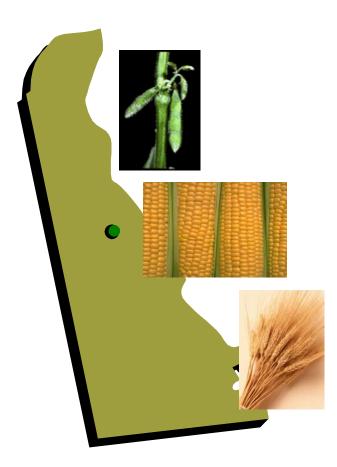
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### THE HISTORICAL BASIS RECORD FOR GRAIN AND SOYBEANS IN DELAWARE; MARKETING YEARS 1998/99 TO 2002/03

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#### Prelude

Historical basis records for given geographical locations should be updated periodically. The historical basis record for the most recent three to five year period is necessary to effect grain marketing decisions. This publication updates the historical basis record for corn, soybeans, and wheat for the 1998/99 to 2002/03 Marketing Years.

Five-year average basis table summaries for Northern and Southern Eastern Shore Corn can be found on pages 17 and 23. Corresponding graphical illustrations are given on pages 54 and 60.

Five-year average basis table summaries for Northern and Southern Eastern Shore Soybeans can be found on pages 29 and 35. Corresponding graphical illustrations are given on pages 66 and 72.

Five-year average basis table summaries for Northern and Southern Eastern Shore Wheat can be found on pages 41 and 47. Corresponding graphical illustrations are given on pages 78 and 84.

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#### I. Introduction

Basis is a key component of all grain marketing and sales decisions. It is the difference between the cash (spot) price and a futures market price at the time and place where delivery is to take place. In the case of grains, the futures price generally refers to the price quoted for a specified delivery month for a commodity at the Chicago Board of Trade. Familiarity with the basis usually lies within a description of the term and a method for tracking or recording it for various locations. Basis is used in the grain marketing industry as a guide in making marketing decisions.

Basis is important to grain and soybean farmers in that it affects and is involved in every grain sale and purchase decision. Recent estimates suggest that the value of the movement in the basis in Delaware is anywhere between \$3.6 to \$10.8 million, annually. The historical basis record is necessary to assist Delaware farmers in profitably marketing grain and soybeans in order to capture as much of the basis value as possible. The purpose of this publication is to provide information by on the historical basis record for the five most recent marketing years (1998/99 to 2002/03).

#### **II. Objectives:**

- To update historical corn, soybean, and wheat basis records for the Northern and Southern Eastern Shore.
- To develop basis tables for the 1998/99 to 2002/03 marketing years.
- To graphically illustrate and analyze the change in basis, for the 1998/99 to 2002/03 marketing years.

#### III. Procedure

Cash and futures prices were obtained from the Maryland Grain & Livestock Report for the Marketing Years 2001/02 and 2002/03. Basis tables were utilized for the Marketing Years 1998/99, 1999/00 and 2000/01 from a previous report published in May 2002. (German, Towle, 2002). Basis analysis, tables and graphs were completed utilizing Microsoft Excel.

#### IV. How to Use the Basis Tables; An Example

 Select the appropriate table for the commodity and year in question (Table A-6: Northern Eastern Shore Average Corn Basis; Marketing Years 1998/99-2002/03).
Choose the futures contact month (across the top) in which you wish to hedge, forward contract, or make the cash (spot) sale; for example, December futures.
Choose the month (left margin) in which the hedge, forward contract or spot sale is to be made; for example, December.

**4.** The figure corresponding to the contract month and calendar month will be the correct historical basis to use in effecting the grain marketing decision being considered; for example, the basis for December Corn futures and the December calendar month for the 1998/99-2002-03 Marketing Years is \$.14/ bushel (14 over the Dec).

**5.** The tables can be used as a guide in calculating returns to both the storage and production hedge. Technical assistance in using the tables can be obtained by contacting Carl German, Extension Specialist, Marketing, University of Delaware <u>clgerman@udel.edu</u> or 302-831-1317.

Note: Five-year average basis table summaries for Northern and Southern Eastern Shore Corn can be found on pages 17 and 23. Corresponding graphical illustrations are given on pages 54 and 60.

Five-year average basis table summaries for Northern and Southern Eastern Shore Soybeans can be found on pages 29 and 35. Corresponding graphical illustrations are given of pages 66 and 72.

Five-year average basis table summaries for Northern and Southern Eastern Shore Wheat can be found on pages 41 and 47. Corresponding graphical illustrations are given on pages 78 and 84.

#### V. Analysis of The Northern and Southern Eastern Shore Basis for Corn,

#### Soybeans, and Wheat; Selected Marketing Years

Northern Eastern Shore Corn Basis

- The Northern Eastern Shore average corn basis for the Marketing Years 1998/99 to 2002/03 was 14 cents over the Dec future (ranging from 25 cents under to 39 cents over) (Table A-6).
- The strongest basis offerings occurred in the 2002/03 Marketing Year at 39 cents over December (Table A-5).
- The weakest basis offerings occurred in the 2000/01 Marketing Year at 25 under Dec (Table A-3).

Observations: The average corn basis offering for the Northern Eastern Shore improved 64 cents per bushel (from -25 cents to +39 cents) for December futures from the 2000/01 Marketing Year to the 2002/03 Marketing Year.

With the addition of the marketing years 2001/02 and 2002/03, to the previous report, and the subtraction of the marketing years 1996/97 and 1997/98, the overall averages did not change significantly. When comparing Table A-6 to Table A-6 of the previous report, 18 of the averages were stronger, while 16 were weaker (German, Towle, 2002), showing a very slight strengthening in the corn basis. Both marketing years (2001/02 and 2002/03) had an overall stronger basis (Table A-4 and A-5) for every contract than the

average basis in the previous report, Marketing Years 1996/97-2000/01 (Table A-6 of the previous report).

#### Southern Eastern Shore Corn Basis

- The Southern Eastern Shore average corn basis for the Marketing Years 1998/99 to 2002/03 was 26 cents over the Dec (ranging from 0 (even) to 48 over) (Table A-12).
- The strongest basis offering for the Southern Eastern Shore occurred in the 2002/03 Marketing Year, at 48 cents over the Dec (Table A-11).
- The weakest basis offering for the Southern Eastern Shore occurred in the 2000/01 Marketing Year, at 0 (even) Dec. (Table A-9).

Observation: The average basis offering for the Southern Eastern Shore 2002/03 Marketing Year, increased 48 cents per bushel from the 2000/01 Marketing Year (from 0 to +48 cents). This represents a 22-cent improvement in the average basis from the 5-year average of 26 cents (Table A-12).

Table A-12 shows an overall strengthening in basis, from Table A-12 of the previous report (German, Towle, 2002). The Marketing Year 2001/02 for Southern Eastern Shore Corn (Table A-10) had an overall lower basis for all contracts when compared to the average basis for the same contracts in the Marketing Years 1996/97 through 2000/01 (Table A-12 from the previous report). The corn basis for every contract in 2002/03 (Table-13) was higher than the average basis for the contracts in the Marketing Years 1996/97 through 2000/01.

#### Northern Eastern Shore Soybean Basis

- The Northern Eastern Shore average soybean basis for the Marketing Years 1998/99 to 2002/03 was 25 cents under the November (ranging from 44 under to 8 under) (Table A-18).
- The strongest basis offering for Northern Eastern Shore soybeans occurred in the 1999/00 Marketing Year at 8 cents under the Nov (Table A-14).
- The weakest basis offering for Northern Eastern Shore soybeans occurred in the 2000/01 marketing year at 44 under the Nov (Table A-15).

Observations: There was a 36 cent per bushel weakening in the average basis offering for Nov soybeans from the 1999/00 Marketing Year to the 2000/01 Marketing Year, representing a 19 cent decline from the 5-year Average.

Table A-18 shows an overall decline in basis, from the previous report's Table A-18 (German, Towle, 2002). The Marketing Year 2001/02 for Northern Eastern Shore Soybeans (Table A-16) had weaker basis offerings for all contracts when compared to the average basis for the same contracts in the Marketing Years 1996/97 through 2000/01 (Table A-18 from the previous report). The average soybean basis for every contract in 2002/03 (Table A-17) was stronger than the average basis for the contracts in the Marketing Years 1996/97 through 2000/01.

Southern Eastern Shore Soybean Basis

- The Southern Eastern Shore average soybean basis for the Marketing Years 1998/99 through 2002/03 was 13 under the Nov (ranging from 42 under to 10 cents over) (Table A-24).
- The strongest offering for the Southern Eastern Shore soybean basis occurred in the 2002/03 Marketing Year at 10 cents over the Nov (Table A-23).
- The weakest soybean basis offering for the Southern Eastern Shore occurred in the 2000/01 Marketing Year, at 42 under the Nov (Table A-21)

Observations: The November basis improved 52 cents/bushel from the 2000/01 to the 2002/03 Marketing Year.

Table A-24 also shows the basis weakening, when compared to the previous report's Table A-24 (German, Towle, 2002). The Marketing Year 2001/02 for Southern Eastern Shore Soybeans (Table A-22) had a weaker basis for all contracts when compared to the average basis for the same contracts in the Marketing Years 1996/97 through 2000/01 (Table A-24 from the previous report). The soybean basis for every contract in 2002/03 (Table A-23) was stronger than the average basis for all contracts in the Marketing Years 1996/97 through 2000/01.

#### Northern Eastern Shore Wheat Basis

• The Northern Eastern Shore wheat basis averaged 23 cents under July (ranging from 30 under to 11 under) (Table A-30).

- The strongest basis offering for wheat was 11 cents under July, during the 2000/01 Marketing Year (Table A-27).
- The weakest basis offering occurred during the Marketing Year of 1998/99, at 30 cents under July (Table A-25).

Observations: The average Northern Eastern Shore wheat basis improved from the Marketing Year 1998/99 to 2000/01, by 19 cents per bushel.

Table A-30 shows a weaker overall basis than the previous report's Table A-30 (German, Towle, 2002). The Marketing Year 2001/02 for Northern Eastern Shore Wheat (Table A-28) had weaker basis offerings for the March and May futures contract months when compared to the average basis for the same contracts in the Marketing Years 1996/97 through 2000/01 (Table A-30 from the previous report). The basis for the futures contract months of July, September, and December were stronger when compared to Table A-30. The wheat basis for the March futures contract month in 2002/03 (Table A-29) was stronger overall than the average basis for the March futures contract in the Marketing Years 1996/97 through 2000/01. The average basis for the July, September, December, and May contracts was stronger than the average basis for the July, September, December, and May contracts was stronger than the average basis for the July, September, December, and May contracts was stronger than the average basis for the July, September, December, and May contracts was stronger than the average basis for the July, September, December, and May contracts was stronger than the average basis for these contracts in the Marketing Years 1996/97 through 2000/01. The average basis for the July, September, December, and May contracts was stronger than the average basis for these contracts in the Marketing Years 1996/97 through 2000/01.

#### Southern Eastern Shore Wheat Basis

• The Southern Eastern Shore wheat basis averaged 25 under the July for the Marketing Years 1998/99 through 2002/03 (-30 to -20) (Table A-36).

• The strongest basis offering was 20 under the July during the Marketing Year of 1998/99 (Table A-31).

Observations: The basis improved 10 cents per bushel for July futures, between 1998/99 and 2002/03.

In Table A-36, the overall average basis is weaker than the previous report's Table A-36 (German, Towle, 2002). The Marketing Year 2001/02 for Southern Eastern Shore Wheat (Table A-34) had weaker average basis offerings for the July, September, and December futures contract months. The March contract's basis was weaker overall, while the May contract had six calendar monthly averages that were stronger than those in the Marketing Years 1996/97 through 2000/01, and 5 monthly averages that were weaker (Table A-36 from the previous report). The soybean basis for every contract month in 2002/03 (Table A-35) was stronger than the average basis for the contracts in the Marketing Years 1996/97 through 2000/01.

#### VI. Summary and Conclusions

#### Conclusions for the Historical Corn Basis

With the addition of the 2001/02 and 2002/03 marketing years, the fiveyear corn basis average strengthened for both the Northern and Southern Eastern Shore, from the previous five-year average. The marketing years 2001/02 and 2002/03 basis showed an improvement from the previous report's five-year average for the Northern and Southern Eastern Shore.

#### Conclusions for the Historical Soybean Basis

With the addition of the two most recent marketing years, the five-year soybean basis average weakened for both the Northern and Southern Eastern Shore. The marketing year 2001/02 recorded weaker basis averages than the five-year averages of the previous report. The marketing year 2002/03 had stronger basis averages than the previous 5-year average.

#### Conclusions for the Historical Wheat Basis

By adding the marketing years 2001/02 and 2002/03, to the 5-year moving averages for the historical wheat basis, the new 5-year averages were weaker than the previous, for both the Northern and Southern Eastern Shore.

#### Basis in Summary

Basis is simply the price difference between the local cash price of grain and the nearby futures price. Anyone in the grain trade, buying or selling, has two basic factors that ultimately determine the final sale or purchase price of a commodity; the futures price and the basis. The futures price is a market projection of how current world fundamentals will affect the supply and demand for a commodity in the near and distant future. It's the price agribusinesses use as a benchmark to gauge cash bids and offers for commodities at the local level. All grain sales and purchase decisions involve the basis. Profits can be improved considerably when marketing grain by learning to use basis as a key indicator in all grain sales decisions.

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VIII.

Appendix A: Basis Tables

			utures Contra	ict		
Month	September	December	March-99	May-99	July-99	
			dollars/bu			
August	0.14	0.05	-0.08	-0.15	-0.21	
	(.08 to .18)	(01 to .08)	(12 to05)	(20 to12)	(25 to18)	
September	0.20	0.09	-0.04	-0.11	-0.18	
	(.20 to .21)	(.08 to .09)	(04 to04)	(12 to11)	(19 to17)	
October		0.08	-0.03	-0.10	-0.14	
		(.08 to .08)	(03 to03)	(10 to10)	(14 to14)	
November		0.11	-0.01	-0.08	-0.14	
		(.09 to .14)	(04 to .03)	(11 to05)	(18 to11)	
December		0.21	0.13	0.06	-0.01	
		(.21 to .21)	(.12 to .14)	(.05 to .07)	(01 to 0)	
January			0.23	0.17	0.12	
			(.22 to .24)	(.16 to .18)	(.10 to .13)	
February			0.26	0.20	0.15	
			(.26 to .27)	(.20 to .21)	(.15 to .16)	
March			0.29	0.26	0.20	
			(.29 to .29)	(.24 to .27)	(.18 to .21)	
April				0.22	0.13	
				(.21 to .23)	(.07 to .17)	
May				0.18	0.14	
				(.17 to .19)	(.14 to .14)	
June					0.16	
					(.16 to .17)	
July					0.23	
					(.22 to .23)	
Source: Univ	ersity of Dela	ware		Bas	is = Cash - Futures	

