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A Deeper Dive into CME Equity Index Options

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CME Group Equity Options

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An Option is an Option... Sort Of...

Much of the options pricing, theory and strategies that traders use in Equity Options are applicable to Futures Options

However, there are some mechanical differences that a trader should know before trading Futures Options

- Expirations
- Options Style
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Product Offering

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S&P 500

E-mini S&P 500 Futures and Options

- Equity Index Futures and Options have a “multiplier” that determines the contract value
 - E-mini S&P 500 Multiplier = 50
 - Current E-mini S&P 500 Price = 4,581.25
 - Current Notional Value E-mini S&P 500: $4,581.25 * 50 = \$229,062.50$

X	CC	Product	Description	Status	+	Qty	Bid	Ofr	Qty	Pin	Last	Change
-		E-Mini S&P 500 Future										⬆️ ⬇️ Ⓜ️
x	ES	E-Mini S&P 500 Future	Mar22	Open	+	15	4,581.25	4,581.50	23	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,581.25	-73.50

- Therefore, the difference between 4,581.25 and 4,581.50 in dollars: $.25 * 50 = \$12.50$
 - “Minimum Tick Value”
 - 1 Full Index Point: $\$12.50 * 4 = \50.00

Source: CME Direct 1/18/2022 9:00 AM

S&P 500

E-mini S&P 500 Futures and Options

- Similarly, E-mini S&P 500 Options have a \$50 multiplier

Open Int	Volume	Last	Vol	Δ	QS	+	C Qty	C Bid	Theo	C Ofc	C Qty	Strike	P Qty	P Bid	Theo	P Ofc	P Qty	+	QS	Δ	Vol	Last	Volume	Ope...											
- E-Mini S&P 500 Week3 Opt Jan22, 3.18 days, F: 4,574.00												ATM	4575.00 ▼ ▲		10 strikes - +																				
E-Mini S&P 500 Future Mar22													32	4,573.75		4,574.00	12	+																	
111	22	58.75	25.33%	0.57	QS	+	14	53.25	53.32	53.75	67	4555.00	84	34.25	34.19	34.75	126	+	QS	-0.43	25.33%	34.50	228	682											
426	7				QS	+	72	50.00	50.21	50.50	28	4560.00	99	36.00	36.09	36.50	43	+	QS	-0.44	25.14%	36.00	309	1,819											
96	3				QS	+	65	47.00	47.18	47.50	45	4565.00	105	38.00	38.06	38.50	46	+	QS	-0.46	24.94%	38.25	643	1,070											
1,383	78	44.75	24.75%	0.52	QS	+	79	44.00	44.25	44.50	30	4570.00	112	40.00	40.13	40.75	135	+	QS	-0.48	24.75%	40.25	1,001	2,221											
531	279	41.25	24.56%	0.50	QS	+	44	41.25	41.43	41.75	58	4575.00	83	42.25	42.30	42.75	106	+	QS	-0.50	24.56%	42.50	2,231	5,330											
1,237	183	39.00	24.37%	0.48	QS	+	86	38.50	38.69	39.00	109	4580.00	75	44.50	44.57	45.00	82	+	QS	-0.52	24.37%	45.00	1,182	2,594											
129	253	35.75	24.18%	0.46	QS	+	135	35.75	36.05	36.25	52	4585.00	39	46.75	46.93	47.50	61	+	QS	-0.54	24.18%	42.00	490	1,329											
958	406	36.25	23.99%	0.44	QS	+	117	33.25	33.51	33.75	89	4590.00	67	49.00	49.39	49.75	19	+	QS	-0.56	23.99%	43.25	996	1,812											
243	257	31.25	23.81%	0.42	QS	+	142	30.75	31.09	31.25	67	4595.00	55	51.50	51.96	52.25	14	+	QS	-0.58	23.81%	49.00	227	1,294											
3,937	2,418	28.75	23.62%	0.40	QS	+	103	28.50	28.75	29.00	132	4600.00	61	54.25	54.62	55.00	30	+	QS	-0.60	23.62%	55.00	5,852	6,886											

Current E-mini S&P 500 “Weekly” Option

- 41.25 Bid @ 41.75 Offer
- In dollar terms: $41.75 \times 50 = \$2,087.50$

Source: CME Direct 1/18/2022 9:10 AM

E-mini S&P 500 Options

Expirations

- Weekly (Friday) (European)
- Monday (European)
- Wednesday (European)
- End of Month (European)
- Quarterly (American)

Trading Hours

Sunday – Friday
5:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Central)

Expiration

Quarterly

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- 3:00 PM Central Time

E-mini S&P 500 Options

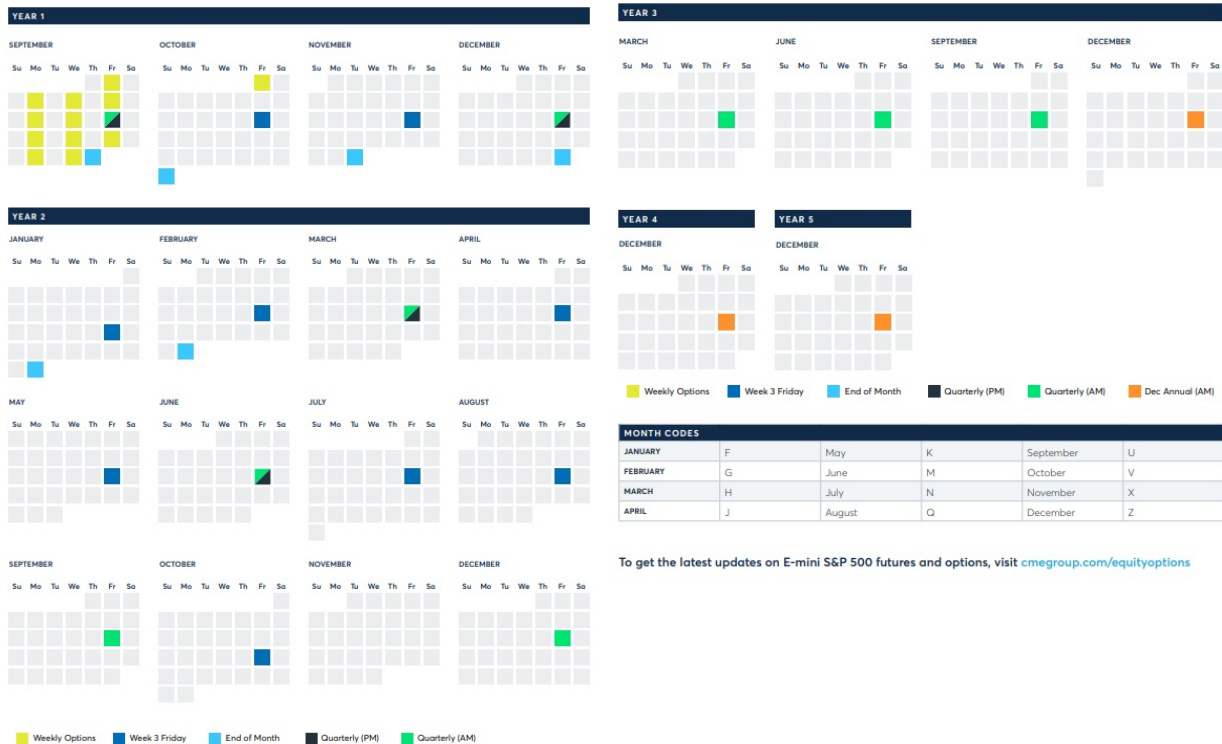
Contract Directory and Calendar						
Choose a Different Product						Comparison Matrix
E-MINI S&P 500						
◀ PREV TODAY		FEBRUARY 2022			NEXT ▶	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	EW2		E1CG2		EW1G2	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	E1AG2		E2CG2		EW2G2	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	E2AG2		E3CG2		EW3G2	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		E3AG2	E4CG2		EW4G2	
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
	EW2				EW1H2	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	E1AH2					

Option	Future	Resources
NAME	E-mini S&P 500 Weekly Options Wk 1	
SYMBOL	EW1G22	
EXPIRATION (EST)	2/4/2022 4:00 PM	
DAYS TO EXPIRATION	17	
FIRST AVAIL DATE	12/23/2021	
EXERCISE STYLE	European	
EXERCISE INFO		
OPTIONS EXPIRATION METHOD	Deliverable	
UNIT OF MEASURE (UOM)	IPNT	
UOM QUANTITY	50	
PRICE QUOTATION FORMAT	U.S. dollars and cents per index point	
OPTION TICK SIZE		
PRICE LIMIT RULE	Price Limits	
TRADING TERMINATION RULES	Trading terminates at 4:00 p.m. ET on Friday of the contract week	

Source: CME Contract Directory Tool (<https://www.cmegroup.com/tools-information/quickstrike/contract-directory-and-calendar-tool.html>)

E-mini S&P 500 Options-Full Expiration Calendar

Assuming that the current date is September 1, the table below visually displays the different maturities with expiration month/year.



