



**Fundamental Report**  
**23 May 2019**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.3468	14.3773	0.0305	0.21%
Euro/Rand	16.0274	16.0350	0.0076	0.05%
GBPound/Rand	18.1775	18.1792	0.0017	0.01%
AusDollar/Rand	9.8886	9.8849	-0.0037	-0.04%
Euro/USDollar	1.1166	1.1148	-0.0018	-0.16%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2669	1.2647	-0.0022	-0.17%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6891	0.6875	-0.0016	-0.23%
JpyYen/USDollar	110.4500	110.3300	-0.1200	-0.11%

BDLive - The JSE fell on Wednesday as mostly negative corporate news weighed on the local bourse.

However, positive local economic and political news took some risk out of domestic risk assets.

The Rand firmed a little after a number of ANC officials reportedly declined to be deployed to state positions until cleared of allegations of impropriety against them, notably the party's deputy president, David Mabuza.

Markets have been watching closely for signs that President Cyril Ramaphosa's cabinet will take a tough stance on corruption and financial mismanagement, analysts say, and the withdrawal of individuals with serious allegations of misconduct against them is being viewed positively.

Economic news was also good, with inflation slowing to 4.4% year on year in April, slightly below market expectations.



### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	793.98	-5.02	-0.63%
Gold	1272.34	-1.03	-0.08%
Silver	14.42	-0.02	-0.14%
Copper	2.67	-0.01	-0.39%
Gasoil	631.25	-1.25	-0.20%
Brent Oil	70.57	-0.42	-0.60%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices held near the more than two-week low hit in the previous session on Wednesday as the dollar strengthened, while signs of an escalation in China-US trade tensions weakened risk appetite and limited further declines.

Spot gold was down 0.1% at \$1,273.03 an ounce by 10.56am GMT, having fallen to its lowest level since May 3 on Tuesday at \$1,268.97. US gold futures were steady at \$1,273.60 an ounce.

"We are seeing a strong dollar, which has been weighing on gold prices; that's really been the key element in recent days," said Capital Economics analyst Ross Strachan. The dollar index firmed, hovering near a one-month high, boosted by higher US treasury yields after Washington temporarily eased trade restrictions imposed last week on Chinese telecoms tech firm Huawei.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	49193.90	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	49418.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2864.36	-8.09	-0.28%
FTSE	7328.92	5.27	0.07%
CAC	5378.98	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12168.74	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	27705.94	-394.34	-1.42%



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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
JUL 2019	388.00	394.50	0.25	6.50	394.25	-0.25	6.25
SEP 2019	397.00	403.75	1.00	6.75	403.25	-0.50	6.25
DEC 2019	406.00	412.75	2.25	6.75	412.25	-0.50	6.25
MAR 2010	416.00	422.75	2.75	6.75	422.50	-0.25	6.50
MAY 2010	421.00	426.25	2.50	5.25	426.00	-0.25	5.00

FarmFutures - Corn prices picked up fractional gains Wednesday as traders attempted to balance profit-taking with worries over planting delays. July futures firmed by 0.25 cents to \$3.9450, and September futures added a penny to \$4.0375. Corn basis bids were mixed Wednesday, moving as much as 5 cents higher at an Illinois processor and falling as much as 4 cents lower at a Nebraska processor today. Ahead of Thursday morning's USDA export report, analysts offered a wide range of guesses, expecting the agency to announce corn sales totaling between 9.8 million and 41.3 million bushels for the week ending May 16. U.S. ethanol production has trended higher for a third consecutive week, reaching a daily average of 1.071 million barrels for the week ending May 17. That also marks the highest weekly production since last August. June ethanol futures were down nearly 2% following EIA's weekly report.

Grain traveling the nation's railways rebounded to 23,194 carloads last week. This year's cumulative total of 440,443 carloads remains 4.2% lower year-over-year, however.