Futures Contract								
Month	September	December	March-00	May-00	July-00			
	•		dollars/bu	2	•			
	- <i>.</i>				- <i></i>			
August	0.18	0.05	-0.05	-0.10	-0.14			
0	. ,	· ,	, ,	(12 to09)	. ,			
Septembe		0.18	0.06	(07 to 06)	-0.04			
Octobor	(.31 to .35)	(.10 to .22) 0.15	(01 to .11) 0.04	(07 to .06) -0.02	(12 to .02) -0.08			
October								
November	-	0.24	0.13	(04 to01) 0.06	-0.01			
NOVEINDEI				(.03 to .08)				
December	-	0.29	0.15	0.08	0.01			
2000111001				(02 to .13)				
January		(	0.21	0.13	0.06			
,			(.13 to .26)	(.05 to .18)	(02 to .10)			
February			0.28	0.20	0.12			
-			(.23 to .34)	(.15 to .26)	(.07 to .18)			
March			0.26	0.18	0.10			
			(.26 to.26)	(.12 to .24)	(.04 to .16)			
April				0.17	0.08			
				(.07 to .26)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
May				0.30	0.22			
				(.30 to .30)	(.16 to .25)			
June					0.25			
lub <i>i</i>					(.16 to .32) 0.22			
July					(.14 to .29)			
Source: LL	niversity of D	elaware		Rag	(.14 to .29) sis = Cash - Futures			
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		F	utures Contra	ct	
Month	September	December	March-01	May-01	July-01
			dollars/bu		
August	0.09	-0.03	-0.15	-0.23	-0.31
	(.05 to .12)	(07 to 0)	(19 to12)	(27 to20)	(40 to27)
September	0.10	-0.09	-0.21	-0.28	-0.35
	(.10 to .10)	(21 to 0)	(33 to12)	(40 to19)	(47 to26)
October		-0.21	-0.31	-0.39	-0.47
		(28 to14)	(39 to24)	(46 to33)	(54 to40)
November		-0.30	-0.41	-0.49	-0.56
		(40 to22)	(51 to34)	(59 to42)	(66 to49)
December		-0.25	-0.32	-0.39	-0.47
		(25 to25)	(37 to26)	(44 to33)	(52 to41)
January			-0.11	-0.19	-0.27
			(17 to04)	(25 to12)	(32 to20)
February			-0.11	-0.19	-0.27
			(13 to10)	(21 to18)	(29 to26)
March			-0.10	-0.16	-0.24
			(10 to10)	(20 to09)	(28 to17)
April				-0.01	-0.08
				(07 to .11)	(15 to .03)
May				0.16	-0.04
				(.16 to .16)	(45 to .14)
June					0.05
					(02 to .11)
July					-0.15
-					(15 to15)
Source: Univ	ersity of Delav	ware		Bas	sis = Cash - Futures

		F	- utures Prices	3	
Month	September	December	March-02	May-02	July-02
			dollars/bu		
August	0.16	0.04	-0.06	-0.11	-0.15
	(03 to .74)	(15 to .61)	(23 to .49)	(28 to .45)	(33 to .40)
September	0.10	-0.06	-0.18	-0.24	-0.29
	(.10 to .10)	(11 to03)	(23 to14)	(31 to19)	(36 to23)
October		-0.21	-0.33	-0.40	-0.46
		(23 to17)	(35 to29	(43 to37)	(49 to42)
November		-0.03	-0.15	-0.23	-0.29
		(20 to .18)	(32 to .06)	(39 to01)	(46 to08)
December		0.04	-0.04	-0.11	-0.16
		(06 to .14)	(15 to .05)	(22 to02)	(28 to07)
January			0.04	-0.03	-0.10
-			( 0 to .05)	(07 to02)	(13 to08)
February			0.10	0.03	-0.04
2			(.07 to .14)	(0 to .07)	(06 to 0)
March			<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.08</b>	0.01
			(.12 to .14)	(.08 to .08)	(.01 to .01)
April			( , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	`0.11 ´	`0.05 ´
•				(.10 to .12)	(.04 to .05)
May				`0.14 ´	`0.11 ´
2				(.11 to .16)	
June				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	0.17
-					(.17 to .17)
July					0.16
<b>J</b>					(.15 to .16)
Source: Univ	versity of Dela	ware		Basi	s = Cash - Futi
	,				

Month	Sontombor	l December	Futures Price March-03	-	July 02
MONUN	September	December	dollars/bu	May-03	July-03
			uoliai 5/bu		
August	0.24	0.11	0.03	0.01	0.01
Juguet	(.14 to .38)	(.03 to .18)	(02 to .10)	(04 to .07)	(06 to .07)
September	0.29	0.24	0.19	0.16	0.17
			(.12 to .23)		
October	(	0.32	0.26	0.23	0.22
		(.30 to .35)	(.23 to .31)	(.20 to .28)	(.19 to .26)
November		<b>0.35</b>	0.32	<b>0.30</b>	0.29
		(.35 to .35)	(.31 to .34)	(.28 to .33)	(.26 to .32)
December		0.39	0.36	0.34	0.31
		(.38 to .40)	(.35 to .38)	(.33 to .36)	(.30 to .33)
January			0.36	0.33	0.30
			(.33 to .37)	(.30 to .35)	(.27 to .32)
February			0.40	0.37	0.35
			(.40 to .40)	(.36 to .38)	(.35 to .35)
March			0.42	0.43	0.42
			(.41 to .43)	(.43 to .43)	(.41 to .43)
April				0.46	0.45
				(.43 to .49)	(.43 to .48)
May				0.37	0.40
				(.33 to .40)	(.38 to .43)
June					0.39
					(.38 to .39)
July					0.38
					(.38 to .38)
Source: Univ	versity of Dela	aware		Basis	s = Cash - Futures

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Month	September	December	March	Мау	July
			dollars/bu		
August	0.16	0.04	-0.06	-0.11	-0.16
_		(03 to .11)			
September	0.20	0.07	-0.04	-0.09	-0.14
	(.10 to .33)	(09 to .24)	· ,	(28 to .16)	(35 to .17)
October		0.03	-0.07	-0.14	-0.19
		(21 to .32)	(33 to .26)	(40 to .23)	(47 to .22)
November		0.07	-0.02	-0.09	-0.14
		(30 to .35)	(41 to .32)	(49 to .30)	(56 to.29)
December		0.14	0.06	0.00	-0.06
		(25 to .39)	(32 to .36)	(39 to .34)	(47 to .31)
January			0.15	0.08	0.13
-			(11 to .36)	(19 to .33)	(27 to .60)
February			0.19	0.12	0.06
,			(11 to .40)	(19 to .37)	(27 to .35)
March			0.20	<b>0.16</b>	0.10
			(10 to .42)	(16 to .43)	(24 to .42)
April			(	0.19	0.12
					(08 to .45)
May				0.23	0.17
				• •	(04 to .40)
June				(	0.20
ouno					(.05 to .39)
July					0.17
oury					(15 to .38)
Source: Univ	versity of Dela	aware		Racio	s = Cash - Futures
				Dasi	

		F	utures Contra	act	
Month	September	December	March-99	May-99	July-99
			dollars/bu		
August	0.26	0.16	0.04	-0.03	-0.09
Juguet	(.23 to .29)		(.01 to .09)		(12 to04)
September	<b>0.29</b>	`0.17 ´	`0.04 ´	`-0.03	-0.10
·	(.28 to .29)	(.16 to .17)	(.04 to .05)	(04 to03)	(11 to09)
October	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	<b>0</b> .11	Ò Ó	-0.07	-0.11
		(.11 to .11)	(0 to 0)	(07 to07)	(11 to11)
November		0.20	0.08	-0.02	-0.05
		(.17 to .24)	(.04 to .13)	(03 to .05)	(10 to01)
December		0.28	0.22	0.15	0.09
		(.28 to .28)	(.19 to .25)	(.12 to .18)	(.06 to .11)
January			0.30	0.24	0.18
			(.29 to .30)	(.23 to .24)	(.17 to .19)
February			0.31	0.25	0.20
			(.30 to .31)	(.24 to .25)	(.19 to .20)
March			0.32	0.25	0.19
			(.32 to .32)	(.23 to .27)	(.17 to .21)
April				0.26	0.18
				(.26 to .27)	(.11 to .21)
May				0.23	0.19
				(.21 to .25)	(.18 to .20)
June					0.27
					(.24 to .31)
July					0.38
					(.36 to .40)
Source: Univ	versity of Dela	aware		Bas	sis = Cash - Futures

Table A-7: Southern Eastern Shore Corn Basis: Marketing Year 1998-1999

<b>N</b> <i>A A</i>			utures Contra					
Month	September	December	March-00	May-00	July-00			
			dollars/bu					
August	0.00	0.17	0.07	0.02	0.00			
August	0.30				-0.02			
Contombor	(.27 to .33)	· /	• • •		· · ·			
September	0.44	0.24	0.12	0.07	0.02			
Ostalasa	(.39 to .49)	· /	(.01 to .25)	· /	(09 to .16)			
October		0.20	0.09	0.02	-0.04			
		(.16 to .22)	· /	· /	· /			
November		0.30	0.18	0.11	0.05			
		(.26 to .34)	```	```	( )			
December		0.38	0.23	0.16	0.10			
		(.37 to .38)	```	```				
January			0.28	0.21	0.13			
			(.18 to .37)	( )	, ,			
February			0.34	0.26	0.18			
			(.32 to .37)	```	,			
March			0.32	0.28	0.20			
			(.32 to .32)	(.18 to .41)	(.10 to .33)			
April				0.24	0.15			
				(.13 to .33)	(.04 to .24)			
May				0.35	0.28			
				(.35 to .35)	(.23 to .32)			
June					0.34			
					(.22 to .39)			
July					0.32			
-					(.22 to .42)			
Source:Unive	ersity of Delaw	vare		Bas	sis = Cash - Futures			

		F	utures Contra	ct	
Month	September	December	March-01	May-01	July-01
			dollars/bu		
August	0.22	0.10	-0.02	-0.10	-0.18
	(.16 to .29)	(.04 to .17)	(08 to .05)	(16 to03)	(29 to10)
September	0.19	0	-0.12	-0.19	-0.26
	(.19 to .19)	(12 to .09)	(24 to30)	(31 to10)	(38 to17)
October		-0.10	-0.21	-0.29	-0.36
		(13 to07)	(24 to17)	(31 to26)	(39 to33)
November		-0.13	-0.25	-0.33	-0.40
		(23 to06)	(34 to18)	(42 to26)	(49 to33)
December		0	-0.13	-0.21	-0.28
		(0 to 0)	(19 to10)	(26 to17)	(34 to25)
January			0.01	-0.07	-0.14
-			(06 to .17)	(14 to .09)	(21 to .01)
February			0.05	-0.03	-0.11
			(.01 to .10)	(07 to .02)	(15 to06)
March			`0.06	Ò Ó	-0.08
			(.06 to .06)	(04 to .06)	(12 to02)
April			( ,	<b>0</b> .17	0.09
F				(.09 to .28)	
May				0.28	0.09
- 1				(.28 to .28)	
June				(	0.27
					(.20 to .33)
July					0.08
					(.08 to .08)
Source: Univ	ersity of Delaw	are		Bas	sis = Cash - Futures

		F	-utures Contra	act	
Month	September	December	March-02	May-02	July-02
			dollars/bu		
ugust	0.20	0.08	-0.03	-0.07	-0.11
	(.18 to .24)	(.06 to .12)	(06 to .02)	(10 to03)	(15 to07)
eptember	0.17	0.01	-0.11	-0.17	-0.22
	(.14 to .19)	(04 to .06)	(16 to05)	(23 to10)	(28 to14)
ctober		-0.14	-0.26	-0.33	-0.39
		(15 to11)	(27 to23)	(35 to31)	(41 to36)
ovember		0.09	-0.03	-0.10	-0.17
		(09 to .31)	(21 to .19)	(29 to .12)	(35 to.05)
ecember		0.15	0.07	0.00	-0.05
		(.14 to .15)	(.05 to .09)	(02 to .02)	(08 to04)
anuary			0.18	0.11	0.04
			(.15 to .20)	(.08 to .13)	(.01 to .06)
ebruary			0.26	0.19	0.13
			(.24 to .30)	(.17 to .23)	(.11 to .16)
arch			0.34	0.29	0.22
			(.31 to .37)	(.26 to .31)	(.19 to .24)
pril				0.30	0.24
				(.28 to .32)	· · · ·
ay				0.35	0.31
				(.35 to .35)	· · · ·
une					0.31
					(.30 to .34)
ıly					0.70
					(.32 to 1.08)
Source: University of Delaware Basis = Cash - Futures					

Table A-10: Southern Eastern Shore Corn Basis; Marketing Year 2001-2002

		F	utures Prices	6		
Month	September	December	March-03	May-03	July-03	
			dollars/bu			
August	0.39	0.26	0.18	0.16	0.16	
	(.32 to .53)	· · ·	• • •	(.14 to .16)	(.12 to .18)	
September	0.39	0.31	0.25	0.22	0.23	
	(.39 to .39)	(.26 to .37)	(.22 to .30)	(.20 to .26)	(.21 to .25)	
October		0.41	0.35	0.32	0.31	
		(.36 to .45)	(.30 to .41)	(.27 to .38)	(.27 to .36)	
November		0.45	0.42	0.40	0.39	
		(.45 to .45)	(.41 to .44)	(.38 to .43)	(.36 to .42)	
December		0.48	0.45	0.43	0.40	
		(.47 to .49)	(.44 to .47)	(.42 to .45)	(.39 to .42)	
January			0.47	0.44	0.41	
			(.46 to .49)	(.43 to .47)	(.40 to .44)	
February			0.53	0.50	0.48	
			(.52 to .53)	(.49 to .51)	(.47 to .48)	
March			0.53	0.53	0.52	
			(.52 to .53)	(.53 to .54)	(.51 to .53)	
April				0.53	0.52	
				(.52 to .55)	(.50 to .54)	
May				0.45	0.49	
				(.43 to .48)	(.47 to .51)	
June					0.47	
					(.44 to .49)	
July					0.47	
					(.47 to .47)	
Source: Un	iversity of De	laware		Basis = C	ash - Futures	

Table A-12: Southern Eastern Shore Average Corn Basis; Marketing Years 1998/99-2002/03

		Fu	itures Contrac	ts	
Month	September	December	March	May	July
	•		dollars/bu		•
		- / <del>-</del>			
August	0.27	0.15	0.05	0.00	-0.05
	(.20 to .39)	· · · ·	(03 to .18)	· ,	. ,
September	0.30	0.15	0.04	-0.02	-0.07
	(.17 to .44)	(0 to .31)	· ,	(19 to .22)	· · ·
October		0.10	-0.01	-0.07	-0.12
		· ,	(26 to .35)	. ,	. ,
November		0.18	0.08	0.01	-0.04
		· /	(25 to .35)	(33 to .40)	(40 to .39)
December		0.26	0.17	0.11	0.05
		(0 to .48)	(13 to .45)	(21 to .43)	(28 to .40)
January			0.25	0.19	0.12
			(.01 to .47)	(07 to .44)	(14 to .41)
February			0.30	0.23	0.17
			(.05 to .53)	(03 to .5)	(11 to .48)
March			0.31	0.27	0.21
			(.06 to .53)	(0 to .53)	(08 to .52)
April				0.30	0.24
				(.24 to .53)	(.09 to .52)
May				0.33	0.27
5				(.23 to .45)	(.09 to.49)
June				· · ·	0.33
					(.27 to .47)
July					0.39
2					(.08 to .70)
Source: Univ	versity of Dela	ware		Basi	s = Cash - Futures
	,				

			F	utures Contra	ct		
Month	September	November	January-99	March-99	May-99	July-99	August-99
				dollars/bu			
September	-0.06	-0.03	-0.13	-0.24	-0.33	-0.43	-0.46
	(11 to .01)	(03 to03)	(14 to13)	(25 to23)	(34 to32)	(45 to41)	(56 to42)
October		-0.25	-0.25	-0.35	-0.43	-0.51	-0.53
November		, ,	(25 to25)	• •	, ,	, ,	. ,
November		-0.16	-0.23	-0.32	-0.38	-0.48	-0.49
December		( 10 10 15)	(24 to23) -0.24	-0.31	-0.38	-0.44	-0.45
			(25 to23)	(32 to29)	(40 to35)	(47 to40)	(48 to41)
January			-0.13	-0.14	-0.18	-0.22	-0.23
,			(13 to13)	(16 to12)	(21 to15)	(25 to19)	(26 to20)
February			· · · · · ·	-0.14	`-0.18 ´	-0.24	-0.26
				(14 to13)	(19 to17)	(27 to22)	(29 to24)
March				-0.14	-0.18	-0.26	-0.29
٥				(14 to14)	• • •	(26 to26)	. ,
April					-0.23	-0.29	-0.36
Мау					(24 to22) -0.27	(23 to33) -0.32	-0.35
, in the second s					-	(32 to31)	(35 to34)
June					(	-0.32	-0.33
						(34 to29)	(34 to31)
July						-0.25	-0.30
						(29 to21)	(32 to29)
August							-0.27
							(27 to27)
Source: Univ	ersity of Delav	ware				Basis = Ca	sh - Futures