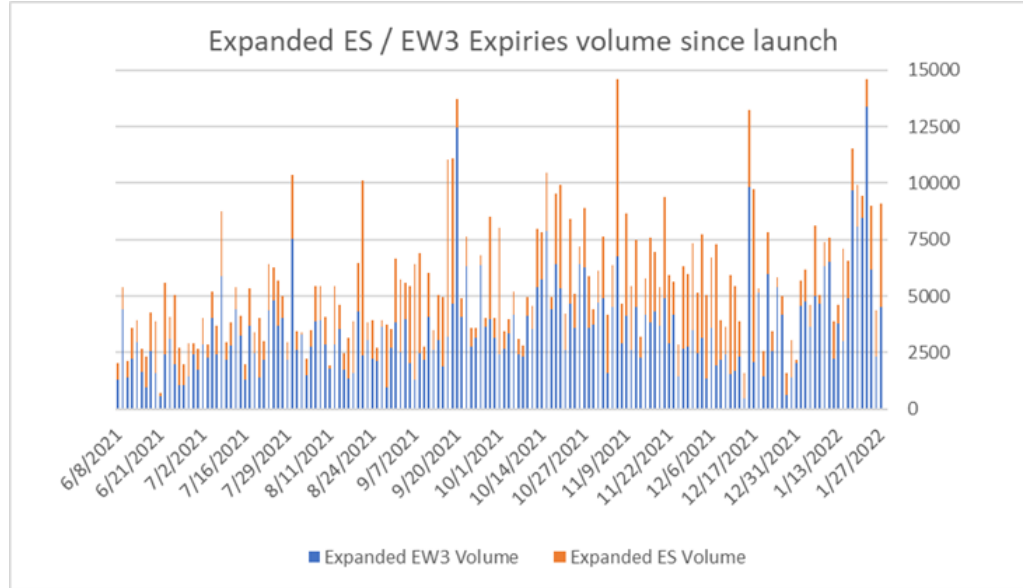
To get the latest updates on E-mini S&P 500 futures and options, visit cmegroup.com/equityoptions

Source: CME Option Listing Calendar (<https://www.cmegroup.com/trading/equity-index/files/es-options-product-codes-and-listing-calendar.pdf>)

E-mini S&P 500 Options

New longer-dated hedging opportunities spanning 5 years.

- Quarterly (ES) American style options available for 9 consecutive quarters, 3 December expiries.
- Week 3 (EW3) European style options available spanning over 1 year.



Source: CME Group

Micro E-mini S&P 500 Options

Micro E-mini S&P 500 Options are 1/10 size of E-mini

- Multiplier = 5

Open Int	Volume	Last	Vol	Δ	QS	+	C Qty	C Bid	Theo	C Ofr	C Qty	Strike	P Qty	P Bid	Theo	P Ofr	P Qty	+	QS	Δ	Vol	Last	Volume	Ope...													
Micro E-mini S&P 500 Weekly Option Wk3 Jan22, 3.19 days, F: 4,582.75													ATM	4585.00 ▼ ▲			10 strikes -- +																				
Micro E-mini S&P 500 Future Mar22														21	4,582.75		4,583.00	43	+																		
9	1	104.25	25.00%	0.57	QS	+	36	51.50	52.02	52.25	36	4565.00	54	33.75	34.40	34.25	54	+	QS	-0.43	25.00%	↓	24.00	4	6												
11	1		24.81%	0.55	QS		45	48.50	48.94	49.00	45	4570.00	45	35.75	36.32	36.25	45		QS	-0.45	24.81%	↑	36.75	19	298												
0	2	47.50	24.63%	0.53	QS		45	45.50	45.97	46.00	45	4575.00	45	37.75	38.34	38.25	45		QS	-0.47	24.63%	→	40.25	30	35												
37	14	↑ 44.50	24.44%	0.51	QS	+	45	42.75	43.07	43.00	45	4580.00	45	39.75	40.45	40.25	45	+	QS	-0.49	24.44%	↓	38.50	86	25												
1	6	↓ 40.75	24.25%	0.50	QS	+	45	39.75	40.27	40.25	45	4585.00	45	42.00	42.64	42.50	45	+	QS	-0.50	24.25%	↑	43.00	39	15												
20	15	↓ 39.00	24.07%	0.48	QS	+	45	37.00	37.58	37.50	45	4590.00	45	44.25	44.95	44.75	45	+	QS	-0.52	24.07%	↑	44.75	51	105												
18	19	↓ 37.75	23.88%	0.46	QS	+	45	34.25	34.97	35.00	45	4595.00	45	46.50	47.34	47.25	45	+	QS	-0.54	23.88%	↓	41.75	14	6												
94	294	↓ 32.50	23.70%	0.44	QS	+	54	32.00	32.47	32.25	45	4600.00	36	49.00	49.85	49.50	36	+	QS	-0.56	23.70%	↑	47.75	337	67												
19	7	↓ 37.25	23.51%	0.42	QS	+	54	29.50	30.06	30.00	54	4605.00	36	51.75	52.44	52.00	36	+	QS	-0.58	23.51%	↓	50.50	81	63												
71	39	↓ 26.00	23.33%	0.40	QS	+	54	27.25	27.77	27.50	54	4610.00	27	54.25	55.15	55.00	27	+	QS	-0.60	23.33%	↑	55.00	31	39												

Current Micro E-mini S&P 500 “Weekly” Option

- 39.75 @ 40.25 Offer
- In dollar terms: $40.25 * 5 = \$201.25$

Source: CME Direct 1/18/2022 10:30 AM Central

Micro E-mini S&P 500 Options

Expirations

- Weekly (Friday) (European)
- End of Month (European)
- Quarterly (American)

Trading Hours

Sunday – Friday
5:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Central)

Expiration

Quarterly

- 8:30 AM Central Time
 - SOQ
- All Other Expiries
- 3:00 PM Central Time

Nasdaq-100

E-mini Nasdaq-100 Futures and Options

- E-mini Nasdaq-100 Multiplier = 20
- Current E-mini Nasdaq-100 Price = 15,343.50
- Current Notional Value E-mini Nasdaq-100: $15,343.50 \times 20 = \$306,870$

Open Int	Volume	Last	Vol	Δ	QS	+	C Qty	C Bid	Theo	C Ofr	C Qty	Strike	P Qty	P Bid	Theo	P Ofr	P Qty	+	QS	Δ	Vol	Last	Volume	Open Int										
- E-Mini Nasdaq-100 Week3 Opt Jan22, 3.17 days, F: 15,343.50												ATM	15340.00 ▼▲			10 strikes - +																		
E-Mini Nasdaq-100 Future Mar22													1	15,343.25	15,343.75	2	+																	
33	31 ↑	202.00	32.32%	0.54	QS	+	15	204.00	206.06	208.00	15	15300....	50	161.75	163.69	165.00	7	+	QS	-0.46	32.32%	↓	160.00	420	547									
	5 ↑	212.00	32.22%	0.53	QS	+	28	198.25	200.23	202.25	25	15310....	50	166.00	167.86	169.00	7	+	QS	-0.47	32.22%	↑	174.00	12	48									
20	4 ↑	182.00	32.12%	0.53	QS	+	35	192.50	194.49	196.50	35	15320....	50	169.50	172.11	173.00	8	+	QS	-0.47	32.12%	↓	190.00	4	30									
12	6 ↑	196.00	32.02%	0.52	QS	+	48	187.00	188.82	190.75	45	15330....	3	174.00	176.45	178.50	50	+	QS	-0.48	32.02%	↑	155.00	5	46									
			31.92%	0.51	QS	+	45	181.25	183.25	185.25	45	15340....	50	178.00	180.87	182.00	8	+	QS	-0.49	31.92%		197.00	4	95									
9	14 ↓	170.25	31.82%	0.50	QS	+	50	175.75	177.76	179.75	58	15350....	58	182.50	185.39	186.50	8	+	QS	-0.50	31.82%	↑	200.00	30	89									
5			31.72%	0.49	QS	+	3	171.00	172.36	174.25	50	15360....	45	188.25	189.99	191.25	8	+	QS	-0.51	31.72%	↑	225.25	12	73									
171	5 ↓	152.50	31.62%	0.48	QS	+	50	165.25	167.05	169.00	50	15370....	40	193.00	194.67	196.50	8	+	QS	-0.52	31.62%			2	158									
2	23 ↓	148.25	31.52%	0.47	QS	+	50	160.00	161.83	163.75	50	15380....	35	197.75	199.45	200.75	8	+	QS	-0.53	31.52%			1	344									
28			31.43%	0.46	QS	+	50	154.75	156.75	159.25	8	15390....	3	201.50	204.37	206.50	33	+	QS	-0.54	31.43%				50									