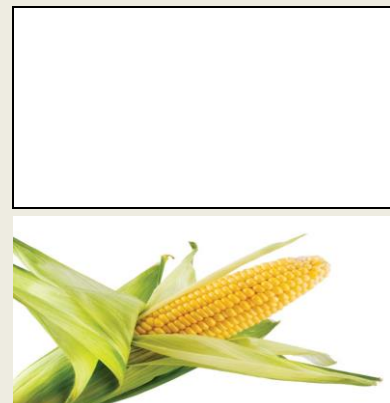
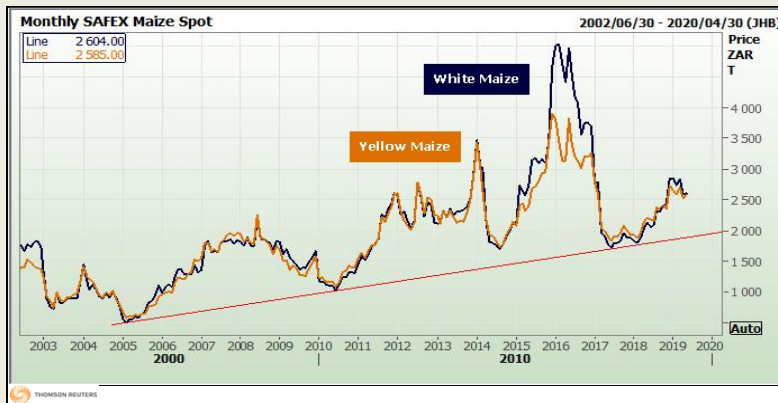
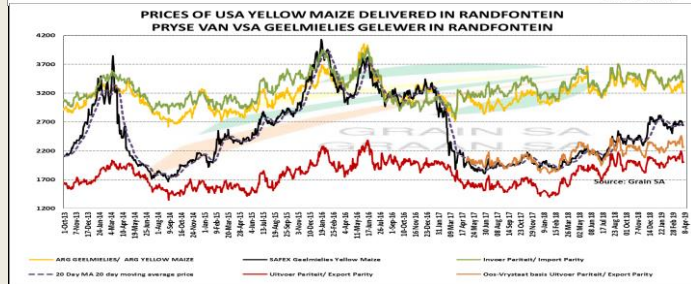
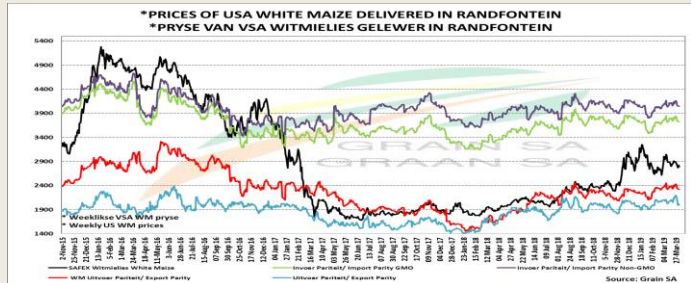
Preliminary volume estimates were for 437,606 contracts, down significantly from Tuesday's large count of 901,391.



### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019	R 2 604.00	26.75%		R 2 604.00
Jul 2019	R 2 642.00	28.5%	R 40.03	R 2 682.03
Sep 2019	R 2 697.00	25%	R 40.14	R 2 737.14
Dec 2019	R 2 781.00	24%	R 40.25	R 2 821.25
Jul 2019	R 2 642.00	28.5%	R 40.03	R 2 682.03
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019	R 2 585.00	24%		R 2 585.00
Jul 2019	R 2 613.00	22%	R 40.03	R 2 653.03
Sep 2019	R 2 667.00	16.5%	R 40.14	R 2 707.14
Dec 2019	R 2 730.00	17.25%	R 40.25	R 2 770.25
Jul 2019	R 2 613.00	22%	R 40.03	R 2 653.03

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The local May'19 WMAZ contract ended R85.00 down and May'19 YMAZ closed R68.00 lower. The Jul'19 WMAZ closed lower by R84.00 and Jul'19 YMAZ ended R73.00 down. The parity move for the May'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R42.00 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
JUL 2019	470.00	472.75	-6.00	2.75	472.25	-0.50	2.25	JUL 2019	429.00	432.25	-3.75	3.25	430.00	-2.25	1.00
SEP 2019	478.00	480.75	-5.25	2.75	480.50	-0.25	2.50	SEP 2019	439.00	443.00	-3.25	4.00	441.25	-1.75	2.25
DEC 2019	490.00	494.25	-4.00	4.25	494.00	-0.25	4.00	DEC 2019	460.00	464.00	-2.75	4.00	462.00	-2.00	2.00
MAR 2010	502.00	507.00	-2.75	5.00	507.25	0.25	5.25	MAR 2010	480.00	484.25	-2.25	4.25	483.25	-1.00	3.25
MAY 2010	508.00	512.25	-2.50	4.25	512.25	0.00	4.25	MAY 2010	493.00	497.50	-2.25	4.50	498.25	0.75	5.25



FarmFutures - Wheat prices were mixed but mostly lower Wednesday on a round of technical selling spurred by the usual suspects (large domestic and global stocks, plus worries over export demand). July Chicago SRW futures dropped 6 cents to \$4.7275, July Kansas City HRW futures fell 4.5 cents to \$4.3150, and July MGEX spring wheat futures inched ahead 0.75 cents to \$5.4325.

Analysts have mixed expectations for wheat sales last week, sharing estimates totaling between zero and 25.7 million bushels ahead of Thursday morning's USDA export report.