Contombor	Futures Contract									
September	November	January-00	March-00	May-00	July-00	August-00				
			dollars/bu							
-0.27	-0.26	-0.35	-0.43	-0.48	-0.53	-0.54				
(50 to04)	(55 to09)	(64 to18)	(71 to26)	(76 to31)	(80 to36)	(78 to37)				
	-0.15	-0.27	-0.34	-0.40	-0.45	-0.45				
	(29 to01)	(40 to14)	(47 to22)	(53 to29)	(59 to35)	(59 to34)				
	-0.08	-0.23	-0.30	-0.36	-0.42	-0.41				
	(09 to06)	(32 to14)	(39 to21)	(46 to26)	(51 to31)	(52 to30)				
		-0.17	-0.23	-0.29	-0.35	-0.35				
		(40 to01)	(41 to08)	(46 to14)	(52 to20)	(52 to19)				
		-0.10	-0.22	-0.30	-0.39	-0.40				
		(10 to10)	(38 to07)	(46 to16)	(55 to25)	(56 to26)				
			-0.05	-0.15	-0.24	-0.25				
			(13 to .01)	(23 to08)	(32 to16)	(33 to18)				
			-0.11	-0.20	-0.30	-0.33				
			(11 to11)	(29 to10)	(41 to20)	(44 to23)				
				-0.19	-0.32	-0.35				
				(37 to09)	(49 to21)	(51 to25)				
				-0.05	-0.08	-0.11				
				(05 to05)	(22 to .12)	(24 to .09)				
					-0.07	-0.03				
					(14 to04)	(15 to .05)				
					-0.07	-0.09				
					(07 to07)	(15 to05)				
						-0.06				
						(06 to06)				
<u>-</u>	(50 to04)	(50 to04) (55 to09) -0.15 (29 to01) -0.08	(50 to04) (55 to09) (64 to18) -0.15 -0.27 (29 to01) (40 to14) -0.08 -0.23 (09 to06) (32 to14) -0.17 (40 to01) -0.10 (10 to10)	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$				

	Futures Contract									
Month	September	November	January-01	March-01	May-01	July-01	August-01			
				dollars/bu						
September	-0.20	-0.24	-0.35	-0.44	-0.51	-0.59	-0.59			
	(20 to20)	(34 to14)	(45 to24)	(54 to35)	(61 to42)	(69 to50)	(68 to49)			
October		-0.23	-0.35	-0.43	-0.50	-0.58	-0.59			
						(65 to52)				
November		-0.44	-0.30	-0.39	-0.47	-0.53	-0.53			
		(44 to44)	· /	· ,	· · · ·	(79 to .24)	· /			
December			-0.39	-0.48	-0.56	-0.61	-0.60			
			• • •	• •	, ,	(64 to55)	. ,			
January			-0.21	-0.21	-0.28	-0.35	-0.34			
			(21 to21)	· · · ·	· /	(42 to30)	· ,			
February				-0.07	-0.08	-0.14	-0.14			
				· · ·	· · · ·	(20 to04)	· /			
March				0.09	-0.06	-0.12	-0.11			
				(.09 to .09)	· ,	(20 to 0)	,			
April					-0.17	-0.21	-0.17			
					· ,	(33 to03)	(31 to02)			
May					-0.31	-0.27	-0.21			
					(31 to31)	(39 to16)	· · · ·			
June						-0.29	-0.23			
						(61 to12)	(56 to04)			
July						-0.62	-0.39			
						(62 to62)	(59 to27)			
August							-0.45			
							(49 to40)			
Source: Univ	versity of Delav	ware				Basis = Cas	h - Futures			

Futures Prices											
Month	September	November	Jan-02	Mar-02	May-02	Jul-02	Aug-02				
				dollars/bu							
eptember	-0.26	-0.36	-0.43	-0.49	-0.51	-0.54	N.A.*				
	(26 to26)	(40 to31)	(46 to38)	(52 to44)	(56 to45)	(61 to47)	N.A.				
October		-0.37	-0.44	-0.49	-0.54	-0.57	N.A.				
		(38 to35)	(46 to42)	(51 to46)		(61 to55)	N.A.				
lovember		-0.40	-0.42	-0.45	-0.49	-0.54	-0.53				
		(42 to38)	(43 to41)	(47 to44)	(51 to47)	(56 to52)	(56 to50)				
ecember			-0.28	-0.30	-0.34	-0.38	-0.38				
			(32 to25)	(34 to25)	(39 to28)	(43 to33)	(43 to34)				
anuary			-0.22	-0.19	-0.23	-0.28	-0.27				
			(23 to21)	(23 to15)	(27 to20)	(32 to24)	(31 to23)				
ebruary				-0.13	-0.17	-0.21	-0.21				
				(15 to10)	(20 to15)	(24 to18)	(24 to19)				
larch				-0.08	-0.14	-0.17	-0.17				
				(11 to06)	(15 to13)	(20 to14)	(20 to14)				
pril					-0.16	-0.14	-0.11				
					(31 to08)	(16 to12)	(13 to10)				
lay					-0.12	-0.14	-0.10				
					(15 to08)	(20 to11)	(17 to06)				
une						-0.10	-0.04				
						(12 to08)	(05 to02)				
uly						-0.21	-0.02				
-						(34 to08)	(07 to 0)				
lugust						. ,	0.03				
v							(07 to .21)				
ource: Univ	ersity of Delav	vare				Basis = C	ash - Futures				

\*N.A.= Not Available

				Futures Prices			
Month	September	November	January-03	March-03	May-03	July-03	August-03
				dollars/bu			
September	-0.08	-0.12	-0.15	-0.15	-0.13	-0.11	-0.09
	(08 to08)	(15 to05)	(19 to08)	(20 to07)	(18 to02)	(18 to 0)	(11 to08)
October		-0.05	-0.07	-0.07	-0.06	-0.05	0.02
		(15 to01)	(19 to .05)	(21 to 0.10)	(22 to .17)	(22 to .20)	(16 to .28)
November		-0.15	-0.05	-0.01	0.07	0.12	0.20
		(30 to .01)	(24 to .05)	(20 to .09)	· /	(07 to .23)	(.02 to .31)
December			0.06	0.10	0.17	0.20	0.29
			(.05 to .09)	(.08 to .12)	(.15 to .20)	(.17 to .24)	(.24 to .33)
January			-0.03	0.05	0.11	0.14	0.20
			(03 to03)	(.05 to .07)	(.09 to .13)	(.11 to .17)	(.17 to .25)
February				0.03	0.05	0.06	0.16
				(01 to .05)	(0 to .08)	(.02 to .10)	(.09 to .18)
March				0.04	0.01	0.04	0.15
				(.04 to .04)	(05 to .05)	(02 to .07)	(.10 to .18)
April					-0.07	-0.08	0.03
					(12 to01)	(15 to .01)	(07 to .15)
May					-0.11	-0.15	-0.11
					(11 to10)	(16 to15)	(14 to07)
June						-0.13	-0.12
						(15 to05)	(16 to01)
July						-0.15	-0.05
						(15 to14)	(05 to05)
August							-0.37
							(52 to05)
Source: Univ	ersity of Delaw	are				Basis =	Cash - Futures

	Futures Prices											
Month	September	November	January	March	May	July	August					
				dollars/bu								
September	-0.17	-0.20	-0.28	-0.35	-0.39	-0.44	-0.42					
	(27 to06)	(36 to03)	(43 to13)	(49 to15)	(51 to13)	(59 to11)	(59 to09)					
October		-0.21	0.00	-0.34	-0.39	-0.43	-0.39					
		(37 to15)	(44 to25)	(49 to34)	(54 to40)	(58 to45)	(59 to45)					
November		-0.25	-0.25	-0.29	-0.33	-0.37	-0.35					
		(44 to08)	(42 to05)	(45 to01)	(49 to .07)	(54 to .12)	(53 to .20)					
December			-0.20	-0.24	-0.28	-0.32	-0.30					
			(39 to .06)	(48 to .10)	(56 to .17)	(61 to .20)	(60 to .29)					
January			-0.14	-0.14	-0.18	-0.22	-0.21					
			(22 to03)	(22 to .05)	(30 to .11)	(39 to .14)	(40 to .20)					
February				-0.07	-0.11	-0.15	-0.14					
				(14 to .03)	(21 to .05)	(24 to .06)	(26 to .16)					
March				-0.04	-0.11	-0.16	-0.15					
				(14 to .09)	(20 to .01)	(30 to .04)	· /					
April					-0.15	-0.19	-0.19					
					(23 to07)	(32 to07)	,					
May					-0.17	-0.17	-0.17					
					(31 to05)	· · ·	,					
June						-0.16	-0.15					
						(32 to .03)	(33 to03)					
July						-0.26	-0.17					
						(62 to07)	· · ·					
August							-0.22					
							(45 to .03) Cash - Futures					

	Futures Contract								
Month	September	November	January-99	March-99	May-99	July-99	August-99		
				dollars/bu					
September	0	0.04	-0.07	-0.18	-0.27	-0.36	-0.40		
	(02 to .06)	. ,	. ,	· ,	· /	(40 to32)	. ,		
October		-0.25	-0.25	-0.35	-0.43	-0.51	-0.53		
November		(25 to25) -0.04	(25 to25) -0.12	(35 to35) -0.21	(43 to43) -0.29	(51 to51) -0.37	(53 to53) -0.37		
		(04 to04)	(14 to11)	(23 to21)	(32 to27)	(38 to34)	(40 to34)		
December		· · · ·	`-0.11 ´	-0.17	-0.24	`-0.30 ´	-0.31		
			(11 to10)	(19 to15)	(27 to21)	(34 to26)	(35 to27)		
January			-0.02	-0.05	-0.09	-0.13	-0.14		
-			(02 to02)	(05 to05)	(10 to08)	(14 to12)	(15 to13)		
February				-0.06	-0.10	-0.16	-0.18		
				(06 to05)	(11 to09)	(19 to14)	(21 to16)		
March				-0.07	-0.13	-0.21	-0.24		
April				(07 to07)	(14 to12) -0.12	(23 to19) -0.22	(25 to22) -0.25		
					•••=	(22 to21)			
May					-0.17	-0.22	-0.25		
- )					(18 to15)	(23 to21)	(26 to24)		
June					· · · ·	`-0.19 ´	-0.20		
						(22 to14)	(22 to16)		
July						-0.13	`    -0.19		
						(14 to11)	(22 to15)		
August							-0.18		
							(18 to17)		
Source: Univ	ersity of Delav	vare				Basis = Cas	h - Futures		

	Futures Contract									
Month	September	November	January-00	March-00	May-00	July-00	August-00			
				dollars/bu						
September	-0.11	-0.16	-0.25	-0.33	-0.38	-0.44	-0.44			
	(22 to 0)	· /	(36 to14)	, ,	(48 to27)	· · · ·	(53 to33)			
October		-0.08	-0.19	-0.27	-0.33	-0.38	-0.38			
		· ,	(34 to07)	· /	(47 to22)	· · · ·	. ,			
November		0.02	-0.12	-0.20	-0.26	-0.31	-0.31			
_		(.01 to .04)	(19 to04)	· · · · ·	· /	(39 to21)	· ,			
December			-0.07	-0.13	-0.19	-0.25	-0.25			
			(26 to .10)	· /	(37 to03)	· · · ·	. ,			
January			-0.08	-0.09	-0.18	-0.26	-0.27			
			(08 to08)	```	(39 to .18)	(48 to .09)	(49 to .08)			
February				0.01	-0.09	-0.17	-0.19			
				(05 to .07)	(15 to02)	(24 to10)	(25 to12)			
March				-0.09	-0.13	-0.23	-0.26			
				(09 to09)	(22 to .03)	(34 to07)	(37 to10)			
April					-0.11	-0.24	-0.27			
					(29 to01)	(41 to13)	(43 to17)			
May					-0.02	-0.02	-0.05			
					(02 to02)	(16 to .18)	(18 to .15)			
June						0	0.04			
						(08 to .05)	(09 to .15)			
July						-0.01	0.01			
-						(01 to01)	(03 to .08)			
August							0.01			
-							(.01 to .01)			
Source: Univ	ersity of Dela	iware				Basis = Casl	n - Futures			

	Futures Contract								
Month	September	November	January-01	March-01	May-01	July-01	August-01		
				dollars/bu					
September	-0.13	-0.17	-0.27	-0.37	-0.44	-0.52	-0.51		
	(13 to13)	(27 to50)	(38 to15)	(47 to26)	(54 to33)	(62 to41)	(61 to40)		
October		-0.20	-0.31	-0.40	-0.47	-0.55	-0.56		
		(28 to12)	(23 to37)	(46 to32)	(53 to40)	(61 to47)	(62 to47)		
November		-0.42	-0.47	-0.56	-0.64	-0.70	-0.71		
		(42 to42)	(52 to38)	(62 to47)	(73 to55)	(77 to62)	(78 to63)		
December			-0.38	-0.47	-0.55	-0.60	-0.59		
			(42 to30)	(51 to40)	(57 to49)	(62 to54)	(62 to53)		
January			-0.28	-0.17	-0.24	-0.31	-0.30		
			(28 to28)	(35 to50)	(42 to12)	(49 to19)	(48 to19)		
ebruary				0.01	0.01	-0.05	-0.05		
				(03 to .08)	(03 to .08)	(10 to .02)	(10 to .02)		
March				0.19	0.03	-0.03	-0.02		
				(.19 to .19)	(03 to .17)	· /	(08 to .10)		
April					-0.06	-0.10	-0.06		
					(26 to .08)	(25 to .08)	(23 to .09)		
Мау					-0.11	-0.12	-0.06		
					(11 to11)	(26 to01)	(19 to .01)		
June						-0.17	-0.10		
						```	(45 to .09)		
July						-0.54	-0.33		
						(54 to54)	(51 to22)		
August							-0.38		
							(40 to35)		

				Futures Prices			
Month	September	November	Jan-02	Mar-02	May-02	Jul-02	Aug-02
				dollar/bu			
September	r -0.34	-0.33	-0.40	-0.46	-0.48	-0.50	
•		(47 to27)	(53 to34)	(58 to4)	(6 to41)	(61 to43)	
October	· · · · · ·	-0.29	-0.36	-0.41	-0.46	-0.49	
		(29 to28)	(37 to33)	(43 to37)	(48 to41)	(5 to46)	
November		-0.34	-0.34	-0.37	-0.41	-0.46	-0.45
		(35 to32)	(36 to32)	(41 to33)	(44 to36)	(49 to41)	(48 to39)
December			-0.16	-0.18	-0.22	-0.26	-0.26
			· /	· · · ·	(29 to15)	(33 to2)	(33 to21)
January			-0.08	-0.06	-0.10	-0.15	-0.14
			(09 to06)	(09 to03)	(13 to07)	· /	(18 to11)
February				-0.01	-0.05	-0.09	-0.09
				(04 to .03)	```	· /	· /
March				0.01	-0.05	-0.08	-0.08
				(04 to .04)	· /	(09 to06)	· /
April					-0.09	-0.07	-0.04
					(2 to04)	(1 to04)	
Мау					0.04	-0.01	0.03
_					(.03 to .04)	(01 to 0)	(.02 to .05)
June						0.03	0.09
						(0 to .06)	(.07 to .12)
July						-0.09	0.10
						(23 to .04)	(.01 to .17)
August							0.12
0						Davia 2	(09 to .38)
Source: Ur	niversity of Dela	aware				Basis = C	ash - Futures