Current E-mini Nasdaq-100 “Weekly” Option

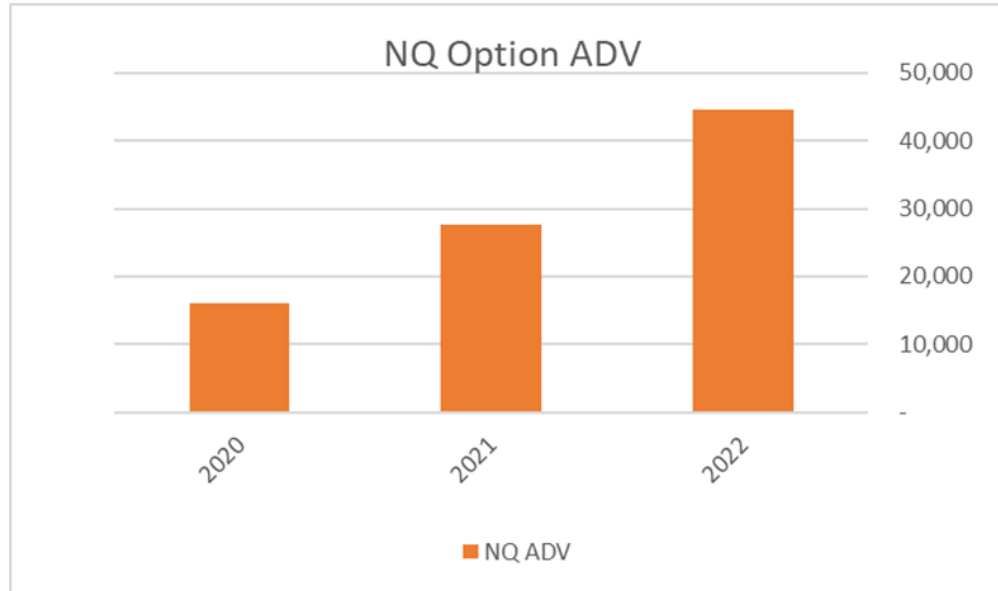
- 181.25 Bid @ 185.25
- In dollar terms: $185.25 \times 20 = \$3,705$

Source: CME Direct 1/18/2022 10:55 AM

Nasdaq-100

E-mini Nasdaq-100 have seen impressive volume growth since 2020.

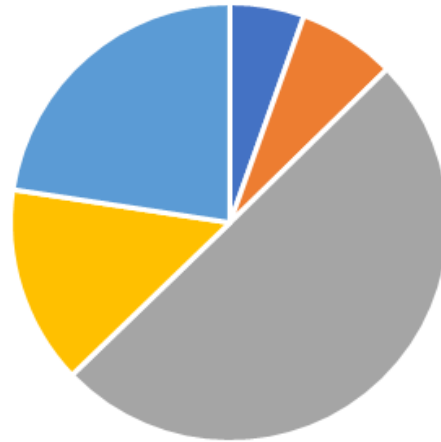
- Monday & Wednesday options, listed in April 2021, have contributed significantly to this growth.
- Week 3 (QN3) European style options available for the first time on Quarterly dates.



Source: CME Group

Nasdaq-100

E-mini Nasdaq-100 Option Type Distribution



■ Mon. Weekly Share

■ Wed. Weekly Share

■ Weekly Share

■ End-Of-Month Share

■ Quarterlies and Serials Share

Source: CME Group

E-mini Nasdaq-100 Options

Expirations

- Weekly (Friday) (European)
- Monday (European)
- Wednesday (European)
- End of Month (European)
- Quarterly (American)

Trading Hours

Sunday – Friday
5:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Central)

Expiration

Quarterly

- 8:30 AM Central Time
 - SOQ
- All Other Expiries
- 3:00 PM Central Time

E-mini Nasdaq-100 Options

Contract Directory and Calendar							
Choose a Different Product						Comparison Matrix	
E-MINI NASDAQ 100							
◀ PREV	TODAY	FEBRUARY 2022				NEXT ▶	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	
	QNEF2		Q1CG2		QN1G2		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	Q1AG2		Q2CG2		QN2G2		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	Q2AG2		Q3CG2		QN3G2		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
		Q3AG2	Q4CG2		QN4G2		
27	28	1	2	3	4	5	
	QNEG2				QN1H2		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	Q1AH2						

Option	Future	Resources
NAME	E-mini Nasdaq-100 Weekly Options Wk 4	
SYMBOL	QN4G22	
EXPIRATION (EST)	2/25/2022 4:00 PM	
DAYS TO EXPIRATION	38	
FIRST AVAIL DATE	1/14/2022	
EXERCISE STYLE	European	
EXERCISE INFO		
OPTIONS EXPIRATION METHOD	Deliverable	
UNIT OF MEASURE (UOM)	IPNT	
UOM QUANTITY	20	
PRICE QUOTATION FORMAT	U.S. dollars and cents per index point	
OPTION TICK SIZE		
PRICE LIMIT RULE	Price Limits	
TRADING TERMINATION RULES	Trading terminates at 4:00 p.m. ET on Friday of the contract week	

Source: CME Contract Directory Tool (<https://www.cmegroup.com/tools-information/quickstrike/contract-directory-and-calendar-tool.html>)

Micro E-mini Nasdaq-100 Options

Micro E-mini Nasdaq-100 Options are 1/10 size of E-mini

- Multiplier = 2

Open Int	Volume	Last	Vol	Δ	QS	+	C Qty	C Bid	Theo	C Ofr	C Qty	Strike	P Qty	P Bid	Theo	P Ofr	P Qty	+	QS	Δ	Vol	Last	Volume	Open Int						
- Micro E-Mini Nasdaq-100 Week3 Opt Jan22, 3.15 days, F: 15,321.00													ATM	15320.00 ▼ ▲			10 strikes - +													
Micro E-mini Nasdaq 100 Index Future Mar22													5	15,320.75	15,321.25	9	+	↑ 15,321.00			1,420,5...	101,558								
1			32.38%	0.54	QS		50	205.25	204.83	210.00	50	15280....	50	163.00	163.95	168.50	50		QS	-0.46	32.38%	168.00	1							
			32.29%	0.53	QS		50	199.50	199.07	204.25	50	15290....	50	167.00	168.19	172.75	50		QS	-0.47	32.29%	↓ 157.75	2	1						
10	55 ↓	183.00	32.20%	0.52	QS	+	50	193.75	193.39	198.25	50	15300....	50	171.25	172.52	177.00	50	+	QS	-0.48	32.20%	↓ 168.00	47	41						
	2 ↑	208.25	32.10%	0.52	QS		50	188.00	187.75	192.75	50	15310....	50	175.75	176.87	180.25	50		QS	-0.48	32.10%									
	70 ↓	158.25	32.01%	0.51	QS	+	50	182.50	182.25	187.00	50	15320....	50	180.00	181.37	185.50	50	+	QS	-0.49	32.01%	81.50	2	1						
			31.92%	0.50	QS		50	177.00	176.83	181.50	50	15330....	50	184.50	185.95	190.00	50		QS	-0.50	31.92%	185.75	1	2						
			31.83%	0.49	QS		50	171.75	171.50	176.25	50	15340....	50	189.25	190.63	195.00	50		QS	-0.51	31.83%			16						
16	26 -	180.00	31.73%	0.48	QS	+	50	166.25	166.21	170.75	50	15350....	50	193.75	195.33	198.50	50	+	QS	-0.52	31.73%	191.00	22	6						
	11 ↓	175.00	31.64%	0.47	QS	+	50	161.00	161.05	165.50	50	15360....	50	198.50	200.18	204.50	50	+	QS	-0.53	31.64%									
5	1	174.00	31.55%	0.46	QS		50	156.00	155.99	160.50	50	15370....	50	203.25	205.12	209.00	50		QS	-0.54	31.55%	↑ 225.00	36	40						

Current E-mini Nasdaq-100 “Weekly” Option

- 182.50 Bid @ 187.00
- In dollar terms: $187.00 * 2 = \$374.00$

Source: CME Direct 1/18/2022 11:20 AM

Micro E-mini Nasdaq-100 Options

Expirations

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- Quarterly (American)

Trading Hours

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Expiration

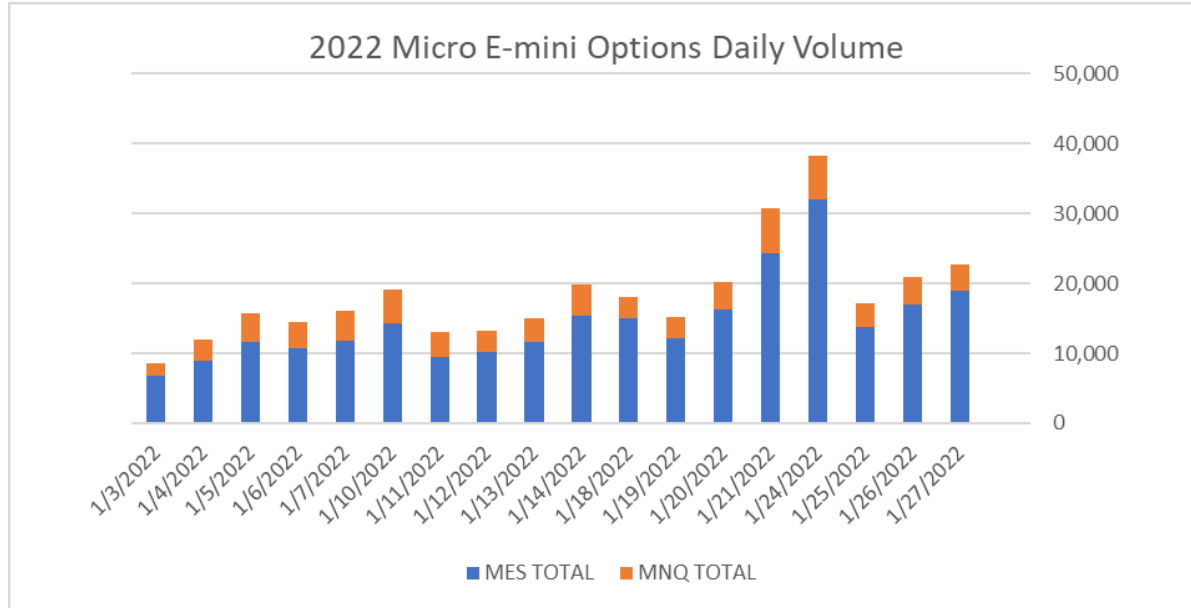
Quarterly

- 8:30 AM Central Time
 - SOQ
- All Other Expiries
- 3:00 PM Central Time

Micro E-mini S&P 500 / Nasdaq-100 Options

Micro E-mini options have seen promising growth since August 2020 listing.

