

# Fundamental Report 29 May 2019



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## **Financial Markets**

#### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.5921	14.6985	0.1064	0.73%
Euro/Rand	16.3309	16.4069	0.0760	0.47%
GBPound/Rand	18.4705	18.6046	0.1341	0.73%
AusDollar/Rand	10.1013	10.1824	0.0811	0.80%
Euro/USDollar	1.1189	1.1164	-0.0025	-0.22%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2656	1.2658	0.0002	0.02%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6922	0.6927	0.0005	0.07%
JpyYen/USDollar	109.3400	109.3800	0.0400	0.04%

BDLive - The JSE closed lower on Tuesday and remains on track for its worst month in more than 10 years

Asian markets improved following US President Donald Trump's four-day visit to Japan with Trump expressing optimism about trade relations between the two countries. The Shanghai Composite gained 0.61%, Hong Kong's Hang Seng 0.38% and Japan's Nikkei 225 0.37%.

At the close of the JSE, the Dow and FTSE 100 were flat with the former at 25,603.03 points; France's CAC 40 had fallen 0.39% and Germany's DAX 30 0.32%.

The rand was by far the worst-performing among emerging-market currencies on Tuesday, with its depreciation driven by global and domestic events with the US-China trade war still the major catalyst.



#### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	794.09	-1.41	-0.18%
Gold	1279.86	0.80	0.06%
Silver	14.34	-0.01	-0.04%
Copper	2.69	-0.01	-0.39%
Gasoil	614.50	-4.25	-0.69%
Brent Oil	69.62	-0.49	-0.70%

BDLive - Gold edged away from the previous session's one-week peak on Tuesday as the dollar regained momentum as the preferred safe-haven from uncertainty over US-China trade tensions, while weakness in equity markets limited losses for the metal.

Spot gold was down 0.2% at \$1,282.73 per ounce by 1200 GMT, having touched its highest since May 17 at \$1,287.32 in the previous session.

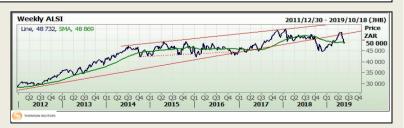
US gold futures were 0.1% lower at \$1,282.80 an ounce. "The gold market is clearly lacking direction at the moment. There is uncertainty in financial markets, which is positive for gold. At the same time, the gold market continues to face headwinds from a stronger US dollar," Julius Baer analyst Carsten Menke said.

"Despite these trade tensions, gold is not attracting any safe-haven flows at the moment."



#### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	48464.67	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	48732.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2826.06	-23.67	-0.84%
FTSE	7277.73	-8.78	-0.12%
CAC	5312.69	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12027.05	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	27390.81	-114.44	-0.42%



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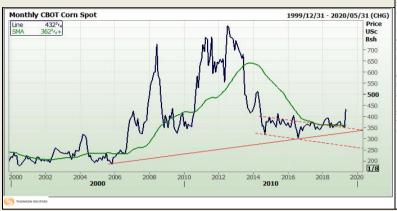
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# **Corn / Maize Market**

#### 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	415.00	420.25	16.00	5.25	432.50	12.25	17.50
SEP 2019	422.00	429.50	17.00	7.50	441.50	12.00	19.50
DEC 2019	429.00	437.00	17.25	8.00	448.25	11.25	19.25
MAR 2010	438.00	446.50	17.25	8.50	457.00	10.50	19.00
MAY 2010	438.00	449.25	17.00	11.25	460.00	10.75	22.00



FarmFutures - Corn futures gapped higher on the open Monday night and never looked back. December surged to a new contract high while July took aim at a target from last week's measuring gap at \$4.28.

July closed up 16 cents to \$4.2025, with December gaining 17.25 to \$4.37.
Initial volume was put at a hefty 882,712, compared to final volume of 633,211
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This afternoon's crop progress report from USDA is expected to keep corn planting for the week at a record low, around 68%. Farm Futures analysis suggests 1.4 billion bushels of production potential are lost, requiring a perfect remainder to the rest of the growing season to keep stocks from falling.

End users are beginning to take notice as well. Export inspections last week came in at 43.3 million bushels. While that's around 10 million shy of the rate needed every week through August to reach USDA's forecast for the 2018 crop, it was a good total given lack of supplies moving down river to the Gulf.

