



# **Fundamental Report**

## **04 April 2019**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.1277	14.1259	-0.0018	-0.01%
Euro/Rand	15.8974	15.8821	-0.0153	-0.10%
GBPound/Rand	18.6290	18.6059	-0.0231	-0.12%
AusDollar/Rand	10.0620	10.0519	-0.0101	-0.10%
Euro/USDollar	1.1245	1.1241	-0.0004	-0.04%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3179	1.3169	-0.0010	-0.08%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.7121	0.7116	-0.0005	-0.07%
JpyYen/USDollar	111.4500	111.3900	-0.0600	-0.05%

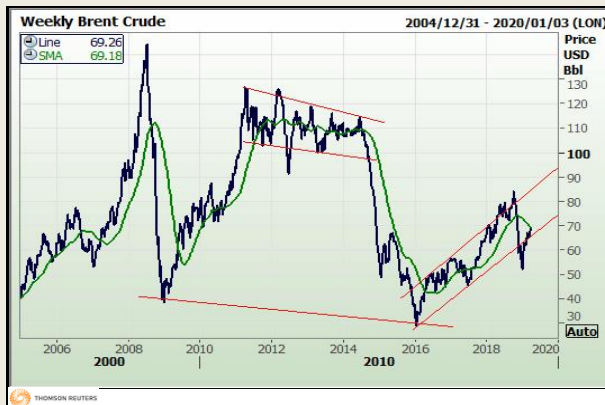
BDLive - The JSE pushed higher in broad-based gains on Wednesday, with platinum miners resuming their winning streak. Miners were supported by higher precious metal prices, while the price of oil is close to \$70 a barrel, gaining about 3% so far this week due to positive economic data. Global sentiment was risk-on again on Wednesday, boosted by reports from the Financial Times that the US and China were "90%" done with a trade agreement, although sticking points remained. Chinese data this week has also been upbeat, with a gauge of activity in that country's services sector earlier rising to a 14-month high, according to Dow Jones Newswires. Local data was a little less positive, with the Standard Bank purchasing managers' index falling to 48.8 points in March, a decline from February's 50.2. The all share gained 1.34% to 57,926 points and the top 40 rose 1.35%. Platinums rose 3.3%, gold miners 2.42% and general retailers 1.4%. Sasol added 2.44% to R461.



### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	872.93	-1.86	-0.21%
Gold	1292.08	2.43	0.19%
Silver	15.14	0.01	0.05%
Copper	2.94	-0.01	-0.31%
Gasoil	612.25	1.25	0.20%
Brent Oil	69.28	-0.03	-0.04%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold steadied on Wednesday, supported by a dip in the dollar, while gains were capped by a rally in global stocks following reassuring economic data from the US and China and optimism that the two countries would strike a trade deal. Spot gold was unchanged at \$1,292.29 an ounce as of 10.19am GMT, having touched its lowest level since March 7 at \$1,284.76 in the previous session. US gold futures were up 0.1% to \$1,296.20 an ounce. Rising stock markets are holding gold back, said Fawad Razaqzade, market analyst with Forex.com, adding, "investors are moving into riskier equity markets rather than slower moving precious markets. Given the fundamental factors, even though the equity markets remain supported, it doesn't mean gold will fall. With the US Federal Reserve being dovish, the dollar being low, and yields being lower, the fundamental environment for gold itself is positive." Signs of progress in US-China trade talks this week and decent factory activity data from both the countries in recent days has lifted investor sentiment and taken the edge off world recession fears.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	51640.70	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	52251.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2867.24	6.16	0.21%
FTSE	7391.12	27.16	0.37%
CAC	5468.91	0.00	0.00%
DAX	11954.40	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	29986.39	-150.78	-0.50%



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# Corn / Maize Market

## Chicago Board of Trade

Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
MAY 2019	364.00	362.75	1.25	-1.25	364.00	1.25	0.00
JUL 2019	373.00	372.00	1.25	-1.00	373.00	1.00	0.00
SEP 2019	382.00	380.50	1.25	-1.50	381.25	0.75	-0.75
DEC 2019	392.00	390.75	1.25	-1.25	391.50	0.75	-0.50
MAR 2010	406.00	405.00	1.25	-1.00	405.00	0.00	-1.00

**FarmProgress** - Corn prices continued to find a bit of positive traction on planting concerns Wednesday, with May and July futures each creeping up another 1.25 cents to \$3.6275 and \$3.72, respectively. Corn basis bids were largely steady across the Midwest Wednesday but did tick a penny lower at an Illinois river terminal today. Ahead of Thursday morning's next USDA export report, analysts expect the agency to show corn sales totaling between 27.6 million and 49.2 million bushels for the week ending March 28. IEG Vantage (formerly Informa Economics) has raised its estimates for 2018/19 Brazilian corn production by nearly 20 million bushels to top 3.720 billion bushels. The group's production estimates for Argentina's 2018/19 corn harvest is currently 1.831 billion bushels.