- 2021 ADV was roughly 10K contracts.
- Traders increasingly embracing MNQ options, nearly 4K ADV to start 2022.



Source: CME Group

Dow Jones Industrials

E-mini Dow Futures and Options

- E-mini Dow Multiplier = 5
- Current E-mini Dow Price = 35,325
- Current Notional Value E-mini Dow: $35,325 * 5 = \$176,625$

Open Int	Volume	Last	Vol	Δ	QS	+	C Qty	C Bid	Theo	C Ofr	C Qty	Strike	P Qty	P Bid	Theo	P Ofr	P Qty	+	QS	Δ	Vol	Last	Volume	Open Int										
E-Mini Dow (\$5) Option Week3 Opt Jan22, 3.03 days, F: 35,325												ATM	35350 ▼ ▲		10 strikes - +																			
E-Mini Dow (\$5) Future Mar22													4	35,325	35,327	5	+																	
			22.25%	0.60	QS	+	15	350	382	412	15	35150	16	177	205	230	16	+	QS	-0.40	22.25%			1										
1			22.07%	0.57	QS	+	15	321	351	383	15	35200	16	193	224	248	16	+	QS	-0.43	22.07%													
			21.88%	0.55	QS	+	15	290	321	349	15	35250	16	214	244	270	15	+	QS	-0.45	21.88%													
	1	280	21.70%	0.52	QS	+	15	263	292	322	15	35300	15	233	265	290	15	+	QS	-0.48	21.70%	114	1	1										
1			21.52%	0.49	QS	+	16	236	265	294	15	35350	15	255	288	313	15	+	QS	-0.51	21.52%													
			21.34%	0.46	QS	+	15	209	240	265	15	35400	15	280	313	340	15	+	QS	-0.54	21.34%													
			21.16%	0.43	QS	+	16	185	215	240	16	35450	15	304	338	366	15	+	QS	-0.57	21.16%													
	7		20.98%	0.40	QS	+	16	163	193	216	15	35500	15	330	366	394	15	+	QS	-0.60	20.98%			1										
			20.79%	0.37	QS	+	16	142	171	195	16	35550	14	358	394	423	14	+	QS	-0.63	20.79%													
			20.60%	0.34	QS	+	16	122	151	174	16	35600	14	387	424	454	14	+	QS	-0.66	20.60%			1										

Current E-mini Dow “Weekly” Option

- 236 Bid @ 294 Offer
- In dollar terms: $294 * 5 = \$1,470$

Source: CME Direct 1/18/2022 2:10 PM

E-mini Dow Options

Expirations

- Weekly (Friday) (European)
- End of Month (European)
- Quarterly (American)

Trading Hours

Sunday – Friday
5:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Central)

Expiration

Quarterly

- 8:30 AM Central Time
 - SOQ
- All Other Expiries
- 3:00 PM Central Time

Russell 2000

E-mini Russell 2000 Futures and Options

- E-mini Russell 2000 Multiplier = 50
- Current E-mini Russell 2000 Price = 2104.2
- Current Notional Value E-mini Russell 2000: $2,104.2 * 50 = \$105,210$

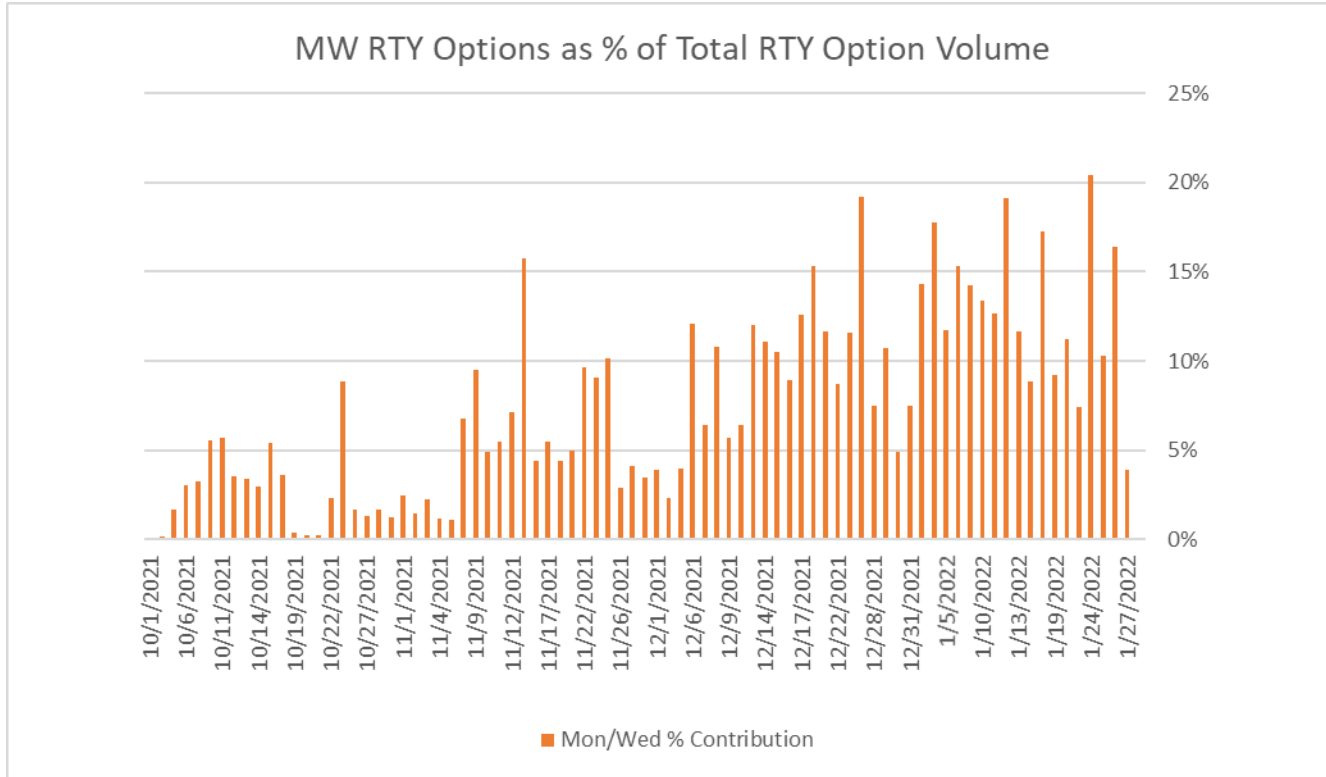
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E-mini Russell 2000 Weekly Option Wk3 Jan22, 3.03 days, F: 2,104.2																							ATM	2105.0 ▼ ▲		10 strikes - +																								
E-mini Russell 2000 Index Mar22																							7	2,104.1	2,104.2	1	+																							
E-mini Russell 2000 Index Mar22																							32	QS	+	20	35.30	36.91	39.70	11	2085.0	17	17.70	17.41	18.20	5	+	QS	-0.38	34.17%	22.80	16	338							
[CME: RTY, GLOBEX: RTY]																							39	QS	+	9	33.90	33.65	34.60	5	2090.0	14	19.40	19.15	20.00	35	+	QS	-0.41	33.80%	22.50	22	71							
																								33.45%	0.57	QS	+	9	30.80	30.55	31.50	14	2095.0	15	21.40	21.05	22.00	32	+	QS	-0.43	33.45%	15.20	57	234					
22	29	↑	28.50	33.10%	0.53	QS	+	6	27.80	27.60	28.60	14	2100.0	13	23.40	23.10	24.00	33	+	QS	-0.47	33.10%	19.00	108	272																									
																								32.77%	0.50	QS	+	13	25.10	24.81	25.70	16	2105.0	16	25.50	25.31	26.30	26	+	QS	-0.50	32.77%	23.00	13	102					
2	20	↓	23.80	32.45%	0.47	QS	+	28	22.50	22.19	23.10	14	2110.0	15	27.90	27.69	28.60	6	+	QS	-0.53	32.45%	23.40	34	67																									
12	132	↓	18.90	32.14%	0.44	QS	+	34	20.00	19.74	20.60	14	2115.0	12	30.40	30.24	31.20	16	+	QS	-0.56	32.14%	28.00	112	296																									
4	136	↓	18.00	31.85%	0.41	QS	+	19	17.70	17.47	18.30	15	2120.0	6	33.10	32.97	33.90	16	+	QS	-0.59	31.85%	28.00	10	72																									
28	36	↑	20.80	31.57%	0.37	QS	+	36	15.60	15.37	16.20	30	2125.0	1	34.60	35.87	37.60	20	+	QS	-0.63	31.57%	11.80	14	96																									
10	38	↑	15.70	31.31%	0.34	QS	+	6	13.70	13.45	14.20	15	2130.0	21	37.70	38.95	40.90	21	+	QS	-0.66	31.31%	46.40	3	104																									