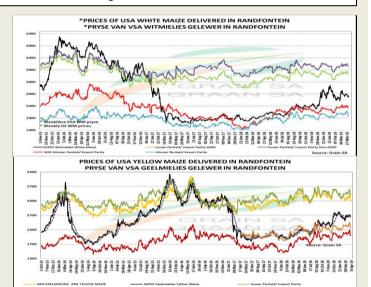
Corn basis appeared little changed at major terminals this morning, following big shifts last week, when bids from the Ohio River south surged, while other areas retreated

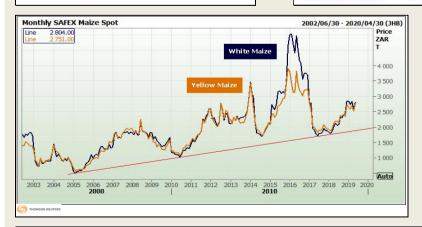
Soybeans surged today, creating gaps on old and new crop charts. November futures traded to a new high for the month, while July came close. July settled up 26.25 cents at \$8.56 and November gained 26.5 cents to \$8.8275.

#### **South African Futures Exchange**

	мтм	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
White Maize Futu	re			
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019	R 2836.00	33%	R 118.65	R 2 954.65
Sep 2019	R 2 890.00	25%	R 130.51	R 3 020.51
Dec 2019	R 2 972.00	24%	R 129.36	R 3 101.36
Jul 2019	R 2836.00	33%	R 118.65	R 2 954.65
Yellow Maize Futi	ıre			•
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019	R 2 786.00	22%	R 118.65	R 2 904.65
Sep 2019	R 2 842.00	16.5%	R 130.51	R 2 972.51
Dec 2019	R 2 905.00	17.25%	R 129.36	R 3 034.36
Jul 2019	R 2 786.00	22%	R 118.65	R 2 904.65

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The local Jul'19 WMAZ contract ended R29.00 up and Jul'19 YMAZ closed R27.00 higher. The Sep'19 WMAZ closed higher by R26.00 and Sep'19 YMAZ ended R28.00 up. The parity move for the Jul'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R117.00 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	504.00	504.75	15.25	0.75	517.00	12.25	13.00	JUL 2019	459.00	460.75	18.75	1.75	475.75	15.00	16.75
SEP 2019	511.00	512.00	15.25	1.00	524.00	12.00	13.00	SEP 2019	470.00	471.50	18.25	1.50	486.00	14.50	16.00
DEC 2019	523.00	523.75	14.00	0.75	534.75	11.00	11.75	DEC 2019	490.00	491.75	16.25	1.75	505.75	14.00	15.75
MAR 2010	534.00	535.25	13.00	1.25	545.25	10.00	11.25	MAR 2010	512.00	511.75	15.00	-0.25	525.50	13.75	13.50
MAY 2010	540.00	539.75	11.25	-0.25	548.25	8.50	8.25	MAY 2010	525.00	524.00	14.00	-1.00	534.00	10.00	9.00



FarmFutures - NWheat prices moved higher today at all three markets. Gaps were created on many contracts' charts, though the market made session highs early and consolidated into the close.

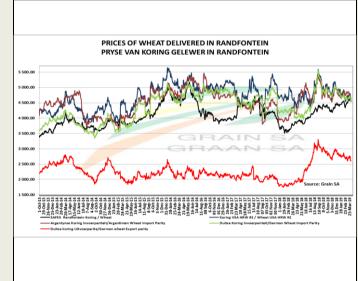
SRW July futures were up 15.25 cents to \$5.0475, HRW July gained 18.75 cents to \$4.6075, with Minneapolis July closing up 9.5 cents to \$5.575. Export inspections last week of 18.2 million bushels were close to the rate needed through the end of the month to meet USDA's forecast for the 2018 crop. African buyers dominated the list of destinations, as old crop inventories start to thin out ahead of harvest. Prospects around the world are mixed. Futures in Australian jumped recently after El Nino-related drought conditions made a return. There was also a little frost over parts of the Canadian Prairies over the weekend. But overall prospects out of the Black Sea remain good.