Ukraine's corn exports for 2018/19 have reached nearly 819 million bushels as of April 3, according to the country's agriculture ministry.

Total South Korean corn purchases over the past two weeks have reached 23.6 million bushels after a flurry of animal feed purchases in recent days due to relatively low prices. The purchases have been a blend of international tenders and private deals. Ethanol production rebounded some last week, moving to a daily average of 999,000 barrels for the week ending March 29. That bested the prior week's daily average of 975,000 barrels but remained slightly below the prior five-week average. Grain traveling the nation's railways continues to be relatively hampered by flooding problems in the Midwest and Plains, falling 6.2% year-over-year to 22,565 carloads for the week ending April 3. Cumulative totals for 2019 reached 277,513 carloads, down 4.4% over the same period last year.

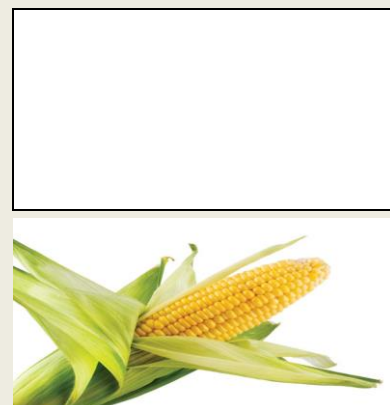
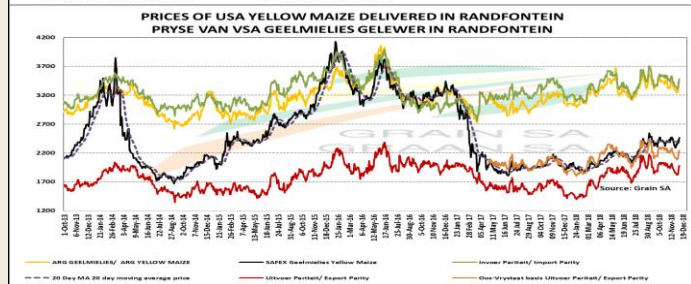
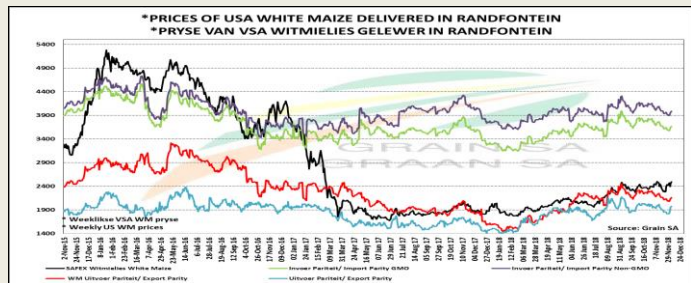
It may be hard to ultimately match USDA's forecast for 92.8 million acres of corn this spring. Still, farmers are holding on to large amounts of old-crop corn and may struggle to find significant rallies in the short-term unless they're willing to roll the dice on a weather rally this summer. Find out what else Farm Futures senior grain market analyst Bryce Knorr is talking about in his latest Corn Outlook column.



## South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019	R 2 837.00	26.75%	R -0.26	R 2 836.74
Jul 2019	R 2 889.00	33.5%	R -0.26	R 2 888.74
Sep 2019	R 2 952.00	25%	R -4.44	R 2 947.56
Dec 2019	R 3 020.00	30%	R -3.06	R 3 016.94
Jul 2019	R 2 889.00	33.5%	R -0.26	R 2 888.74
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019	R 2 674.00	24%	R -0.26	R 2 673.74
Jul 2019	R 2 682.00	20%	R -0.26	R 2 681.74
Sep 2019	R 2 744.00	0%	R -4.44	R 2 739.56
Dec 2019	R 2 817.00	17.5%	R -3.06	R 2 813.94
Jul 2019	R 2 682.00	20%	R -0.26	R 2 681.74

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The local May'19 WMAZ contract ended R35.00 down and May'19 YMAZ closed R5.00 lower. The Jul'19 WMAZ closed lower by R39.00 and Jul'19 YMAZ ended R9.00 down. The parity move for the May'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R4.00 positive.