				Futures Pric			
Month	September	November	January-03	March-03	May-03	July-03	August-03
				dollars/bu			
September	0.01	-0.02	-0.05	-0.06	-0.03	-0.02	0.01
	(.01 to .01)	(05 to 0.01)	(09 to .01)	(01 to .02)	(08 to .07)	(08 to .09)	(01 to .02)
October		0.11	0.11	0.13	0.18	0.20	0.28
		(05 to .16)	(09 to .15)	(11 to .20)	(12 to .27)	(12 to .30)	(06 to .38)
November		0.10	0.15	0.19	0.27	0.31	0.40
		(.09 to .11)	(.15 to .15)	(.19 to .19)	(.26 to .28)	(.29 to .33)	(.37 to .41)
December			0.16	0.20	0.27	0.30	0.39
			(.15 to .19)	(.18 to .22)	(.25 to .30)	(.27 to .34)	(.34 to .43)
January			0.07	0.15	0.20	0.23	0.30
			(.07 to .07)	(.15 to .15)	(.19 to .23)	(.21 to .27)	(.27 to .35)
February				0.14	0.16	0.17	0.26
				(.10 to .16)	(.11 to .18)	(.13 to .20)	(.20 to .29)
March				0.16	0.13	0.16	0.27
				(.15 to .16)	(.06 to .17)	(.09 to .19)	(.21 to .30)
April					0.04	0.04	0.15
					( 0 to .11)	(04 to .13)	(.04 to .27)
May					-0.02	-0.06	-0.01
					(02 to01)	(06 to06)	(04 to .02)
June						-0.03	-0.02
						(06 to .04)	(07 to .08)
July						-0.04	0.05
2						(05 to04)	(.05 to .05)
August						. ,	`-0.16
5							(34 to .05)
Source: Univ	versity of Delay	ware				Basis =	Cash - Future

-0.12 (27 to .04) -0.15 (29 to .06) -0.13 (42 to .10)	-0.22 (36 to .03) -0.18 (47 to .15)	-0.28 (41 to .03) -0.23	-0.33	July -0.37 (50 to02) -0.37 (55 to .06) -0.31	-0.34
(27 to .04) -0.15 (29 to .06) -0.13	(40 to05) -0.22 (36 to .03) -0.18 (47 to .15)	-0.28 (46 to06) -0.28 (41 to .03) -0.23	(48 to03) -0.33 (47 to .04)	(50 to02) -0.37 (55 to .06)	(51 to .01) -0.34
(27 to .04) -0.15 (29 to .06) -0.13	(40 to05) -0.22 (36 to .03) -0.18 (47 to .15)	(46 to06) -0.28 (41 to .03) -0.23	(48 to03) -0.33 (47 to .04)	(50 to02) -0.37 (55 to .06)	(51 to .01) -0.34
-0.15 (29 to .06) -0.13	-0.22 (36 to .03) -0.18 (47 to .15)	-0.28 (41 to .03) -0.23	-0.33 (47 to .04)	-0.37 (55 to .06)	-0.34
(29 to .06) -0.13	(36 to .03) -0.18 (47 to .15)	(41 to .03) -0.23	(47 to .04)	(55 to .06)	
-0.13	-0.18 (47 to .15)	-0.23	, ,	· /	(56 to .12)
	(47 to .15)		-0.27	0.31	. ,
(42 to .10)	```	(- 56 to 10)			-0.29
		```	```	(70 to .31)	```
	-0.18	-0.23	-0.28	-0.33	-0.33
	(38 to .16)	· · · ·	· · · ·	(60 to .30)	. ,
	-0.11	-0.09	-0.14	-0.20	-0.20
	(28 to .07)	• • •	· ,	· /	· /
					-0.05
		· · · ·	```	· /	. ,
					-0.07
		(09 to .19)	```	· /	· /
					-0.09
			· /	· · · ·	· /
					-0.07
			(17 10 .04)	· ,	(25 to .03) -0.04
				· · · ·	(20 to .09) -0.07
				(54 (001)	-0.12
					-0.12 (38 to .12)
е				Basis = 0	(30 (0.12)
<u> </u>		(28 to .07)	0.02 (06 to .14) 0.04 (09 to .19)	0.02 -0.01 (06 to .14) (10 to .16) 0.04 -0.03 (09 to .19) (13 to .13) -0.06 (12 to .04) -0.06 (17 to .04)	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

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Month	July	September	December	March-99	May-99	
			dollars/bu			
June	-0.38	-0.49	-0.64	-0.77	-0.83	
	(41 to35)	(52 to47)	(68 to61)	(80 to74)	(87 to79)	
July	-0.30	-0.40	-0.55	-0.68	-0.76	
	(31 to29)	(42 to37)	(58 to52)	(70 to67)	(76 to75)	
August		-0.37	-0.54	-0.69	-0.77	
		(40 to35)	( )	(71 to68)	· · · ·	
Septembe	r	-0.27	-0.44	-0.58	-0.68	
		(35 to19)	(49 to40)	(64 to51)	(74 to61)	
October			-0.30	-0.45	-0.53	
			(30 to30)	(45 to45)	(53 to53)	
November			-0.33	-0.47	-0.55	
			(58 to11)	(69 to28)	(76 to37)	
December			-0.09	-0.22	-0.32	
			(09 to09)	(22 to22)	(32 to32)	
January				-0.25	-0.35	
				(25 to24)	· · · ·	
February				-0.19	-0.30	
				(20 to19)	(31 to30)	
March				-0.18	-0.24	
				(18 to18)	(24 to24)	
April					-0.24	
					(24 to24)	
May					N.A.*	

Basis = Cash - Futures

\*N.A.= Not Available

			Futures Conti	ract	
Month	July	September	December	March-00	May-00
			dollars/bu		
June			NA*		
July			NA*		
August		-0.29 (32 to22)	-0.47 (50 to40)	-0.61 (65 to54)	-0.70 (74 to64)
September		-0.27	-0.37	-0.52 (65 to31)	-0.62
October		(	-0.33	-0.49 (53 to42)	-0.59
November			-0.21	-0.37 (40 to33)	-0.47
December			-0.15	-0.29 (32 to17)	-0.39
January			(131013)	-0.26	-0.37 (44 to30)
February				-0.31	-0.43 (46 to39)
March				-0.39	-0.37
April				(39 to39)	-0.26
Мау					(33 to20) N.A.
Source: Unive	ersity of D	Delaware			Basis = Cash - Futures

Table A-26: Northern Eastern Shore Wheat Basis; Marketing Year 1999-2000

NA\* = Not Available

		Fi	utures Contrac	t			
Month	July	September	December	March-01	May-01		
			dollars/bu				
June	-0.35	-0.47	-0.64	-0.77	-0.77		
	(49 to16)	(61 to26)	(78 to43)	(91 to57)	(90 to66)		
July	-0.11	-0.43	-0.60	-0.77	-0.86		
	(11 to11)	(54 to20)	(72 to37)	(89 to53)	(99 to63)		
August		-0.43	-0.61	-0.78	-0.89		
		(60 to27)	(78 to45)	(95 to62)	(-1.06 to72)		
September		-	-0.68	-0.85	-0.94		
			(68 to68)	(85 to85)	(94 to94)		
October			0.06	-0.12	-0.22		
			(.03 to .10)	(15 to08)	(26 to18)		
November			<b>0.05</b>	`-0.13 ´	-0.24		
			(03 to .13)	(19 to05)	(30 to15)		
December			-	-0.55	-0.66		
					(66 to66)		
January				-0.33	-0.45		
					(45 to45)		
February				-0.40	-0.51		
, opraary					(51 to51)		
March				-0.28	-0.33		
indi on				••	(41 to22)		
April				( .20 to .20)	N.A.*		
					ı <b>۱</b> .۸.		
Мау					N.A.		
Source: University of Delaware Basis = Cash - Futures							

\*N.A.= Not Available

		F	utures Contrac	ts	
Month	July	September	December-01	March-02	May-02
			dollars/bu		
luno	0.00	0.40	0.50	0.70	0.00
June	-0.32	-0.43	-0.59	-0.72	-0.69
huby	-0.29	(46 to37) -0.35	(62 to53) -0.50	-0.62	(83 to36) -0.66
July		-0.35 (38 to32)			-0.00 (72 to59)
August	(52 1025)	-0.26	-0.41	-0.54	-0.58
August			(46 to29)		(65 to44)
September	r	-0.31	-0.25	-0.35	-0.38
Coptorniber		(31 to31)			(56 to20)
October		(10110-101)	-0.26	-0.34	-0.35
			(34 to14)		(46 to24)
November			-0.22	-0.30	-0.32
			(27 to07)	(36 to16)	(39 to17)
December			-0.03	-0.19	-0.19
			(19 to .13)	(27 to .04)	(31 to .03)
January				-0.22	-0.18
				(24 to18)	(22 to19)
February				-0.18	-0.25
				· ,	(26 to22)
March				-0.17	-0.22
				(17 to16)	(24 to17)
April					-0.02
					(22 to22)
May					-0.18
Courses Lie	inversity of Del				(18 to18)
Source: Ur	niversity of Del	aware			Basis = Cash - Futures

Table A-28: Northern Eastern Shore Wheat Basis; Marketing Year 2001-2002

		F	utures Contracts	S	
Month	July	September	December-02	March-03	May-03
			dollars/bu		
luno	-0.25	-0.32	-0.41	-0.42	-0.36
June		-0.32 (32 to32)	-0.41 (42 to39)	•••-	-0.30 (38 to34)
July	-0.23	-0.23	-0.35	-0.43 (40)	-0.36
July		-0.23 (32 to01)	-0.35 (41 to21)		
August	(24 (022)	-0.18	-0.34	-0.44	-0.34
Augusi			-0.34 (37 to27)		
September		-0.32	-0.29	-0.33	-0.12
September		(32 to32)			
October		(02 to02)	-0.27	-0.28	-0.06
Colober				(32 to23)	
November			0.04	-0.23	0.02
				(25 to22)	
December			-0.10	-0.18	-0.06
			(14 to -06)		(10 to .01)
January			(	-0.21	-0.18
,					(19 to16)
February				-0.21	-0.20
,				(21 to20)	(21 to19)
March				-0.29	-0.20
				(29 to29)	(21 to18)
April				. ,	-0.17
-					(22 to06)
May					-0.19
-					(19 to18)
Source: Un	iversity of Dela	aware			Basis = Cash - Futures

Table A-29: Northern Eastern Shore Wheat Basis; Marketing Year 2002-2003

			Futures Contr	acts				
Month	July	September	December	March	May			
			dollars/bu					
h	0.00	0.40	0.57	0.07	0.04			
June	-0.33	-0.43	-0.57	-0.67	-0.31			
1	· · · ·	(49 to32)	· /	· /	. ,			
July	-0.23	-0.35	-0.50	-0.63	-0.66			
• •	(30 to11)	(43 to23)	· /	· /	. ,			
August		-0.31	-0.47	-0.61	-0.66			
		· /	· /	· /	(89 to34)			
September		-0.29	-0.34	-0.45	-0.45			
		(32 to27)	(68 to25)	· /				
October			-0.22	-0.34	-0.35			
			(33 to .06)	(49 to12)	(59 to06)			
November			-0.13	-0.30	-0.31			
			(33 to .05)	(47 to13)	(55 to .02)			
December			-0.07	-0.29	-0.32			
			(15 to03)	(55 to18)	(66 to06)			
January				-0.25	-0.31			
				(33 to21)	(45 to18)			
February				-0.26	-0.34			
-				(40 to18)	(51 to20)			
March				-0.26	-0.27			
				(39 to17)	(37 to20)			
April				( , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	-0.17			
•					(26 to02)			
May					-0.19			
					(19 to18)			
Source: Univ	versity of Delaw	are			Basis = Cash - Futures			

		F	utures Contrac	ct				
Month	July	September	December	March-99	May-99			
			dollars/bu					
lum a	0.00	0.40	0.00	0.75	0.04			
June	-0.36	-0.48	-0.63	-0.75	-0.81			
1. I	· /	(49 to46)	· /	· /	,			
July	-0.30	-0.40	-0.55	-0.68	-0.76			
	(34 to28)	(45 to37)						
August		-0.36	-0.52	-0.68	-0.76			
		· /	(54 to51)	· /	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
September		-0.33	-0.49	-0.62	-0.72			
		(34 to31)	(58 to45)	(65 to60)	(75 to70)			
October			-0.51	-0.64	-0.72			
			(51 to51)	(64 to64)	(72 to72)			
November			-0.57	-0.72	-0.80			
			(78 to45)	(89 to62)	(96 to71)			
December			-0.27	-0.35	-0.45			
			(27 to27)	(40 to30)	(50 to40)			
January			,	-0.37	-0.48			
,				(39 to35)	(50 to45)			
February				-0.33	-0.44			
<b>)</b>				(35 to31)	(46 to42)			
March				-0.41	-0.47			
				(- 41 to - 41)	(47 to47)			
April				( (0)	-0.47			
, (p. ii					(48 to47)			
May					-0.44			
iviay					-0.44 (47 to44)			
Sourco: Uni	vorsity of Dolo	Naro			1			
Source. On	Source: University of Delaware Basis = Cash - Futures							

			Futures Contra	act		
Month	July	September	December	March-00	May-00	
			dollars/bu			
June						
bano			N.A.*			
July			N.A.*			
August		-0.22	-0.40	-0.54	-0.63	
		· /	(54 to08)	· /	(77 to31)	
September		-0.01	-0.35	-0.50	-0.60	
		(27 to .12)	(62 to05)	• • •	, ,	
October			-0.42	-0.58	-0.67	
Neversber			· /	(62 to51)	· /	
November			-0.32	-0.48	-0.58	
December			-0.31	(52 to45) -0.45	-0.55	
December				(56 to38)		
January			(02 to20)	-0.46	-0.57	
oundary					(83 to42)	
February				-0.35	-0.47	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					(57 to39)	
March				-0.41	-0.44	
				(41 to41)	(81 to17)	
April					-0.37	
					(49 to24)	
May					-0.30	
					(30 to30)	
Source: University of Delaware Basis = Cash - Futures						

Table A-32: Southern Eastern Shore Wheat Basis; Marketing Year 1999-2000

N.A.\* = Not Available

	Futures Contract					
Month	July	September	December	March-01	May-01	
			dollars/bu			
lune	-0.35	-0.47	-0.64	-0.77	-0.75	
	(52 to17)	(64 to27)	(81 to44)	(94 to58)	(82 to67)	
uly	-0.22	-0.42	-0.60	-0.76	-0.86	
-	(22 to22)	(53 to31)	(71 to48)	(88 to64)	(98 to74)	
ugust	. ,	-0.51	-0.69	-0.86	-0.96	
-		(63 to39)	(81 to58)	(98 to74)	(-1.08 to86)	
September		-0.46	-0.57	-0.75	-0.84	
		(46 to46)	(73 to39)	(90 to56)	(-1.00 to65)	
October			-0.63	-0.80	-0.90	
			(74 to51)	(92 to69)	(-1.01 to79)	
lovember			-0.52	-0.70	-0.80	
			(65 to26)	(83 to44)	(93 to54)	
ecember			-0.45	-0.58	-0.69	
			(45 to45)	(62 to50)	(73 to60)	
anuary				-0.51	-0.63	
				(61 to42)	(72 to54)	
ebruary				-0.41	-0.53	
				(50 to32)	(62 to43)	
/larch				N.A.*	-0.36	
				N.A.	(26 to46)	
April					-0.37	
					(39 to35)	
lay					N.A.	
ource: Univ	ersity of Delaw	are			Basis = Cash - Futures	

\*N.A.= Not Available

		F	utures Contrac	cts		
Month	July	September	December	March-02	May-02	
			dollars/bu			
June	-0.32	-0.42	-0.58	-0.71	-0.77	
	(35 to27)	(46 to37)	(62 to53)	(74 to66)	(80 to74)	
July	-0.28	-0.36	-0.51	-0.63	-0.67	
	(30 to26)	(38 to34)	(52 to48)	(65 to59)	(72 to61)	
August		-0.30	-0.44	-0.57	-0.61	
		(33 to18)	(48 to31)	(62 to42)	(67 to46)	
September	r	-0.33	-0.42	-0.53	-0.57	
		(34 to32)	(43 to40)	(57 to50)	(63 to52)	
October			-0.37	-0.44	-0.45	
			```	(48 to41)	(49 to41)	
November			-0.33	-0.41	-0.43	
			· · · ·	(44 to37)	(45 to40)	
December			-0.27	-0.35	-0.35	
			(27 to26)	(35 to35)	· ,	
January				-0.24	-0.24	
				· /	(28 to19)	
February				-0.20	-0.27	
				· /	(29 to25)	
March				-0.17	-0.25	
				(17 to16)	(29 to23)	
April					-0.22	
					(23 to21)	
May					-0.20	
0					(19 to21)	
Source: University of Delaware Basis = Cash -						