Current E-mini Russell 2000 “Weekly” Option

- 25.10 Bid @ Offer 25.70
- In dollar terms: $=25.70 * 50 = \$1,285$

Source: CME Direct 1/18/2022 2:20 PM

Russell 2000



Source: CME Group

E-mini Russell 2000 Options

Expirations

- Weekly (Friday) (European)
- Monday (European)
- Wednesday (European)
- End of Month (European)
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CME Equity Options Strategies

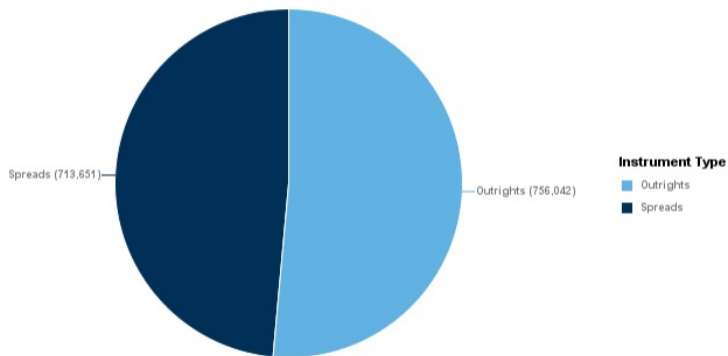
Top Strategies Executed in CME Equity Options

- Vertical
- Generic
- Ratio
- Delta-Hedged
- Butterfly
- Strangle
- Straddle
- Iron Condor
- 3-Way
- Box
- Iron Butterfly
- Diagonal
- Condor
- Risk Reversal
- Horizontal

Source: CME Group

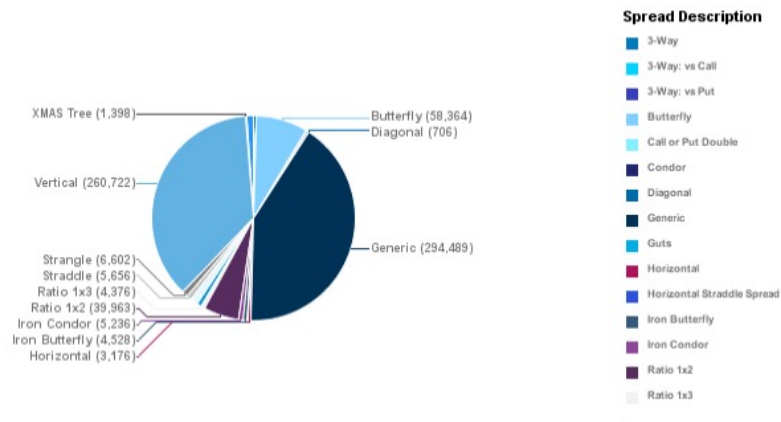
E-mini S&P 500 Options-Spread Activity

Outright vs Spread Volume - E-mini S&P 500 Options - 01/28/2022



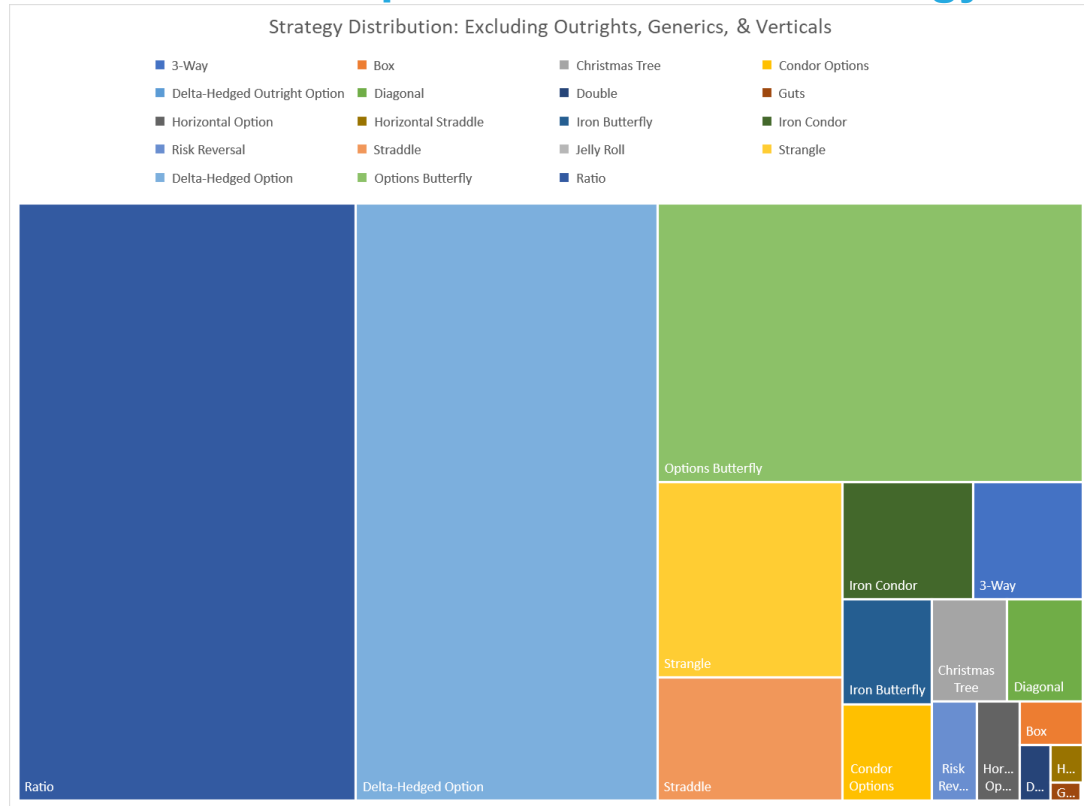
Total Volume: 1,469,693

Volume by Spread Type - E-mini S&P 500 Options - 01/28/2022



Source: CME Spread Activity Report (<https://www.cmegroup.com/trading/equity-index/daily-index-option-spread-activity-report.html>)

E-mini S&P 500 Options-Breadth of Strategy Activity



Source: CME Group

Vertical Spread Example – E-mini S&P 500

- Trader A believes the price of the E-mini S&P 500 will continue its recent downtrend
- They evaluate several different strategies using CME Group Products
 - Short E-mini S&P 500 Future
 - Buy E-mini S&P 500 Puts
 - Sell E-mini S&P 500 Calls

Due to the elevated levels of implied volatility relative to the last several weeks, the trader decides to sell E-mini S&P 500 Calls