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## Wheat Market

### Chicago Board of Trade and Kansas Board of Trade

CBOT Wheat								KBOT Wheat							
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
MAY 2019	470.00	471.00	7.00	1.00	472.75	1.75	2.75	MAY 2019	436.00	436.75	3.50	0.75	439.00	2.25	3.00
JUL 2019	474.00	474.50	6.00	0.50	476.25	1.75	2.25	JUL 2019	443.00	443.50	2.75	0.50	445.00	1.50	2.00
SEP 2019	481.00	481.75	5.75	0.75	483.50	1.75	2.50	SEP 2019	455.00	454.75	3.25	-0.25	455.75	1.00	0.75
DEC 2019	494.00	495.25	5.50	1.25	497.00	1.75	3.00	DEC 2019	474.00	474.75	2.75	0.75	476.75	2.00	2.75
MAR 2010	508.00	508.50	5.25	0.50	508.25	-0.25	0.25	MAR 2010	492.00	493.00	3.25	1.00	0.00	-493.00	-492.00



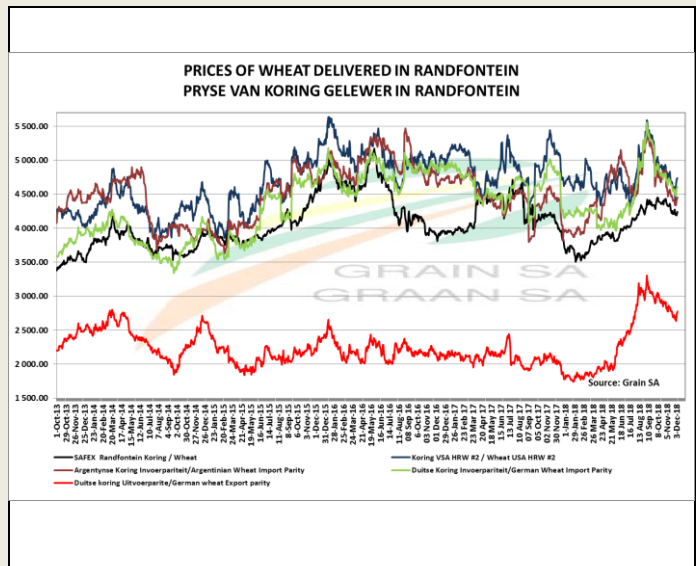
FarmProgress - Wheat prices were mixed Wednesday, with spring wheat taking a 1% tumble while winter wheat prices firmed by as much as 1.5 on some short-covering. May Chicago SRW futures gained 7 cents to \$4.71, with May Kansas City HRW futures up 3.75 cents to \$4.37. May MGEX spring wheat futures fell 7 cents to \$5.35, in contrast. Ahead of Thursday morning's next USDA export report, analysts expect the agency to show wheat sales totaling between 11.0 million and 29.4 million bushels for the week ending March 28. Ukraine's wheat exports for 2018/19 have reached 496 million bushels as of April 3, according to the country's agriculture ministry.

Algeria purchased at least 4.4 million bushels of milling wheat from optional origins in a tender that closed earlier this week. The grain is for shipment in late May. After purchasing 2.2 million bushels of milling wheat earlier this week, Jordan issued an international tender to purchase 4.4 million more bushels from optional origins, with a deadline of April 9. The grain would be for shipment in September or October. Japan is importing nearly 785,000 bushels of feed-quality wheat in a simultaneous buy-and-sell auction that closed earlier today. The grain is for arrival by late September.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 102,092 CBOT contracts, moving about 12% ahead of Tuesday's final count of 90,738.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019	R 4 607.00	0%	R 13.96	R 4 620.96
Jul 2019	R 4 652.00	12%	R 11.36	R 4 663.36
Sep 2019	R 4 538.00	0%	R 12.66	R 4 550.66
Dec 2019	R 4 310.00	0%	R 15.24	R 4 325.24
Jul 2019	R 4 652.00	12%	R 11.36	R 4 663.36
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019				
Jul 2019				



The local Weat market closed yesterday. The local May'19 Weat contract closed unchanged while Jul'19 Weat closed R1.00 lower. The parity move for the May'19 Weat contract for yesterday was R20.00 positive.