Table A-34: Southern Eastern Shore Wheat Basis; Marketing Year 2001-2002

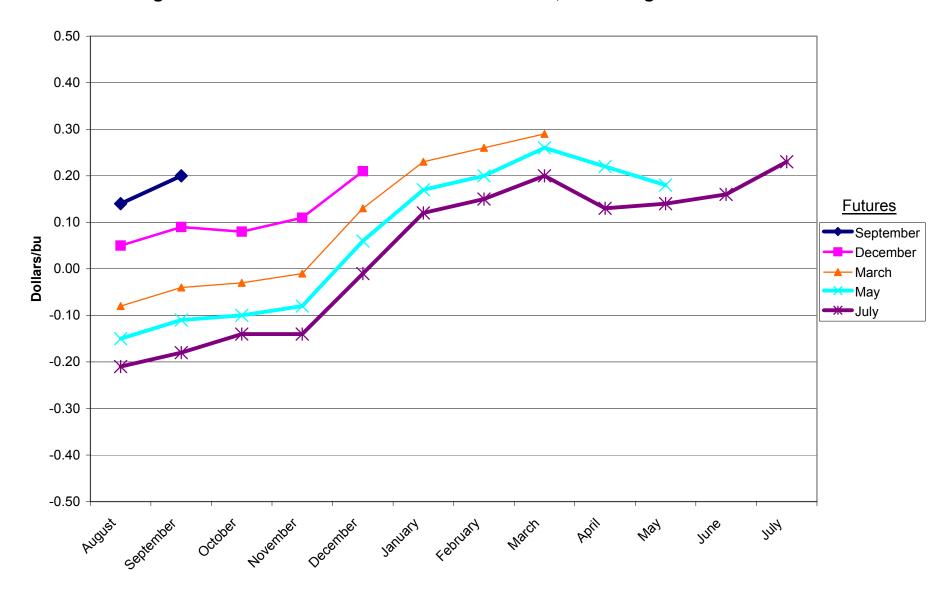
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Month	July	September	December	March-03	May-03		
			dollars/bu				
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June	-0.24	-0.31	-0.40	-0.41	-0.35		
	· /	(33 to29)	· · · ·	(43 to37)	· /		
July	-0.20	-0.20	-0.31	-0.39	-0.32		
	(20 to19)	(25 to .01)	(35 to19)	(41 to36)	(32 to31)		
August		-0.16	-0.32	-0.42	-0.32		
		(24 to .05)	(36 to25)	(43 to40)	(35 to31)		
Septembe	r	-0.31	-0.28	-0.32	-0.11		
		(31 to31)	(29 to23)	(34 to29)	(13 to09)		
October			-0.25	-0.26	-0.04		
			(25 to25)	(30 to21)	(15 to .11)		
November	ſ		0.04	-0.23	0.02		
			(23 to .59)	(24 to22)	(02 to .09)		
December	ſ		-0.07	-0.15	-0.03		
			(11 to03)	(18 to09)	(07 to 0.04)		
January				-0.18	-0.15		
-				(18 to17)	(16 to13)		
February				-0.19	-0.18		
-				(21 to17)	(19 to17)		
March				-0.27	`-0.18		
				(28 to26)	(20 to15)		
April				/	-0.17		
r					(19 to17)		
May					-0.16		
					(17 to15)		
Source: U	niversity of Dela	Basis = Cash - Futures					

Table A-35: Southern Eastern Shore Wheat Basis; Marketing Year 2002-2003

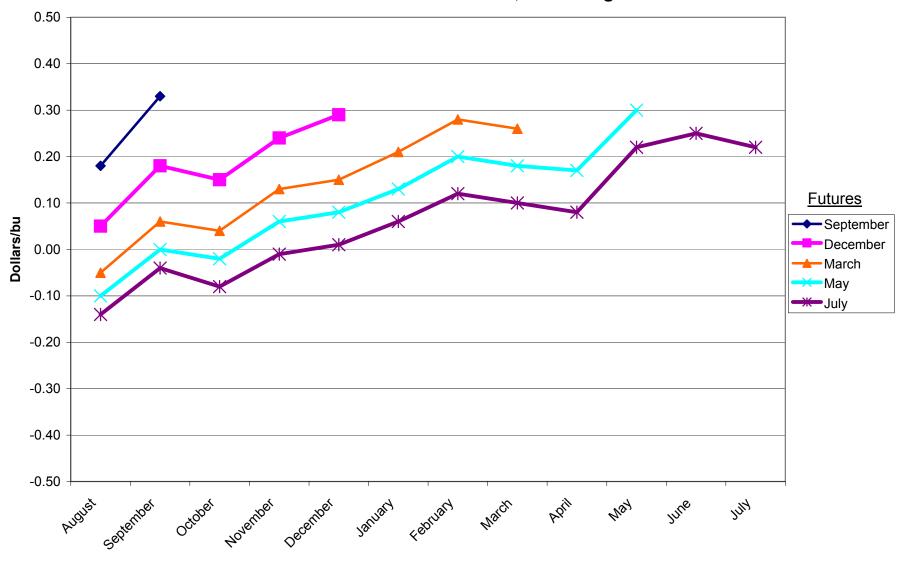
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$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	October			-0.41	-0.52	-0.54
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$				(63 to25)	(80 to26)	(90 to04)
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	November			-0.32	-0.49	-0.50
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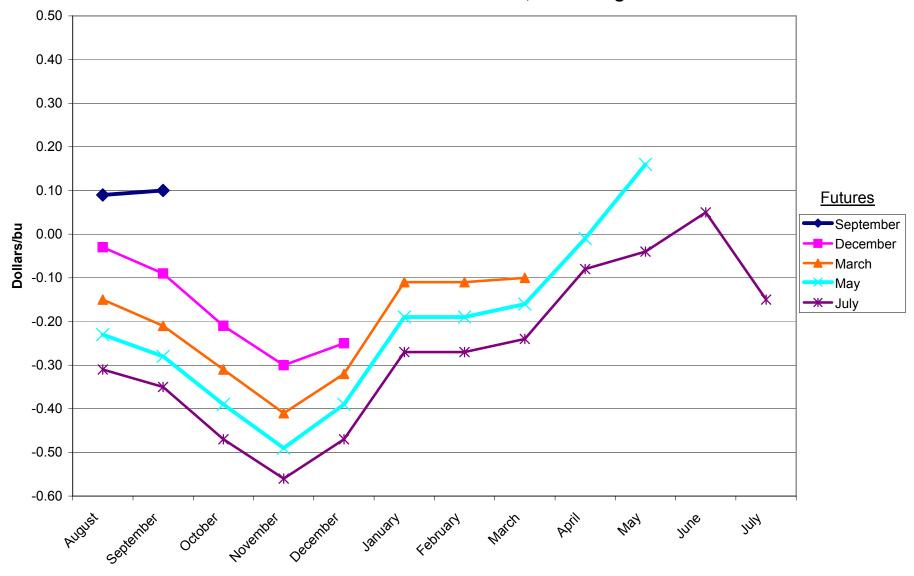
**Appendix B: Basis Figures** 



### Figure B-1: Northern Eastern Shore Corn Basis; Marketing Year 1998/99



## B-2: Northern Eastern Shore Corn Basis; Marketing Year 1999/00



## B-3: Northern Eastern Shore Corn Basis; Marketing Year 2000/01

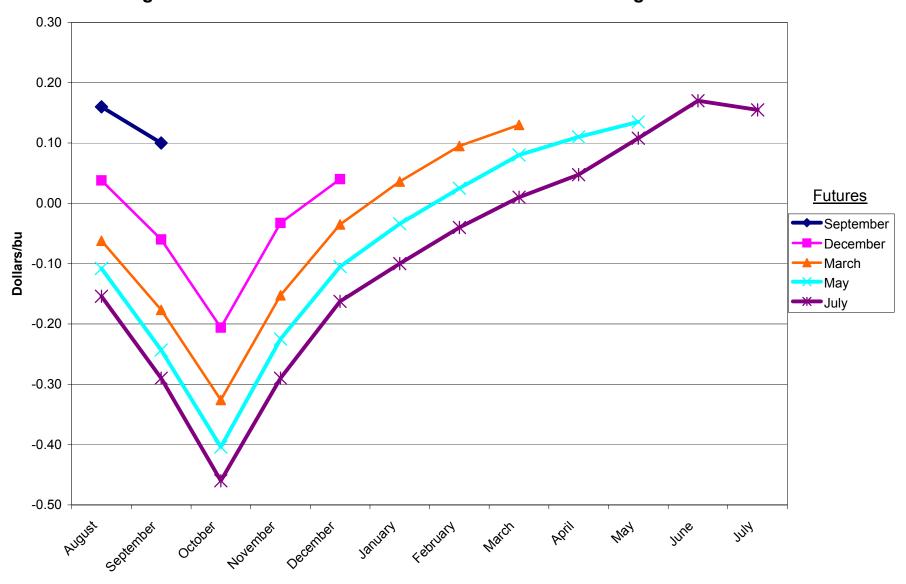


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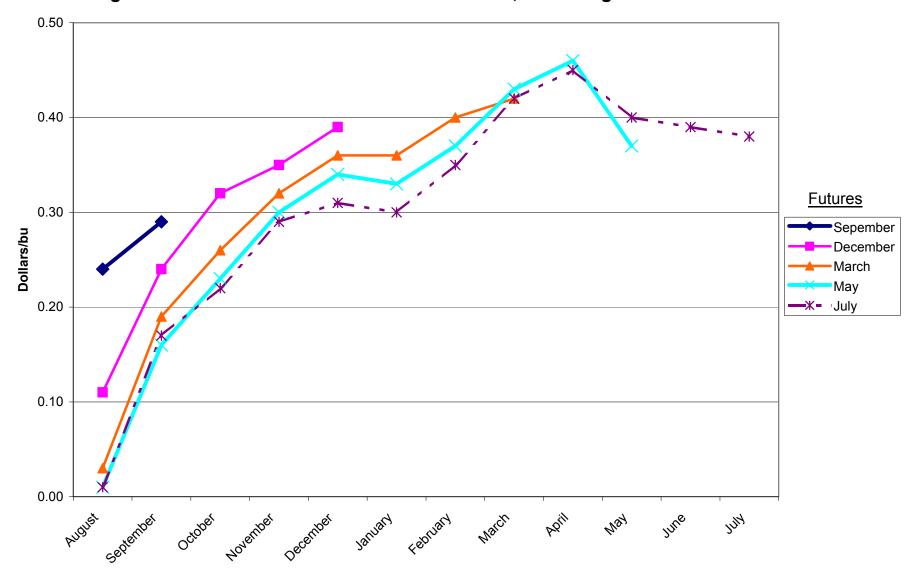


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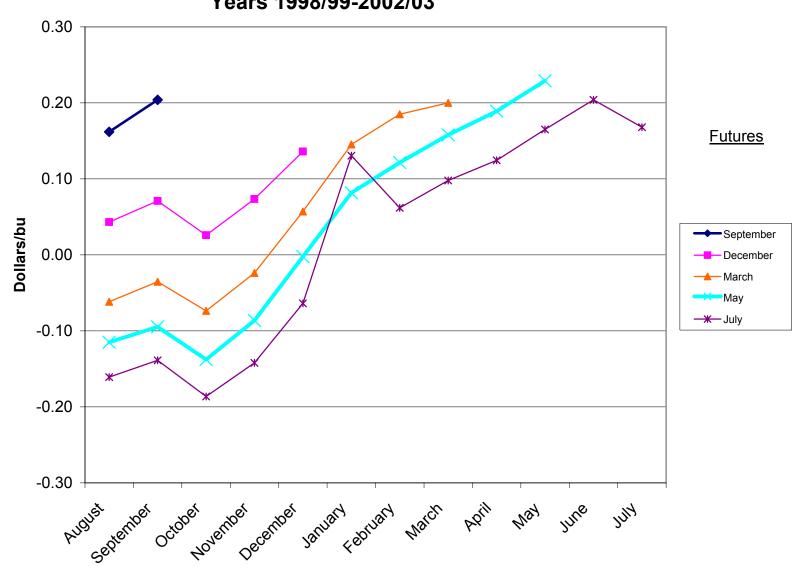


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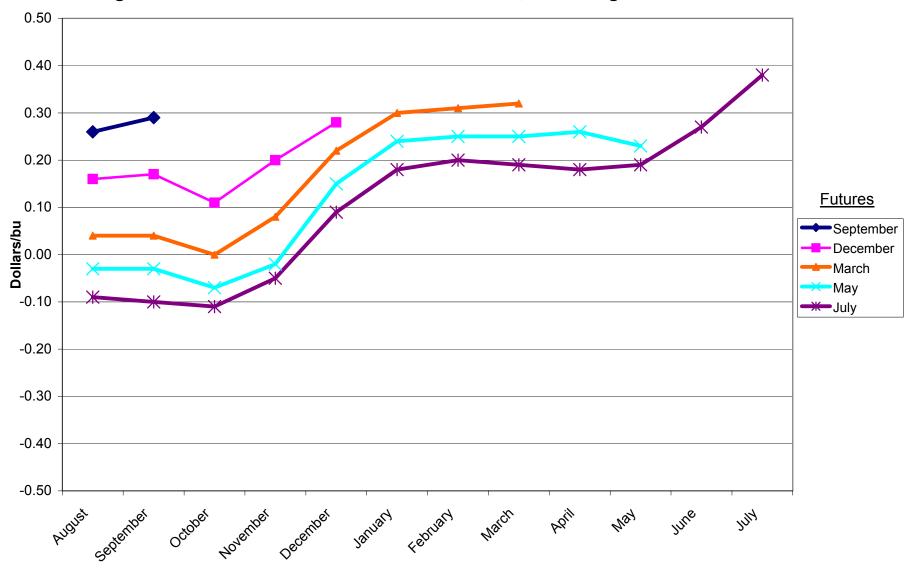


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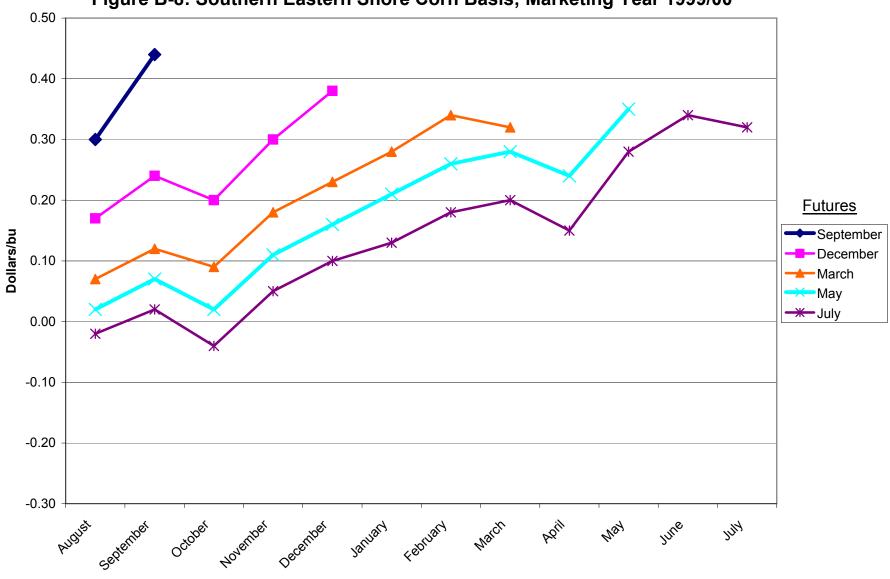
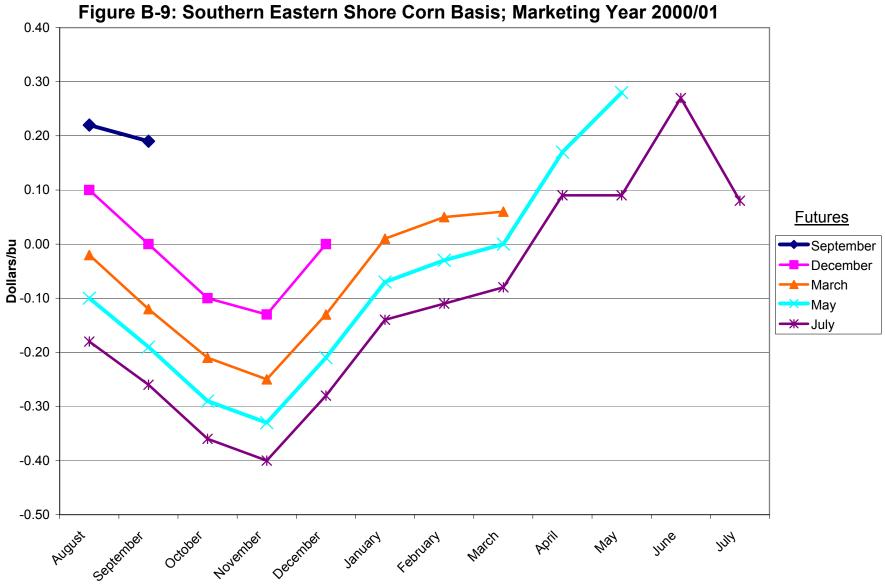