Vertical Spread Example – E-mini S&P 500

E-MINI S&P 500 (ES) ES_30 ATM VOLATILITY



Source: QuikStrike

Vertical Spread Example – E-mini S&P 500

Open Int	Volume	Last	Vol	Δ	QS	+	C Qty	C Bid	Theo	C Ofr	C Qty	Strike	P Qty	P Bid	Theo	P Ofr	P Qty	+	QS	Δ	Vol	Last	Volume	Open Int			
- E-Mini S&P 500 Week4 Opt Jan22, 9.08 days, F: 4,570.50													ATM	4570.00 ▼ ▲			24 strikes - +										
E-Mini S&P 500 Future Mar22													24	4,570.50			4,570.75			21				▲	4,570.50	1,349,6...	2,249,6...
3	17	↓ 94.25	22.32%	0.64	QS	+	6	95.25	95.28	96.00	9	4515.00	98	39.75	39.90	40.25	21	+	QS	-0.36	22.32%	↑	36.75	71	664		
13	8	↓ 89.75	22.18%	0.63	QS	+	1	91.75	91.78	92.50	24	4520.00	111	41.25	41.41	41.75	22	+	QS	-0.37	22.18%	↑	41.00	136	309		
38	5	↑ 99.50	22.04%	0.62	QS	+	28	88.25	88.34	89.00	28	4525.00	102	42.75	42.97	43.25	13	+	QS	-0.38	22.04%	↑	41.50	189	2,189		
154	2	↓ 98.00	21.90%	0.61	QS	+	1	85.00	84.95	85.50	11	4530.00	20	44.50	44.58	45.00	96	+	QS	-0.39	21.90%	↑	44.25	30	168		
65	1	↑ 100.25	21.76%	0.60	QS	+	51	81.50	81.62	82.25	43	4535.00	91	46.00	46.24	46.50	12	+	QS	-0.40	21.76%	↑	46.00	102	380		
38	30	↑ 89.00	21.62%	0.58	QS	+	17	78.25	78.34	78.75	19	4540.00	98	47.75	47.97	48.25	19	+	QS	-0.42	21.62%	↓	43.25	167	174		
12	142	↓ 77.00	21.49%	0.57	QS	+	7	75.00	75.15	75.50	19	4545.00	64	49.50	49.78	50.00	13	+	QS	-0.43	21.49%	↓	44.75	145	613		
124	936	↑ 74.50	21.35%	0.56	QS	+	43	71.75	72.13	72.25	14	4550.00	83	51.25	51.51	51.75	6	+	QS	-0.44	21.35%	↑	51.25	670	1,189		
14	80	↑ 70.00	21.21%	0.55	QS	+	49	68.50	69.03	69.25	29	4555.00	17	53.25	53.41	53.75	65	+	QS	-0.45	21.21%	↓	51.00	187	201		
54	129	↑ 75.25	21.07%	0.53	QS	+	64	65.50	65.99	66.25	70	4560.00	110	55.00	55.37	55.50	6	+	QS	-0.47	21.07%	↑	55.50	151	279		
137	13	↓ 70.00	20.93%	0.52	QS	+	44	62.50	63.02	63.00	23	4565.00	75	57.00	57.39	57.50	10	+	QS	-0.48	20.93%	↓	54.25	223	156		
131	295	↓ 60.00	20.80%	0.51	QS	+	49	59.50	60.13	60.25	75	4570.00	82	59.00	59.51	59.50	5	+	QS	-0.49	20.80%	↑	59.50	244	386		
424	136	↑ 58.50	20.66%	0.49	QS	+	7	56.75	57.29	57.25	63	4575.00	17	61.25	61.66	61.75	33	+	QS	-0.51	20.66%	↓	55.25	323	463		
102	86	↓ 62.50	20.52%	0.48	QS	+	90	53.75	54.51	54.50	90	4580.00	38	63.25	63.89	64.00	38	+	QS	-0.52	20.52%	↓	57.75	349	323		
64	22	↑ 59.75	20.38%	0.47	QS	+	86	51.00	51.80	51.50	17	4585.00	38	65.50	66.18	66.25	18	+	QS	-0.53	20.38%	↑	64.75	92	107		
58	168	↑ 56.50	20.25%	0.45	QS	+	4	48.50	49.19	49.00	101	4590.00	58	67.75	68.56	68.25	17	+	QS	-0.55	20.25%	↓	67.00	29	481		
96	168	↑ 52.25	20.11%	0.44	QS	+	54	45.75	46.62	46.25	71	4595.00	14	70.25	70.99	70.75	1	+	QS	-0.56	20.11%	↑	80.00	7	326		
241	656	↓ 46.00	19.98%	0.42	QS	+	12	43.25	44.05	43.75	85	4600.00	14	72.75	73.67	73.25	6	+	QS	-0.58	19.98%	↑	73.00	217	2,442		
225	94	↓ 46.50	19.84%	0.41	QS	+	13	40.75	41.62	41.25	127	4605.00	14	75.25	76.25	75.75	17	+	QS	-0.59	19.84%	↓	67.75	51	222		
144	128	↑ 45.25	19.71%	0.40	QS	+	99	38.25	39.30	38.75	43	4610.00	10	77.75	78.92	78.25	1	+	QS	-0.60	19.71%	↓	69.50	47	350		
45	75	↓ 37.25	19.57%	0.38	QS	+	13	36.00	37.03	36.50	97	4615.00	24	80.25	81.65	81.00	17	+	QS	-0.62	19.57%	↑	74.50	23	70		
183	143	↓ 38.75	19.44%	0.37	QS	+	14	33.75	34.85	34.25	112	4620.00	8	83.25	84.47	83.75	1	+	QS	-0.63	19.44%	↑	82.75	6	339		
61	144	↓ 31.75	19.31%	0.35	QS	+	86	31.50	32.75	32.00	105	4625.00	3	86.00	87.38	86.75	4	+	QS	-0.65	19.31%		77.75	81	299		
206	183	↓ 30.25	19.17%	0.34	QS	+	7	29.50	30.70	30.00	155	4630.00	4	88.75	90.32	89.50	4	+	QS	-0.66	19.17%	↓	88.50	2	476		

Source: CME Direct 1/19/2022 1:00 PM

Vertical Spread Example – E-mini S&P 500

Due to the elevated levels of implied volatility relative to the last several weeks, the trader decides to sell E-mini S&P 500 Calls

In order to define the risk that the trader is exposed to, they decide to sell a Call Spread rather than a “naked” Call

Futures Price = 4,570

- Sell 1 4,590 Call @ 48.75 | Delta 45 | Expire 9 Days
- Buy 1 4,625 Call @ 31.75 | Delta 35 | Expire 9 Days

Trader A Collects 17 (48.75 minus 31.75) Points = \$850 (17*50)

Vertical Spread Example – E-mini S&P 500

★ Spread Builder - EW4F2 4590/4625 CS

My Spreads EW4F2 Analyze +

Position History Matrix Simulate Tools

Position Classic Mode

+/- Option +/- Future

Summary

Earned	Premium	Future	Total P/L	Future:	4570.00	49.00 ▲
17.00	-17.00	0.00	0.00	DTE:	9.08	0.15 ▲
				ATM:	22.41	0.00

EW4F2 Options

QTY	STRIKE	TYPE	VOLATILITY			PREMIUM		TOTAL(UNIT * QTY)		
			CURRENT	THEO	SETTLE	UNIT PRICE	PREM	THEO	SETTLE	
-1	4590	Call	20.50	20.74	21.76	49.60	-49.60	-30.77	-56.25	
1	4625	Call	19.31	19.92	20.60	32.60	32.60	19.34	38.75	
TOTALS:			Allocate				-17.00	-11.43	-17.50	

Greeks

QTY	STRIKE	TYPE	GREEKS			
			DELTA	GAMMA	VEGA	THETA
-1	4590	Call	-0.45	-0.00268	-2.855	3.223
1	4625	Call	0.35	0.00267	2.678	-2.847
TOTALS:			-0.10	-0.00001	-0.178	0.376

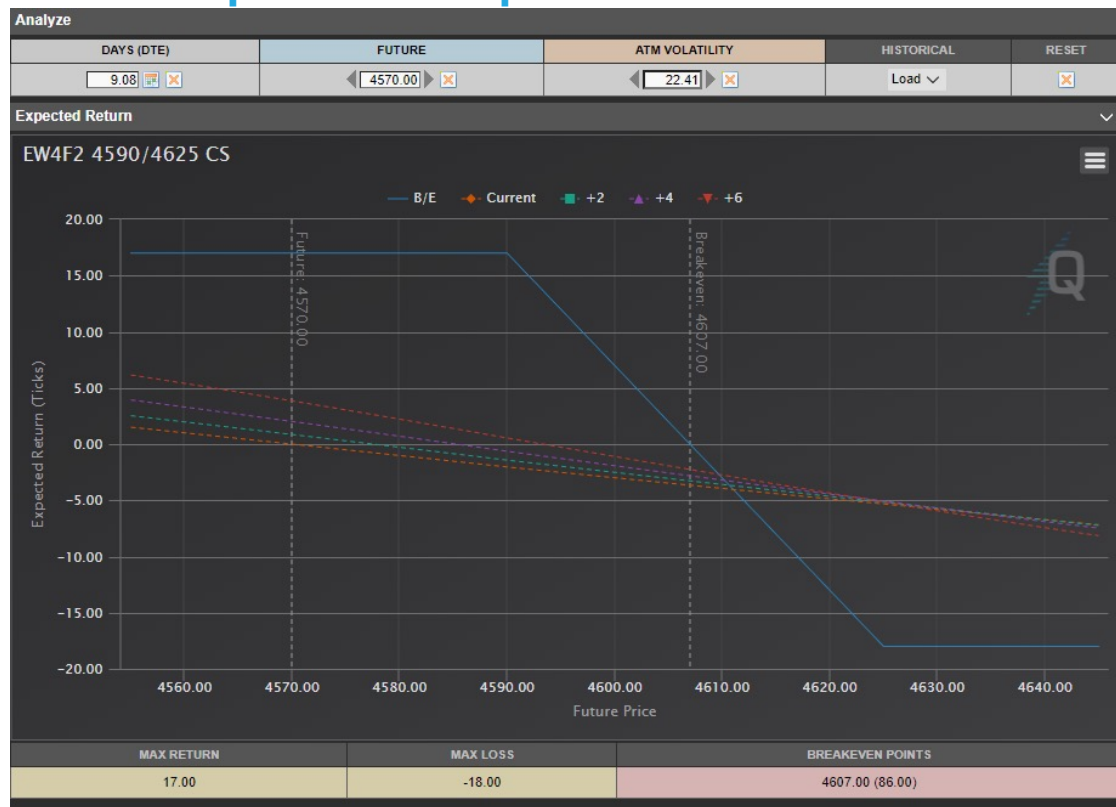
Profit/Loss

QTY	STRIKE	TYPE	TOTAL PREMIUM				TRADE P/L VS			
			TRADE	LEG	QS	SETTLE	LEG	QS	SETTLE	
-1	4590	Call	-49.60	-49.60	-30.77	-56.25	0.00	18.84	-6.65	
1	4625	Call	32.60	32.60	19.34	38.75	0.00	-13.26	6.15	
TOTALS:			-17.00	-17.00	-11.43	-17.50	0.00	5.57	-0.50	