USDA should report 80% of the U.S. spring wheat crop seeded, around 10% less than normal. Heavy rains across the winter wheat growing region could also emerge as an issue, though so far they haven't affected ratings for what appears to be a very good crop.

Initial SRW volume today was 179,950 compared to 121,131 Friday with HRW turning over 74,357 contracts, up from 56,650 Friday.

#### **South African Futures Exchange**

	мтм	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
Bread Milling Whea	nt		Change	1
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019	R 4 466.00	12%	R 89.91	R 4555.91
Sep 2019	R 4 448.00	0%	R 90.19	R 4538.19
Dec 2019	R 4 400.00	12.5%	R 83.91	R 4 483.91
Jul 2019	R 4 466.00	12%	R 89.91	R 4 555.91
Cape Wheat				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019				
Jul 2019				





The local Weat market closed higher yesterday. The local Jul'19 Weat contract closed R34.00 up and Sep'19 Weat closed R22.00 higher. The parity move for the Jul'19 Weat contract for yesterday was R89.00 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			
JUL 2019	844.00	856.00	26.25	12.00	880.75	24.75	36.75			
AUG 2019	851.00	862.75	26.25	11.75	888.00	25.25	37.00			
SEP 2019	857.00	869.50	26.00	12.50	894.00	24.50	37.00			
NOV 2019	871.00	882.50	26.25	11.50	907.00	24.50	36.00			
JAN 2010	882.00	894.50	26.25	12.50	917.50	23.00	35.50			



CBOT Soybean Meal						
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight				
JUL 2019	312.8	320.60				
AUG 2019	313.9	321.70				
SEP 2019	315.5	323.00				
OCT 2019	316.9	323.70				
DEC 2019	320	327.70				

CBOT Soybean Oil						
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight				
JUL 2019	27.29	27.69				
AUG 2019	27.41	27.80				
SEP 2019	27.54	27.94				
OCT 2019	27.68	28.03				
DEC 2019	27.99	28.38				

FarmFutures - Soybeans surged today, creating gaps on old and new crop charts. November futures traded to a new high for the month, while July came close. July settled up 26.25 cents at \$8.56 and November gained 26.5 cents to \$8.8275.

Initial volume was put at 250,477, compared to 168,601 on Friday. Friday's Commitment of Traders showed only modest short covering last week from funds, but more of the big soeculators headed to the exits as question about acreage errew after the holiday weekend.

While traders assume several million corn acres could wind up in soybeans, that assumption started to look a bit thin with more rains in the forecast for the next two weeks. Today's crop progress report could show a record-low 30% of the crop seeded, and delays are starting to take a toll on production prospects. Farm Futures analysis shows yield potential off around 2 bushels per acre already, though favorable weather into August could offset that loss. The market also drew a little encouragement from this morning's export inspections. China accounted for 10 million bushels of the 19.6 million inspected last week, but still has nearly 250 million bushels of unshipped sales on the books.

That export demand boosted basis today along parts of the Ohio River, which are still able to move barges down to the Gulf, through restrictions due to flooding remain in place.

#### **South African Futures Exchange**

	Soybean Future							
	МТМ	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price				
Dec 2018								
Mar 2019								
May 2019								
Jul 2019	R 4850.00	15%	R 231.47	R 5 081.47				
Sep 2019	R 4 941.00	0%	R 233.33	R 5 174.33				
Dec 2019	R 5 064.00	14%		R 5 064.00				
Jul 2019	R 4850.00	15%	R 231.47	R 5 081.47				

 Sunflower Set

 MTM
 Vols

 Dec 2018
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 Mar 2019
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 May 2019
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 Jul 2019
 R 5 035.00
 17.25%

 Sep 2019
 R 5 170.00
 0%

 Dec 2019
 R 5 294.00
 16%

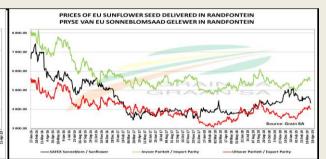
 Jul 2019
 R 5 035.00
 17.25%



The local Soya market traded higher yesterday. The local Jul'19 Soya contract ended R100.00 up and Sep'19 Soya closed R100.00 higher. The parity move for the Jul'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R221.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The local Jul'19 Suns contract closed R35.00 up and Sep'19 Suns closed R17.00 higher.







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