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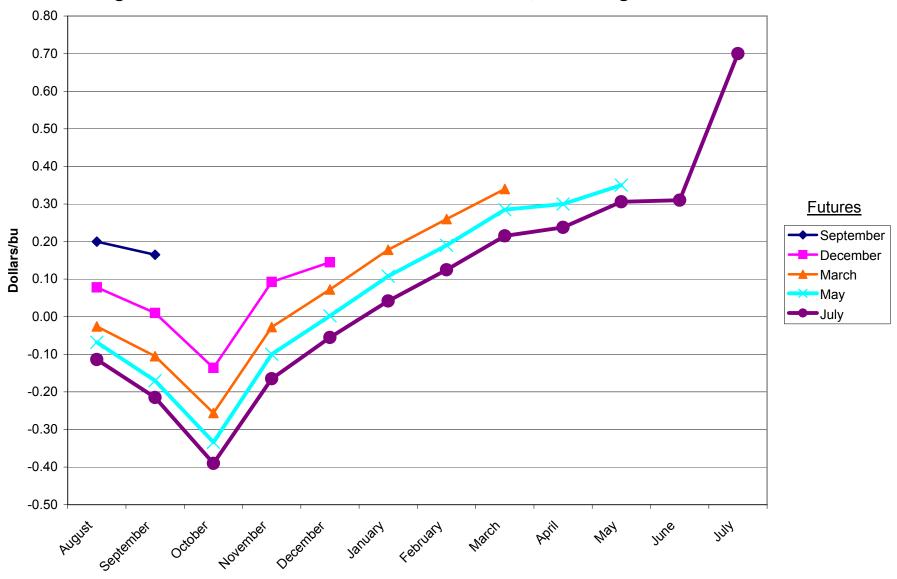


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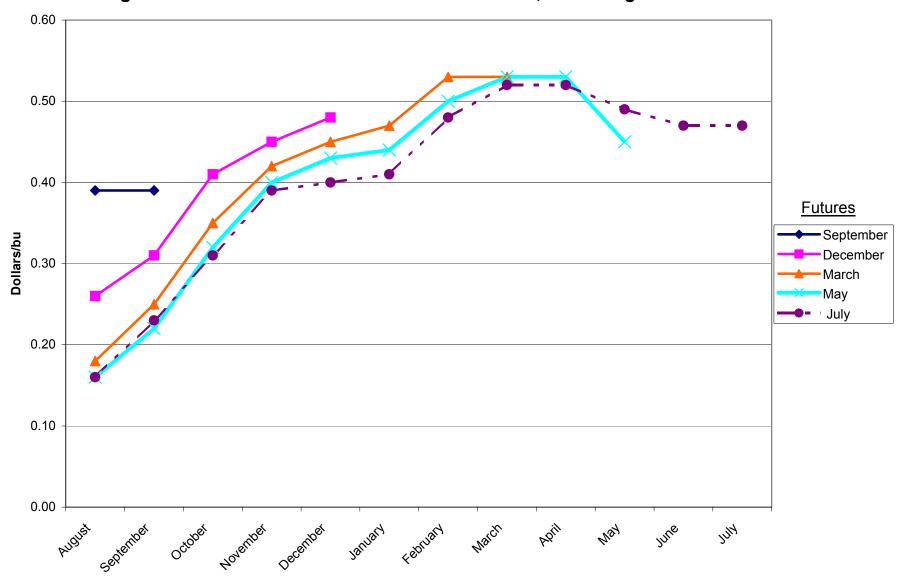
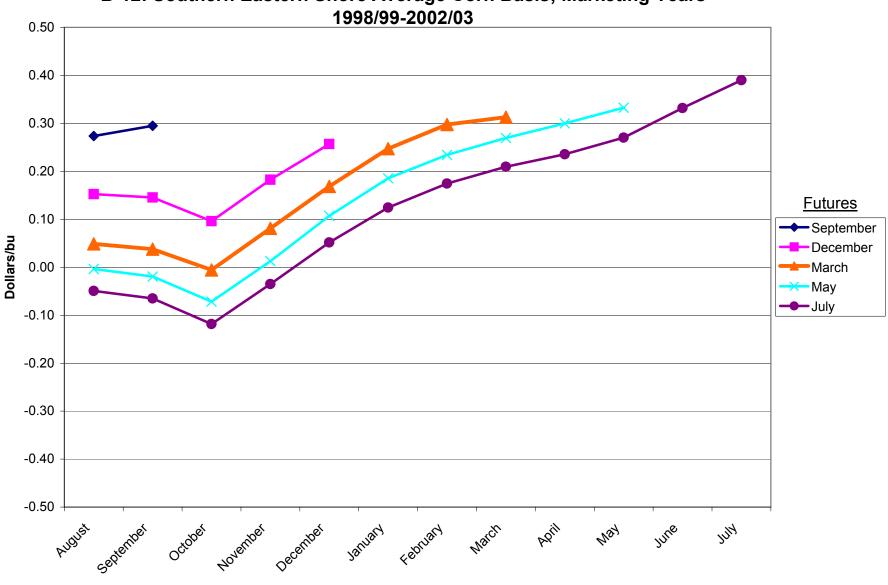
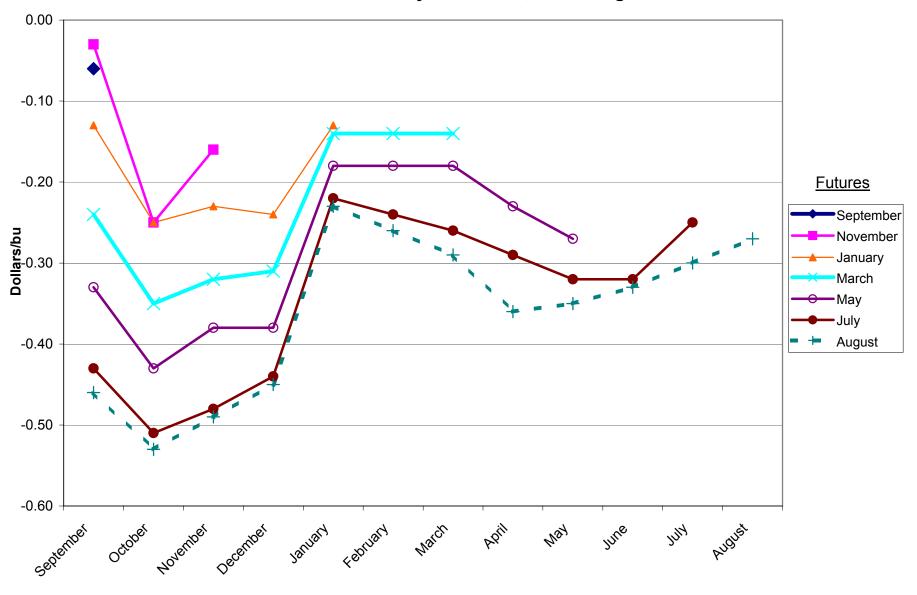


Figure B-11: Southern Eastern Shore Corn Basis; Marketing Year 2002/03



B-12: Southern Eastern Shore Average Corn Basis; Marketing Years



B-13: Northern Eastern Shore Soybean Basis; Marketing Year 1998/99

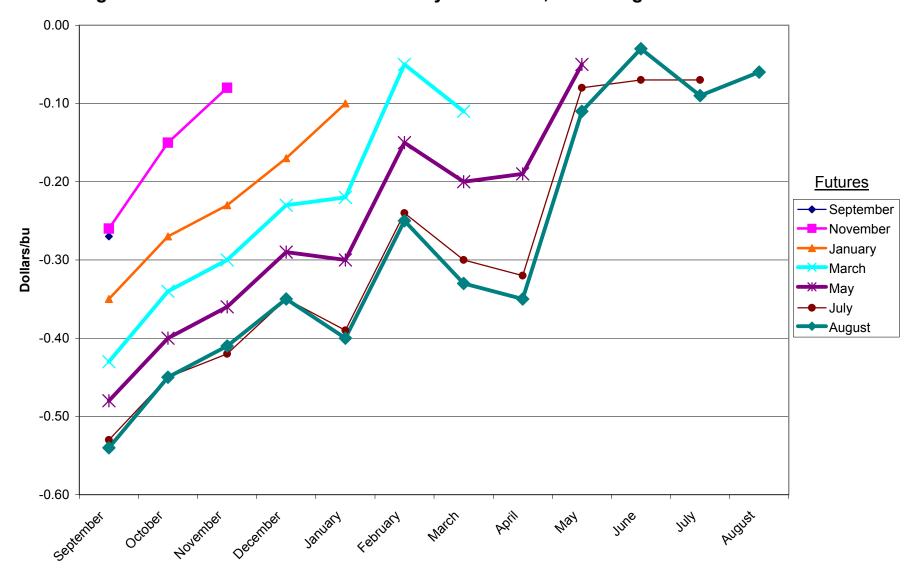


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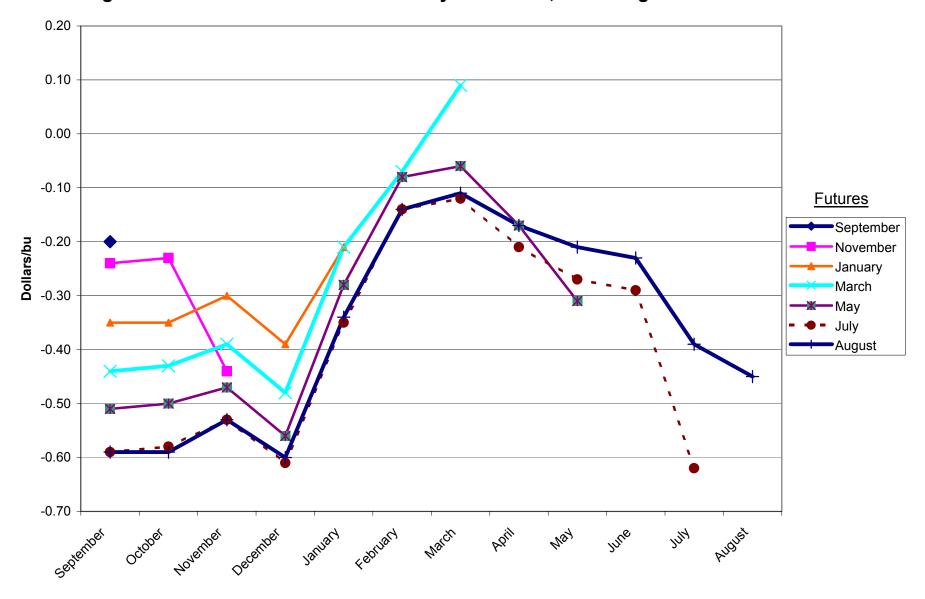
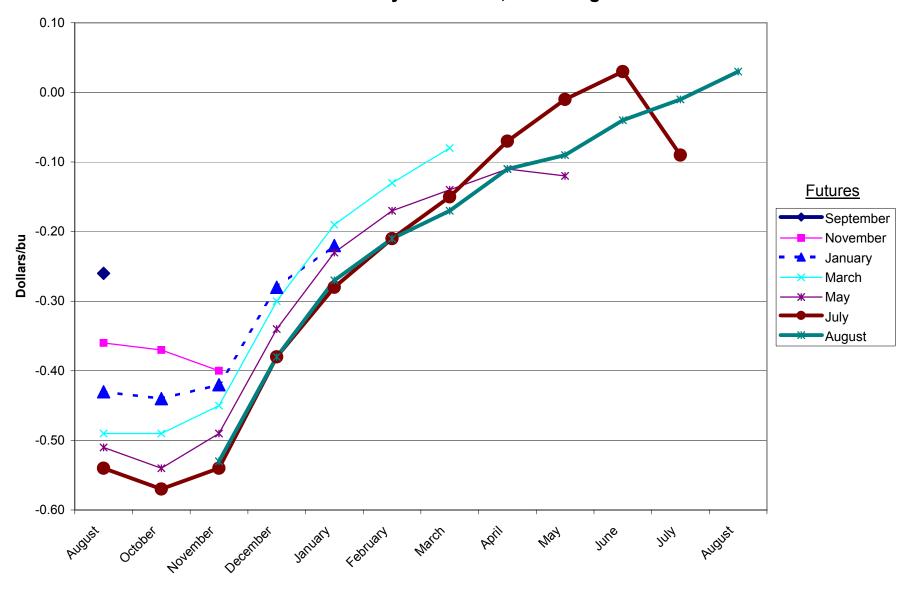
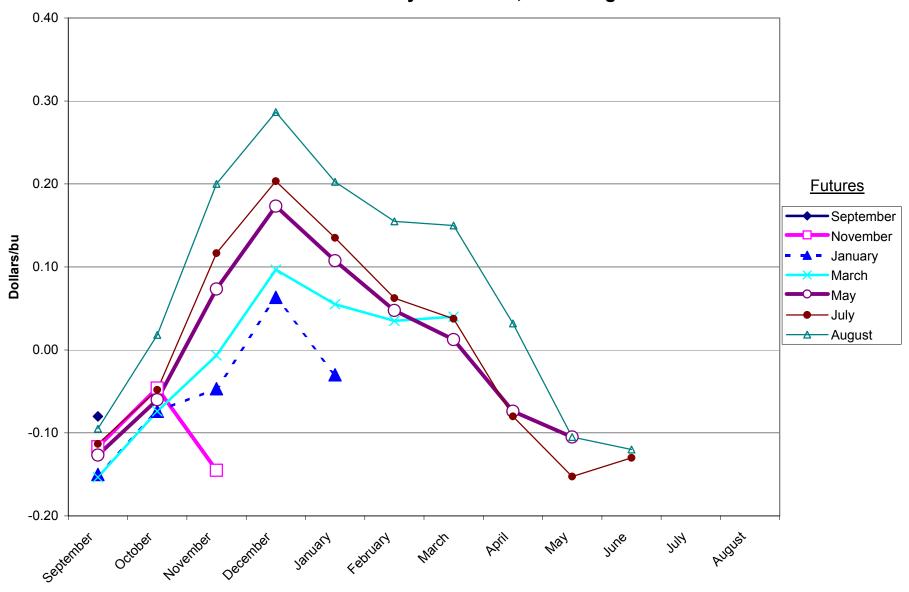