NOTE: Premium (\$) = 50 * Premium in Ticks

Source: QuikStrike

Vertical Spread Example – E-mini S&P 500



Source: QuikStrike

Vertical Spread Example – E-mini S&P 500

Days to Expiration – 9 days to 5 days

Futures Price – Rallied from 4,570 to 4,580

Position										Classic Mode	
+/- Option ▾										+/- Future ▾	
Summary											
Earned 16.30		Premium -16.30		Future 0.00		Total P/L 0.00		Future: 4580.00 -9.50 ▼		DTE: 5.08 -3.09 ▼	
								ATM: 20.18 0.00			
EW4F2 Options											
QTY	STRIKE	TYPE	VOLATILITY			PREMIUM		TOTAL(UNIT * QTY)			
			CURRENT	THEO	SETTLE	UNIT PRICE	PREM	THEO	SETTLE		
✘ -1	4590	Call	20.50	20.05	20.45	39.42	-39.42	-54.69	-30.75		
✘ 1	4625	Call	19.31	19.14	19.19	23.12	23.12	36.78	18.25		
TOTALS:					Allocate			-16.30	-17.92	-12.50	
Greeks											
QTY	STRIKE	TYPE	GREEKS								
			DELTA	GAMMA	VEGA	THETA					
-1	4590	Call	-0.47	-0.00359	-2.149	4.336					
1	4625	Call	0.34	0.00350	1.975	-3.754					
TOTALS:			-0.13	-0.00009	-0.174	0.582					

Source: QuikStrike

Vertical Spread Example – E-mini S&P 500

Days to Expiration – 5 days to 2 days

Futures Price – Steady at 4,580

Position											Classic Mode	
+/- Option ▾											+/- Future ▾	
Summary												
Earned		Premium		Future		Total P/L		Future:		4580.00		-7.25 ▾
13.51		-13.51		0.00		0.00		DTE:		2.08		-6.09 ▾
								ATM:		20.05		0.00
EW4F2 Options												
VOLATILITY												
PREMIUM												
TOTAL(UNIT * QTY)												
QTY	STRIKE	TYPE	CURRENT	THEO	SETTLE	UNIT PRICE	PREM	THEO	SETTLE			
✘ -1	4590	Call	20.50	20.05	20.45	23.58	-23.58	-53.57	-30.75			
✘ 1	4625	Call	19.31	19.12	19.19	10.07	10.07	35.83	18.25			
TOTALS:					Allocate		-13.51	-17.74	-12.50			
Greeks												
GREEKS												
QTY	STRIKE	TYPE	DELTA	GAMMA		VEGA		THETA				
-1	4590	Call	-0.45	-0.00558		-1.367		6.737				
1	4625	Call	0.25	0.00479		1.107		-5.138				
TOTALS:			-0.19	-0.00078		-0.260		1.599				

Source: QuikStrike

Vertical Spread Example – E-mini S&P 500

Days to Expiration – 2 days to .5 days

Futures Price – Steady at 4,580

Position											Classic Mode
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Summary											
Earned		Premium		Future		Total P/L		Future:		4580.00	-8.00 ▾
8.15		-8.15		0.00		0.00		DTE:		0.50	-7.67 ▾
								ATM:		20.05	0.00
EW4F2 Options											
QTY	STRIKE	TYPE	VOLATILITY			PREMIUM		TOTAL(UNIT * QTY)			
			CURRENT	THEO	SETTLE	UNIT PRICE	PREM	THEO	SETTLE		
✘ -1	4590	Call	20.50	20.05	20.45	9.45	-9.45	-53.94	-30.75		
✘ 1	4625	Call	19.31	19.12	19.19	1.29	1.29	36.12	18.25		
TOTALS:			Allocate				-8.15	-17.82	-12.50		
Greeks											
QTY	STRIKE	TYPE	GREEKS								
			DELTA	GAMMA	VEGA	THETA					
-1	4590	Call	-0.39	-0.01103	-0.650	13.317					
1	4625	Call	0.09	0.00480	0.267	-5.148					
TOTALS:			-0.30	-0.00622	-0.383	8.169					

Source: QuikStrike

Vertical Spread Example – E-mini S&P 500

So, what happens next?

Remember, at initiation, our trader collected \$850.00

Futures Price = 4,570

- *Sell 1 4,590 Call @ 48.75 | Delta 45 | Expire 9 Days*
- *Buy 1 4,625 Call @ 31.75 | Delta 35 | Expire 9 Days*

*Trader A Collects 17 (48.75 minus 31.75) Points = \$850 (17*50)*

At expiration, E-mini S&P 500 futures price = 4,580

- Because both the Short (4,590) and Long (4,625) Calls are out of the money, they are worthless at expiration
- Therefore, the position simply “goes away” and the trader profits the \$850.00

HOWEVER,

Let's assume the futures price at expiration = 4,595

- Because the Short Call positions would be in the money, our trader would be assigned a Short futures position
- Trader could either post the margin to hold a short futures position (currently ~\$11,500)
- OR, liquidate the position. If the futures price remained at 4,595, the traders overall P&L on the trade would be
 - \$850.00 minus (5*\$50) = \$600.00

Vertical Spread Example – Micro E-Mini Nasdaq-100 Options

- Trader B believes the price of the Micro E-mini Nasdaq-100 is oversold and believes the index will bounce higher over the next several weeks
- Trader B likes the flexibility that the Micro-sized options provide to scale out of their position

Using QuikStrike, we created the following **hypothetical** position:

Long 5 Week 2 February 14,000 Call

- Micro E-mini Nasdaq-100 Futures Price: 13,900.75
- Days Until Expiration: 18
- ATM Volatility: 20%
- Premium (points): 195 per option (975 Total)
 - Premium (dollars): \$1,950

Vertical Spread Example – Micro E-Mini Nasdaq-100 Options

- Assume one week later, the futures price had indeed spiked higher by ~5%
- Implied Volatility has dropped by 2%

Long 5 Week 2 February 14,000 Call

- Micro E-mini Nasdaq-100 Futures Price: 14,595
- Days Until Expiration: 11
- ATM Volatility: 18%
- New Hypothetical Premium Value (points): 615 per option (3,075 Total)
 - Premium (dollars): \$6,150

Because of the flexibility that Micro-sized contracts provide, our Trader can take some of their risk off:

- Sell 3 @ 615 = 1,845 points (\$3,690)
- “Locks in” a minimum profit of at least \$1,740
- Remains Long 2 Calls

Vertical Spread Example – Micro E-Mini Nasdaq-100 Options

- Assume 10 days later, the futures price had fallen by 7%
- Implied Volatility has rising by 5%

Long 5 Week 2 February 14,000 Call

- Micro E-mini Nasdaq-100 Futures Price: 13,574
- Days Until Expiration: 1
- ATM Volatility: 23%
- New Hypothetical Premium Value (points): 2.75 per option (5.5Total)
 - Premium (dollars): \$11.00

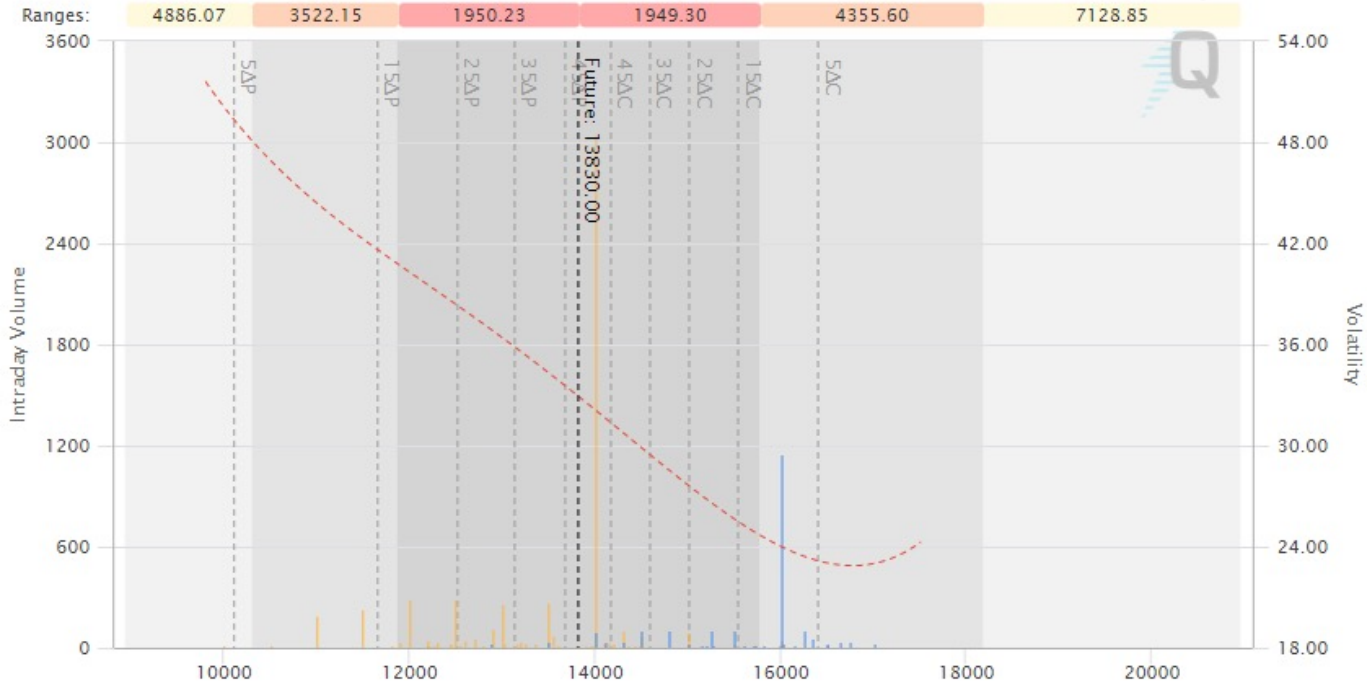
Even though the options have become nearly worthless, the ability of our trader to take some of their risk off after the initial price spike allows them to lock in profit on this trade