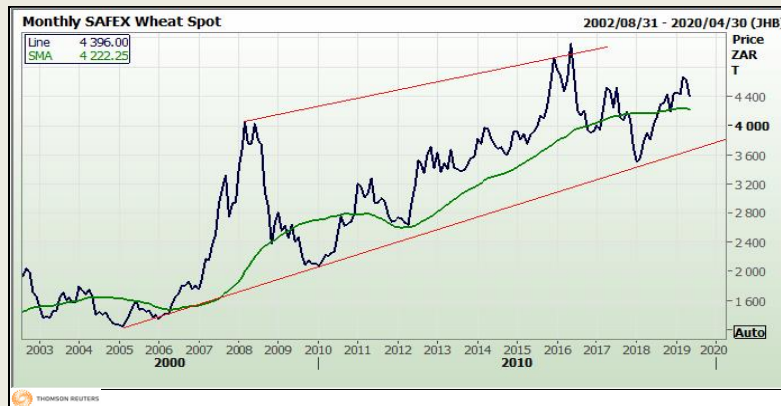
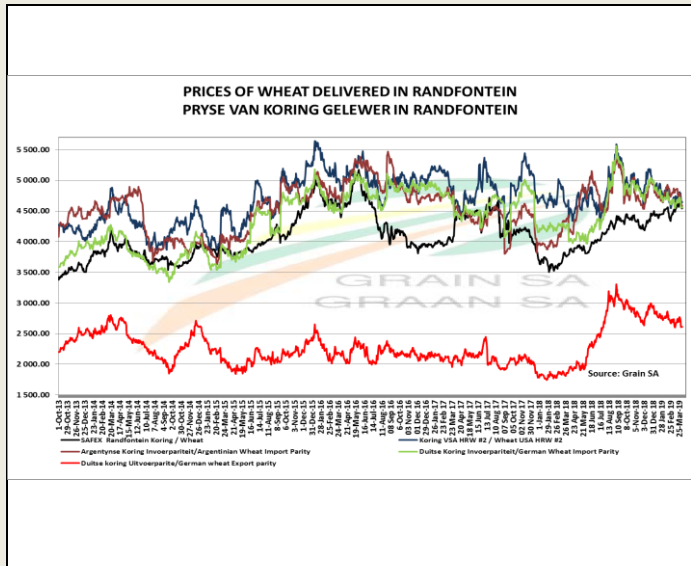
The Philippines purchased 1.7 million bushels of animal feed wheat from Australia in a deal earlier this week, for delivery in early September.

Jordan made no purchases in its last tender for 4.4 million bushels of milling wheat from optional origins but issued a new one for the same amount today, which closes May 28.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 88,095 CBOT contracts, which was nearly half of Tuesday's final count of 168,323.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019	R 4 396.00	0%		R 4 396.00
Jul 2019	R 4 402.00	12%	R 17.15	R 4 419.15
Sep 2019	R 4 399.00	0%	R 18.56	R 4 417.56
Dec 2019	R 4 377.00	12.5%	R 26.62	R 4 403.62
Jul 2019	R 4 402.00	12%	R 17.15	R 4 419.15
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019				
Jul 2019				



The local Weat market closed mixed yesterday. The local May'19 Weat contract closed R6.00 up while Jul'19 Weat closed R10.00 lower. The parity move for the May'19 Weat contract for yesterday was R15.00 positive.



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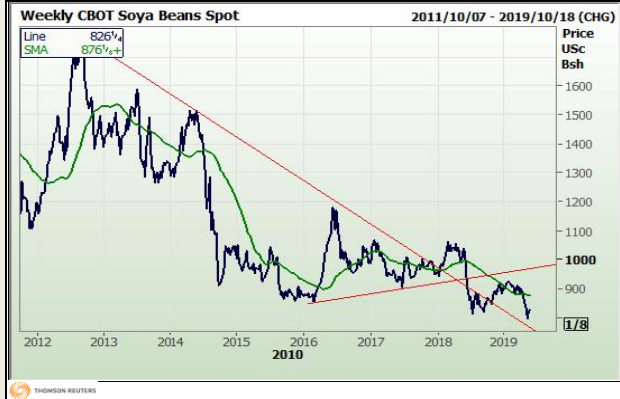
## Oil Seed Market

### 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
JUL 2019	823.00	828.50	6.50	5.50	826.25	-2.25
AUG 2019	830.00	835.50	6.75	5.50	833.00	-2.50
SEP 2019	836.00	842.25	6.75	6.25	839.75	-2.50
NOV 2019	849.00	855.25	6.75	6.25	853.25	-2.00
JAN 2010	861.00	867.25	7.00	6.25	864.75	-2.50

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JUL 2019	298.3	297.80
AUG 2019	299.9	299.60
SEP 2019	301.7	301.30
OCT 2019	303.4	303.40
DEC 2019	306.4	306.00

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JUL 2019	27.31	27.13
AUG 2019	27.43	27.28
SEP 2019	27.56	27.37
OCT 2019	27.68	27.51
DEC 2019	28.01	27.82



FarmFutures - Soybean prices reversed nearly 1% higher today on some technical maneuvering and gaining back around two-thirds of Tuesday's losses. July futures added 6.5 cents to \$8.2850, with August futures up 6.75 cents to \$8.3550.