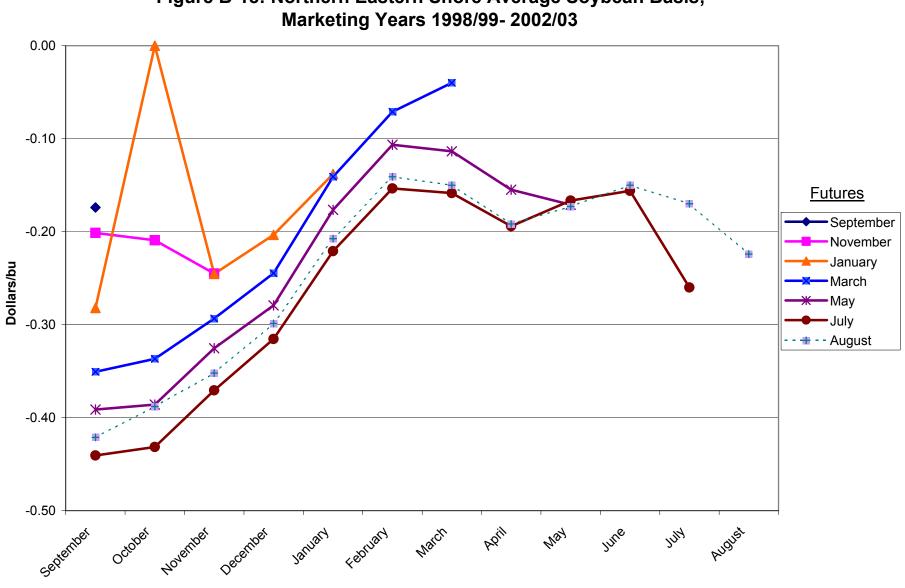
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B-16: Northern Eastern Shore Soybean Basis; Marketing Year 2001/02



## B-17: Northern Eastern Shore Soybean Basis; Marketing Year 2002/03



# Figure B-18: Northern Eastern Shore Average Soybean Basis;

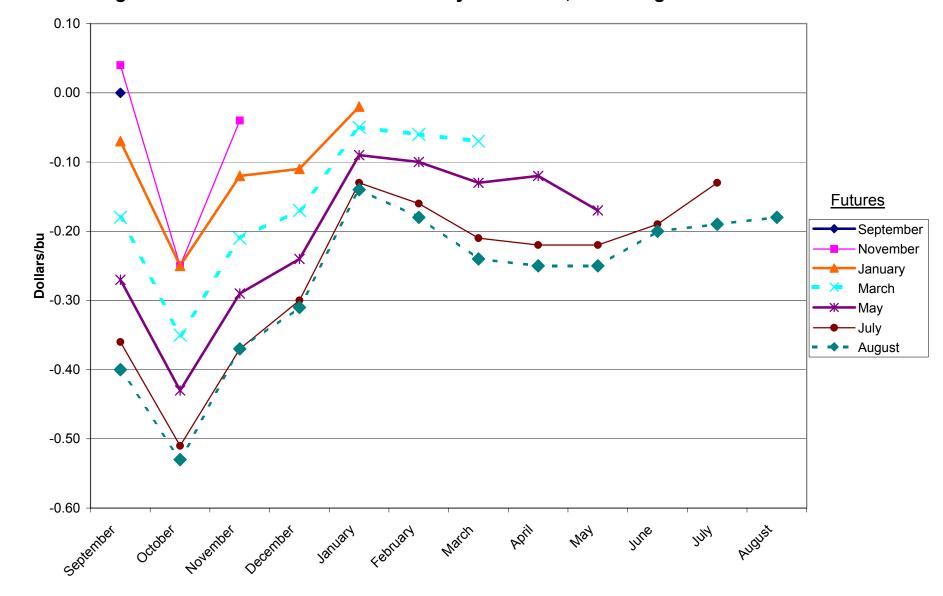


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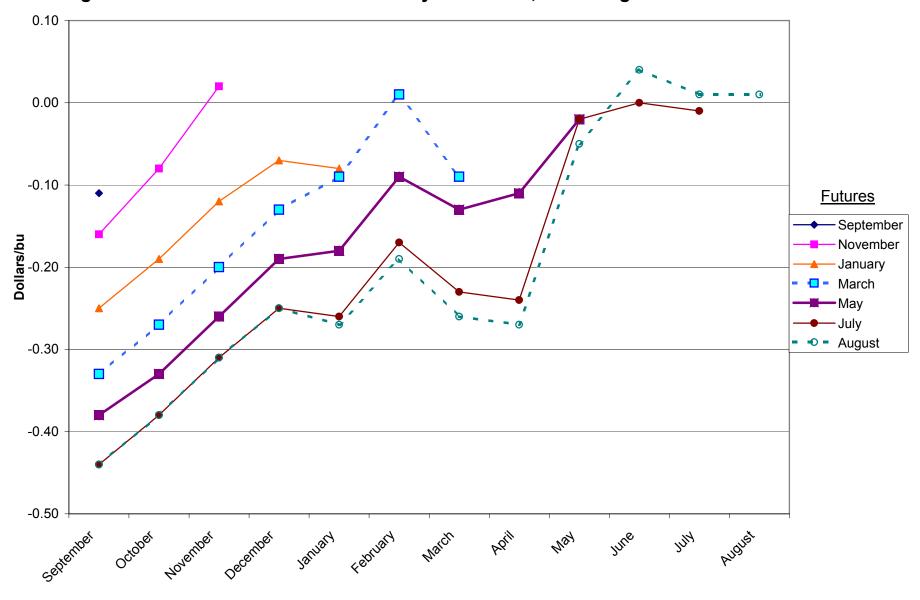


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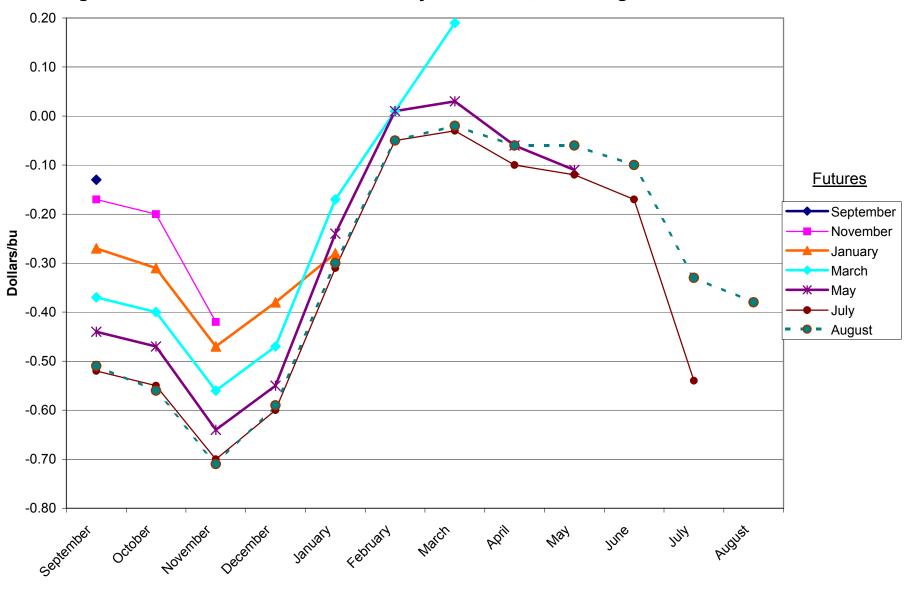


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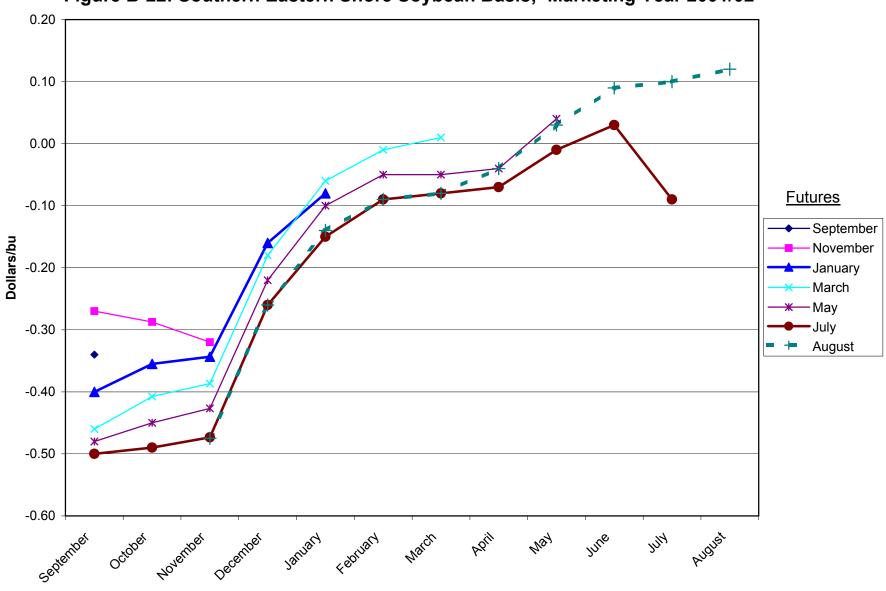


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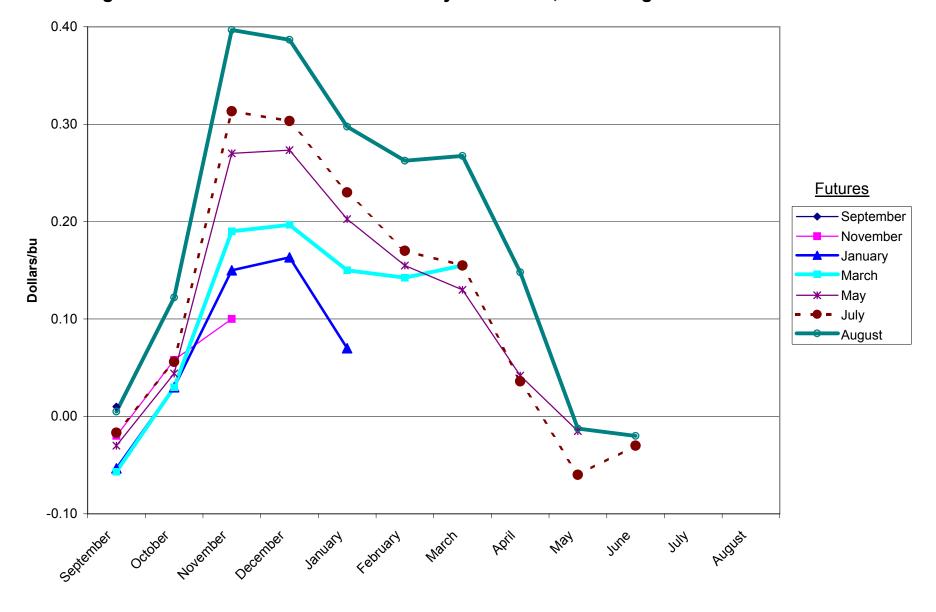


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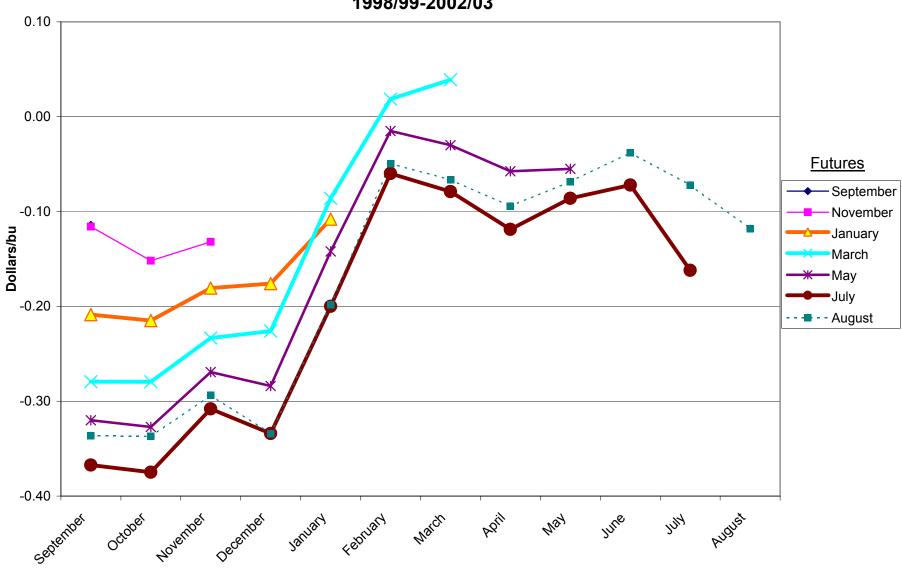


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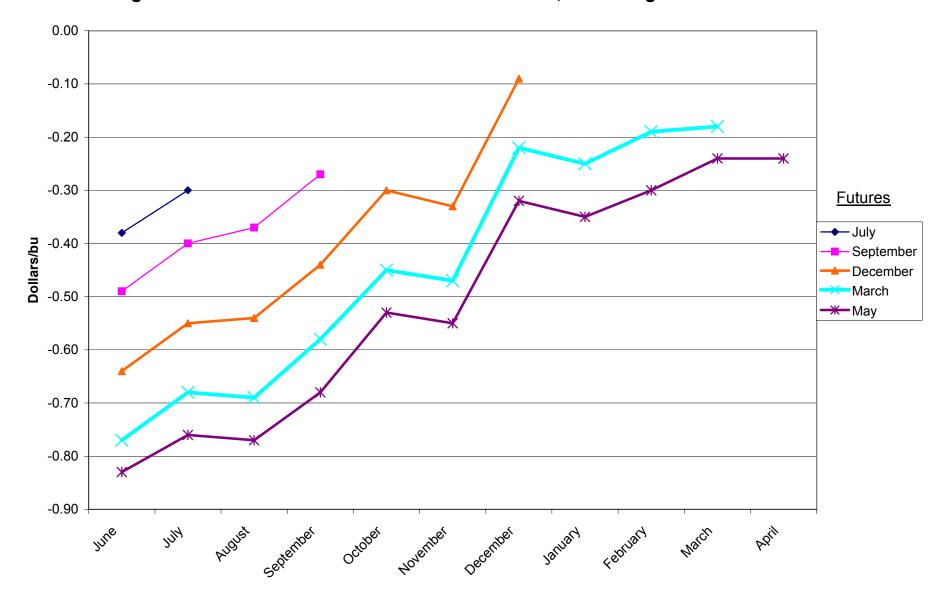


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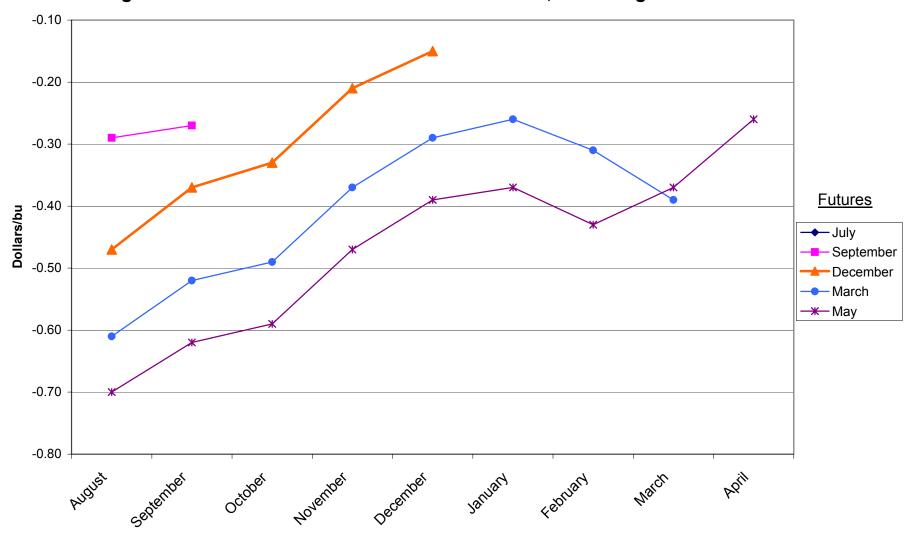


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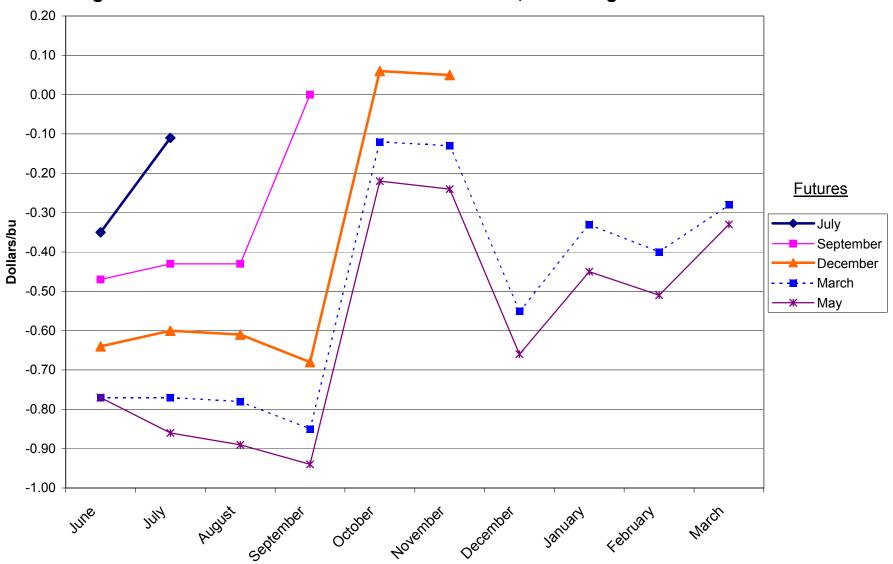