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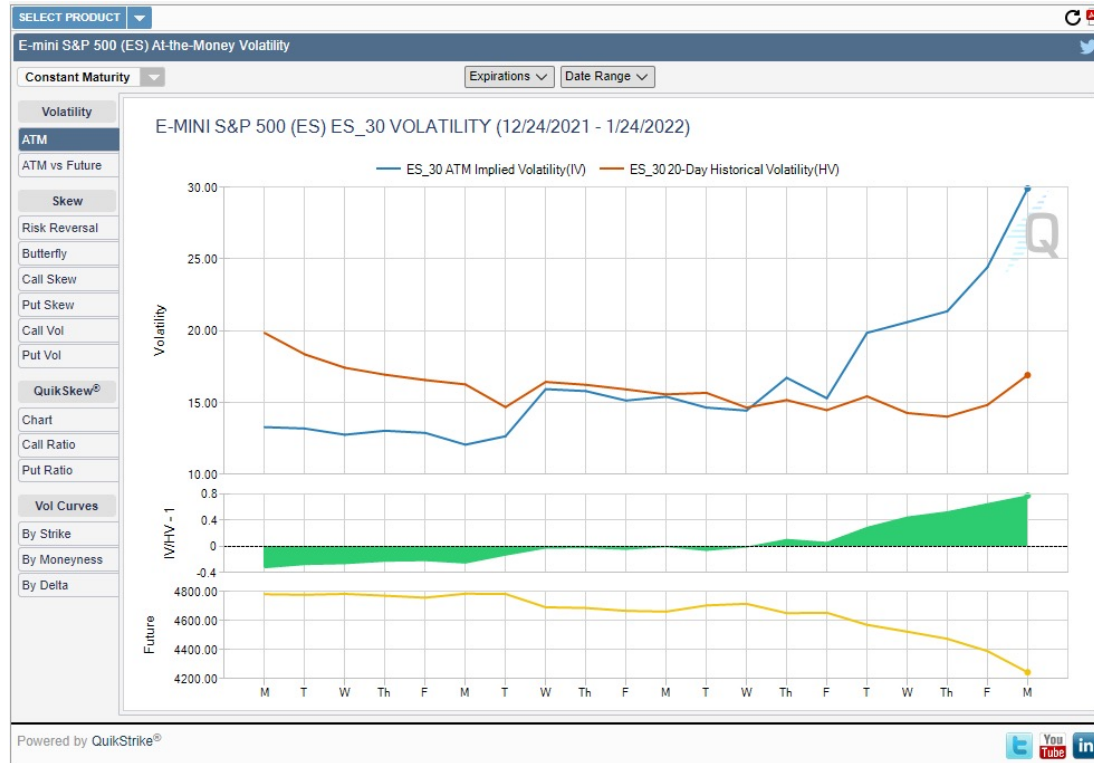
● Put
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Put: 6,658 Call: 2,785 Vol: 37.31 Vol Chg: 4.15 Future Chg: -596.50



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CME Group Volatility Index (CVOL) Data as of 1/21/2022

Dashboard Tsy (Yield) Tsy (Price) STIRs FX Metals Energy Ags Aggregates

Select Products ▼ Hi-Lo Range: 1W 1M 3M 6M 1Y YTD All Layout: Grouped List ▼

Tsy (Yield)											
PRODUCT	SYMBOL	CVOL	CHG	TREND	HI-LO CVOL	DNVAR	SKEW	UPVAR	ATM	SKEW ^R	CONVEX
2 Yr	TUVY	43.78	-0.55		13.87	52.46	42.97 0.49	1.60 -2.02	44.57 -1.53	42.35 0.09	1.04 -0.05 1.03 -0.02
10 Yr	TVYY	89.20	-2.63		63.98	98.30	86.71 -4.38	4.93 3.43	91.63 -0.94	86.05 -1.72	1.06 0.04 1.04 -0.01
30 Yr	USVY	90.69	-2.68		67.45	103.75	90.79 -3.38	-0.19 1.42	90.60 -1.96	84.53 -2.72	1.00 0.02 1.07 0.00
Treasury	TVL	88.86	-2.85		63.15	98.98	85.94 -4.44	5.71 3.10	91.65 -1.34	85.87 -1.91	1.07 0.04 1.04 -0.01
5 Yr	FVYY	89.82	-3.82		53.04	104.10	84.36 -5.44	10.62 3.08	94.98 -2.36	88.58 -2.44	1.13 0.04 1.01 -0.01
FX											
PRODUCT	SYMBOL	CVOL	CHG	TREND	HI-LO CVOL	DNVAR	SKEW	UPVAR	ATM	SKEW ^R	CONVEX
AUD/USD	ADVL	10.18	0.42		8.32	11.44	10.83 0.57	-1.33 -0.33	9.50 0.25	9.40 0.37	0.88 -0.03 1.08 0.00
GBP/USD	GBVL	6.52	0.32		5.80	8.27	6.91 0.36	-0.80 -0.07	6.11 0.28	6.30 0.26	0.88 0.00 1.04 0.01
CAD/USD	CAVL	7.58	0.23		5.98	9.50	7.93 0.39	-0.71 -0.32	7.22 0.07	7.08 0.08	0.91 -0.04 1.07 0.02
C5 FX	FXVL	6.71	0.17		5.66	8.40	6.80 0.20	-0.19 -0.06	6.61 0.14	6.34 0.14	0.97 -0.01 1.06 0.00
JPY/USD	JPVL	7.10	0.13		5.21	10.10	6.36 0.08	1.42 0.09	7.78 0.17	6.44 0.15	1.22 0.01 1.10 -0.01
EUR/USD	EUVL	5.90	0.08		4.95	7.70	5.98 0.08	-0.15 0.00	5.83 0.08	5.67 0.07	0.98 0.00 1.04 0.00
Metals											
PRODUCT	SYMBOL	CVOL	CHG	TREND	HI-LO CVOL	DNVAR	SKEW	UPVAR	ATM	SKEW ^R	CONVEX
Gold	GCVL	14.11	-0.51		13.51	17.37	13.93 -0.38	0.35 -0.25	14.29 -0.63	12.51 -0.36	1.03 -0.02 1.13 -0.01
Metals	MVL	15.16	-0.54		14.30	18.39	14.79 -0.36	0.72 -0.35	15.51 -0.71	13.37 -0.37	1.05 -0.02 1.13 -0.01
Copper	HCVL	29.48	-1.03		24.96	36.84	27.61 -0.65	3.63 -0.70	31.24 -1.36	26.40 -0.94	1.13 -0.02 1.12 0.00
Silver	SIVL	29.57	-1.68		26.28	33.15	25.98 -0.26	6.80 -2.52	32.78 -2.79	24.45 -0.92	1.26 -0.09 1.21 -0.02
Energy											
PRODUCT	SYMBOL	CVOL	CHG	TREND	HI-LO CVOL	DNVAR	SKEW	UPVAR	ATM	SKEW ^R	CONVEX
Nat Gas	NCVL	62.05	3.98		36.74	143.59	46.93 1.63	27.22 4.01	74.15 5.64	52.42 4.30	1.58 0.07 1.18 -0.02
Energy	EVL	48.93	1.50		36.65	87.78	44.46 1.22	7.82 0.29	52.27 1.51	42.24 1.42	1.18 0.00 1.15 0.00
RBOB	RBVL	40.55	1.25		28.73	72.08	42.77 1.07	-4.56 0.37	38.21 1.45	37.89 0.83	0.89 0.01 1.07 0.01
Heating Oil	HOVL	36.53	0.23		29.70	64.76	36.66 0.32	-0.26 -0.18	36.40 0.15	33.27 -0.04	0.99 0.00 1.10 0.01
WTI	CLVL	41.53	0.20		30.60	73.66	43.12 1.02	-3.26 -1.70	39.86 -0.68	36.47 -0.15	0.92 -0.04 1.14 0.01

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Questions?

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