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# Oil Seed Market

## Chicago Board of Trade

CBOT Soybean Seed							
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
MAY 2019	902.00	898.75	-1.25	-3.25	899.50	0.75	-2.50
JUL 2019	916.00	912.25	-1.25	-3.75	913.00	0.75	-3.00
AUG 2019	921.00	918.00	-1.50	-3.00	919.00	1.00	-2.00
SEP 2019	926.00	922.50	-1.50	-3.50	923.25	0.75	-2.75
NOV 2019	935.00	932.00	-0.75	-3.00	932.75	0.75	-2.25

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAY 2019	311	311.10
JUL 2019	314.7	314.80
AUG 2019	316.2	316.30
SEP 2019	317.5	317.70
OCT 2019	318.7	318.10

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAY 2019	28.8	28.81
JUL 2019	29.13	29.16
AUG 2019	29.28	29.29
SEP 2019	29.45	29.43
OCT 2019	29.59	29.61



FarmProgress - Soybean prices eased on some light technical selling and profit-taking, as traders continue to wait for more concrete details surrounding the latest round of U.S.-China trade negotiations. May and July futures each slipped 1.25 cents to \$8.9875 and \$9.1225, respectively. Soybean basis bids fell 3 cents at an Illinois river terminal Wednesday but remained steady across all other Midwestern locations today.

Ahead of Thursday morning's next USDA export report, analysts expect the agency to show soybean sales totaling between 29.4 million and 66.1 million bushels for the week ending March 28. Analysts also expect USDA to report another 100,000 to 350,000 metric tons of soybean sales, plus another 0 to 25,000 MT of soybean sales last week.

IEG Vantage (formerly Informa Economics) has updated its projections for Brazil's and Argentina's 2018/19 soybean production, now at 4.207 billion and 2.021 billion bushels, respectively.

"Can China save the soybean market?" That is just one question Farm Futures senior grain market analyst Bryce Knorr is asking in his latest Soybean Outlook column – click here to read more.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 98,376 contracts, down moderately from Tuesday's final count of 129,420.

## South African Futures Exchange

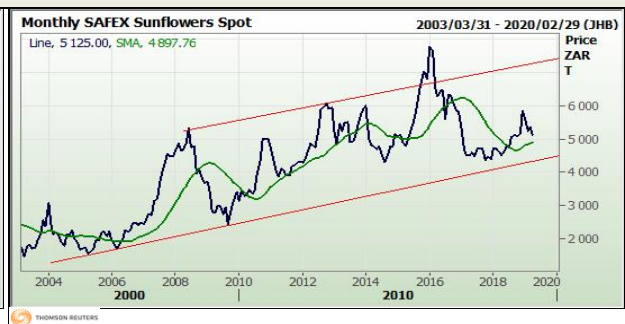
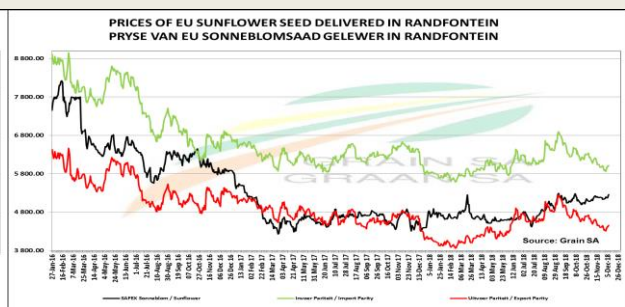
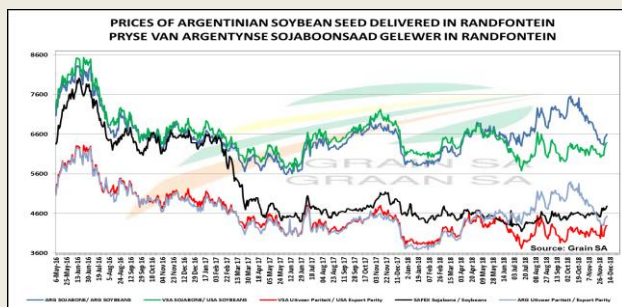
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019	R 4 823.00	16%	R -13.57	R 4 809.43
Jul 2019	R 4 913.00	15%	R -16.18	R 4 896.82
Sep 2019	R 5 012.00	0%	R -14.89	R 4 997.11
Dec 2019	R 5 116.00	14%		R 5 116.00
Jul 2019	R 4 913.00	15%	R -16.18	R 4 896.82

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Dec 2018		
Mar 2019		
May 2019	R 5 190.00	17%
Jul 2019	R 5 225.00	17.25%
Sep 2019	R 5 350.00	0%
Dec 2019	R 5 470.00	0%
Jul 2019	R 5 225.00	17.25%



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The local May'19 Soya contract ended R10.00 down and Jul'19 Soya closed R2.00 lower. The parity move for the May'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R3.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The local May'19 Suns contract closed R95.00 down while Jul'19 Suns closed R95.00 higher.



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