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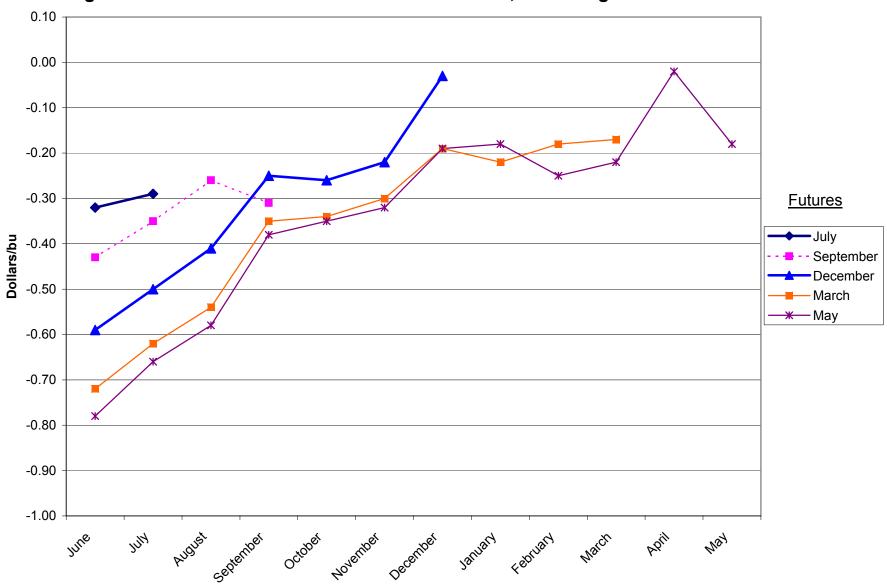


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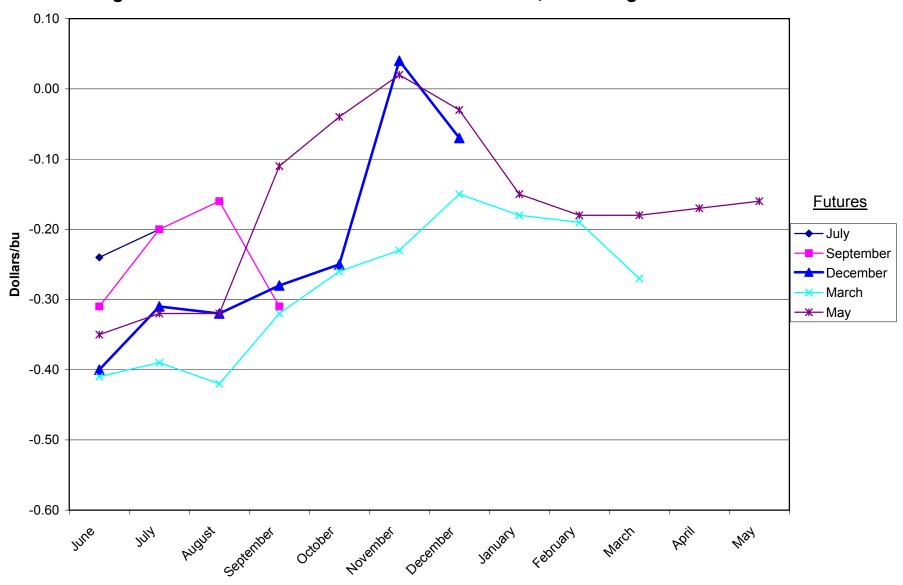


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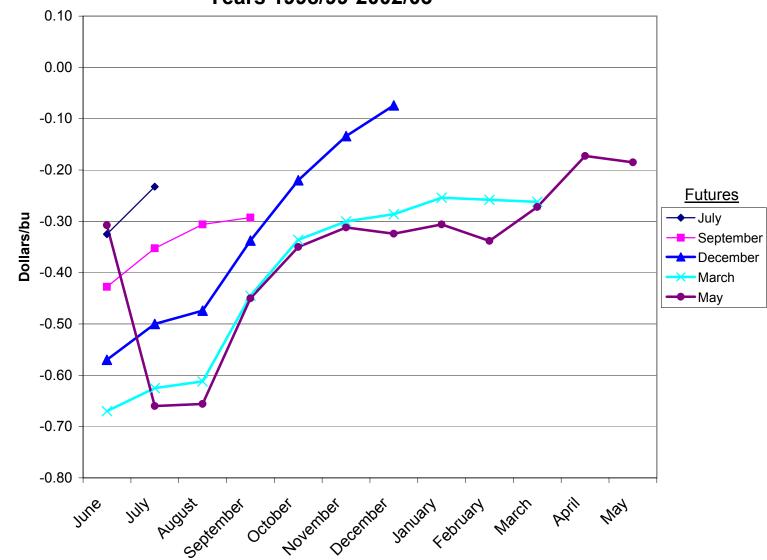


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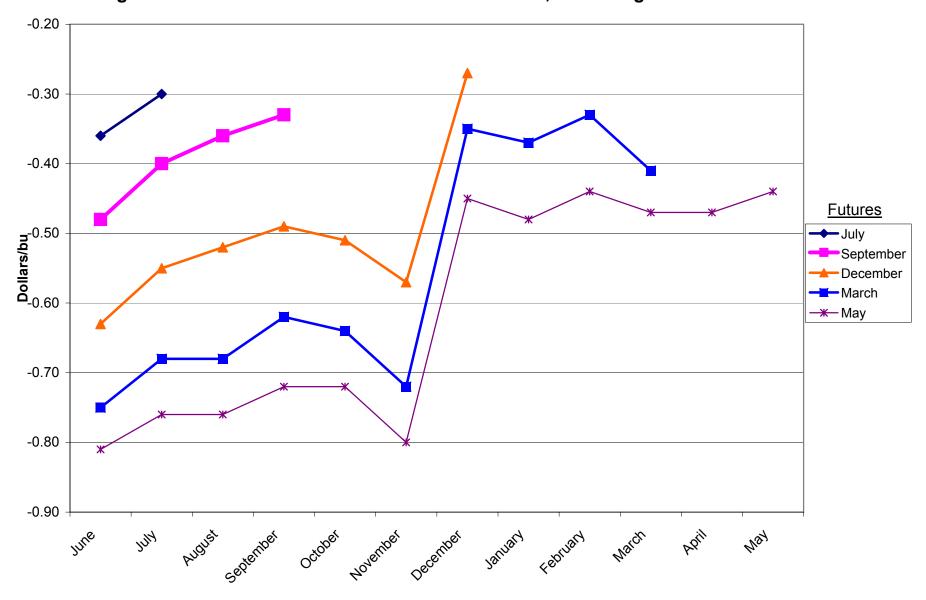


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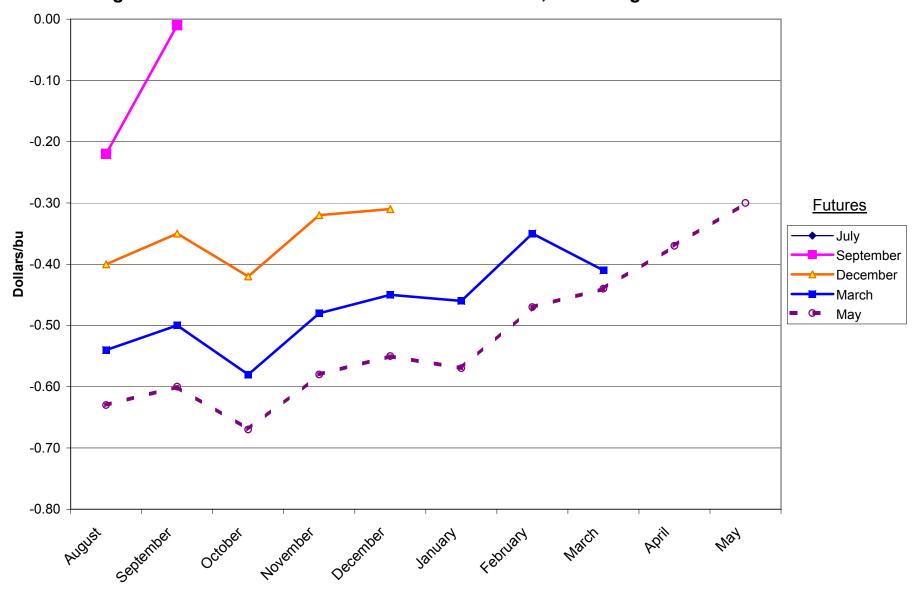


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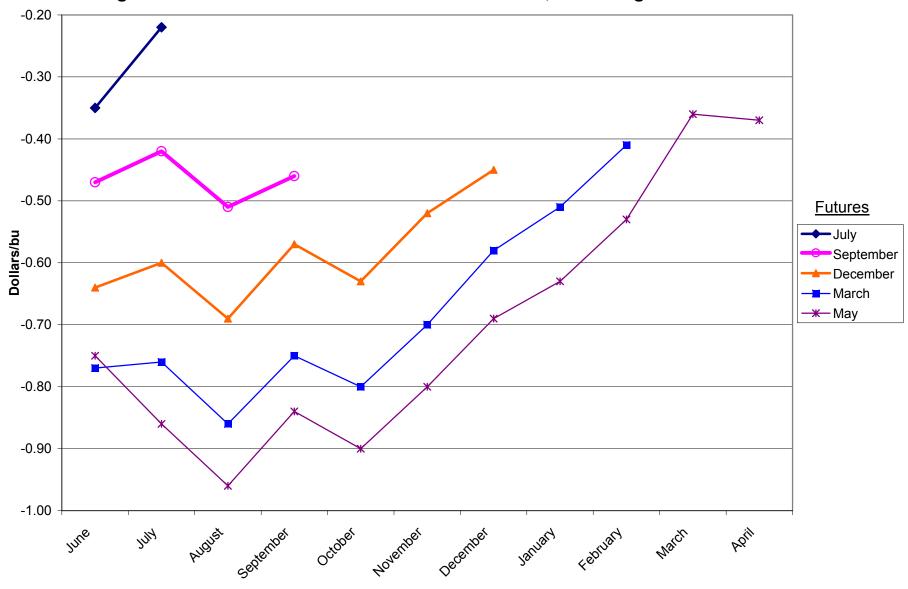


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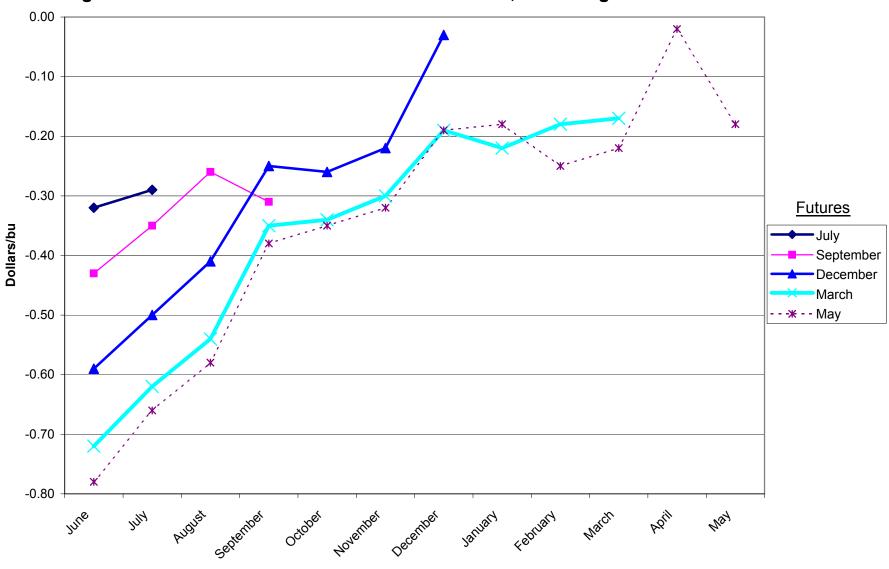


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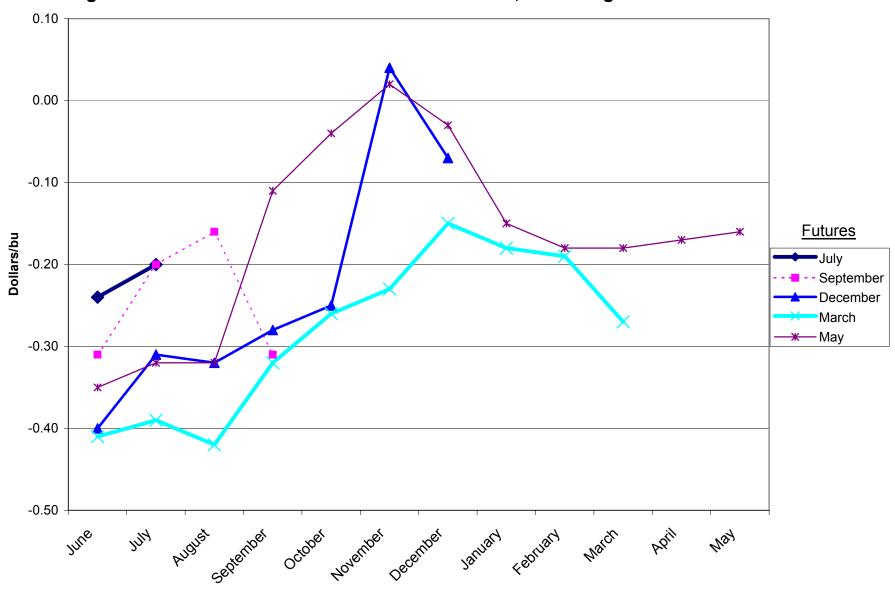
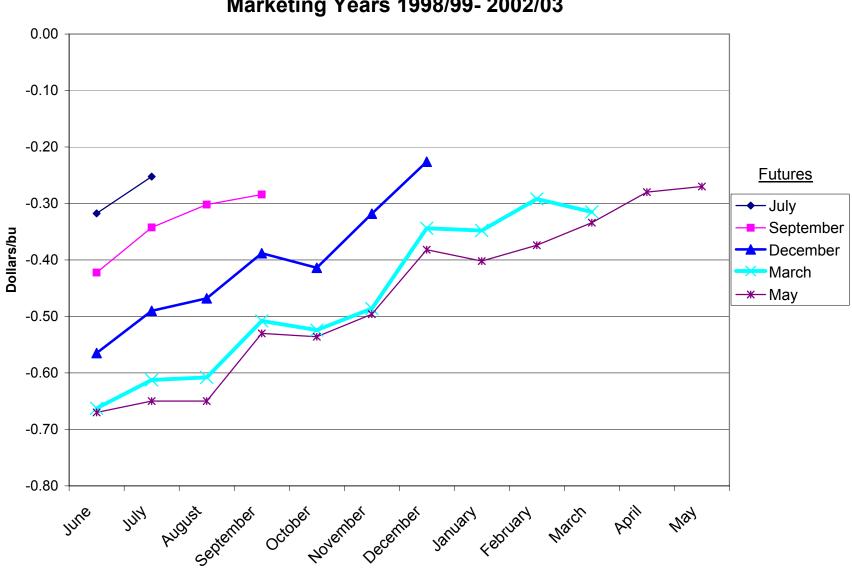


Figure B-35: Southern Eastern Shore Wheat Basis; Marketing Year 2002/03



## Figure B-36: Southern Eastern Shore Average Wheat Basis; Marketing Years 1998/99- 2002/03

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