Soybean basis bids were largely steady to firm Wednesday, moving 1 to 5 cents higher across multiple Midwestern locations today. An Illinois river terminal bucked the trend after dropping 2 cents lower. Private exporters reported to USDA the sale of 4.8 million bushels of soybeans for delivery to unknown destinations. Of the total, 84% is for delivery this marketing year, with the remainder for delivery in 2019/20.

Ahead of tomorrow morning's USDA export report, analysts expect the agency to show soybean sales totaling between 3.7 million and 29.4 million bushels for the week ending May 16. Analysts also expect USDA to report 75,000 to 400,000 metric tons of soybean sales last week, plus another 4,000 to 25,000 MT of soybean sales. USDA is also promising details on the new farming support program in the near future, but a statement from the agency late yesterday signaled that "farmers should continue to make their planting production decisions with the current market signals in mind, rather than some expectation of what a farming support program might or might not look like based on inaccurate media stories."

Preliminary volume estimates were for 154,331 contracts, down substantially from Tuesday's final count of 345,173.

### South African Futures Exchange

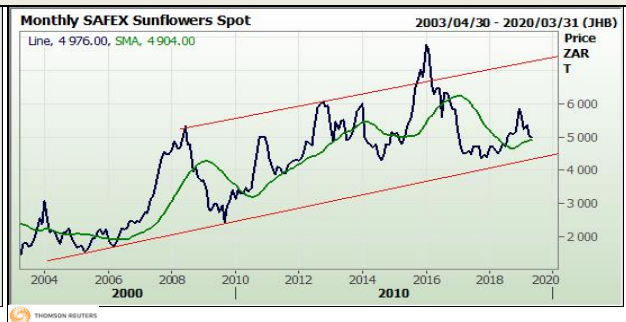
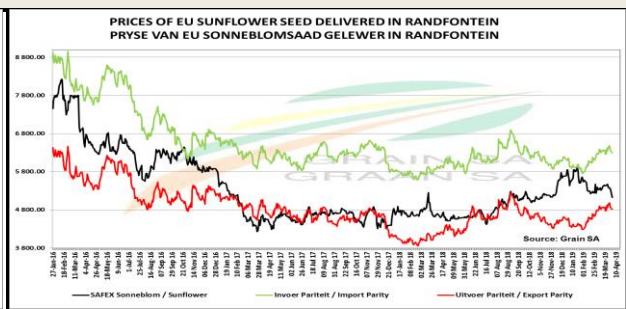
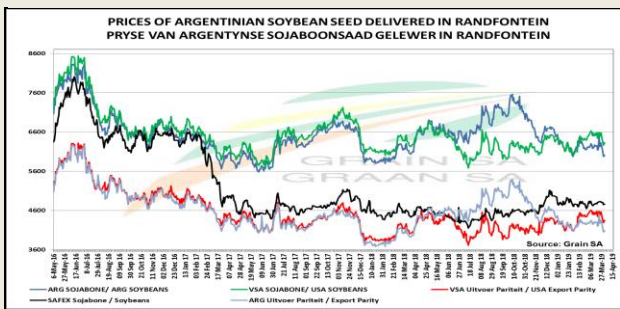
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019	R 4 669.00	16%		R 4 669.00
Jul 2019	R 4 667.00	15%	R 26.39	R 4 693.39
Sep 2019	R 4 752.00	0%	R 29.18	R 4 781.18
Dec 2019	R 4 869.00	14%		R 4 869.00
Jul 2019	R 4 667.00	15%	R 26.39	R 4 693.39

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Dec 2018		
Mar 2019		
May 2019	R 4 976.00	17%
Jul 2019	R 5 041.00	17.25%
Sep 2019	R 5 176.00	0%
Dec 2019	R 5 272.00	16%
Jul 2019	R 5 041.00	17.25%



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The local May'19 Soya contract ended R62.00 down and Jul'19 Soya closed R79.00 lower. The parity move for the May'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R26.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The local May'19 Suns contract closed R32.00 down and Jul'19 Suns closed R28.00 lower.



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