

Check for Understanding: Chapter 5

1. T F Gross margins are dependent on commodity price moves relative to one another.
2. T F To calculate a minimum expected margin using LGM, the cash gross margin and the expected basis margin must be used.
3. T F The minimum expected margin for an LGM hedge is the lowest possible net margin a producer can receive.
4. T F If there is no indemnity paid, the net margin will be equal to the cash gross margin.
5. T F If an indemnity is paid, the difference between the net margin and minimum expected margin is due to a change in the actual and expected LGM basis margins.
6. T F A producer almost always receives a lower net margin when no indemnity is paid.
7. What conditions can cause suspension of LGM sales?
 - a) an input commodity's futures price has increased or the live cattle or lean hog futures price insured under LGM decreases by the daily limit for two consecutive days
 - b) an event occurs that RMA deems as able to significantly change market conditions
 - c) underwriting capacity is exceeded
 - d) all of the above
8. T F LGM insurance has advantages and limitations relative to other hedging strategies that must be considered when deciding if it is a useful program for a given operation.