



**Fundamental Report**  
**18 June 2019**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
<b>USDollar/Rand</b>		The record	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Euro/Rand	16.6980	16.6232	-0.0748	-0.45%
GBPound/Rand	18.7362	18.5299	-0.2063	-1.10%
AusDollar/Rand	10.2202	10.1168	-0.1034	-1.01%
Euro/USDollar	1.1268	1.1231	-0.0037	-0.33%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2651	1.2525	-0.0126	-1.00%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6899	0.6836	-0.0063	-0.91%
JpyYen/USDollar	108.1800	108.2800	0.1000	0.09%

BDLive - The JSE fell on Friday in broad-based losses, but ended the week a little higher, as investors digested data indicating a global economic slowdown.

Sentiment cooled after data earlier showed that Chinese industrial production growth fell to a 17-year low in May. US retail sales numbers for May also disappointed, growing 0.5% year-on-year, against market expectations of 0.6%, although April's figure was revised upwards.

Markets also remain on edge after two oil tankers were attacked in the Persian Gulf, analysts said, while uncertainty regarding how the US-China trade war will unfold persists.

The rand was a little firmer on Friday, putting some pressure on rand hedges, but the outlook for the currency remains somewhat cloudy. Political noise around the nationalisation of the Reserve Bank was weighing on the currency, whose bias was for weakening the rand, said Nedbank Corporate and Investment Banking analyst Walter de Wet in a note.

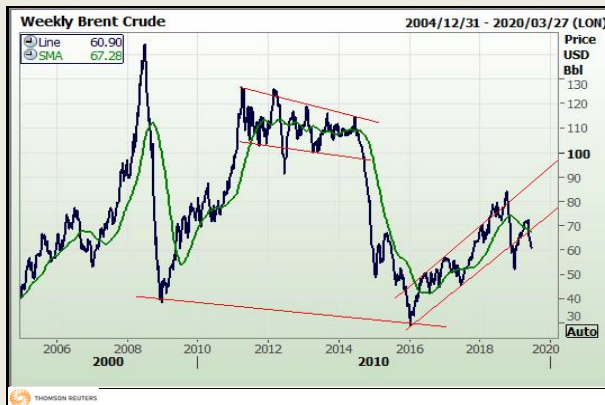


### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	786.94	-5.06	-0.64%
Gold	1341.36	2.08	0.15%
Silver	14.84	0.00	0.03%
Copper	2.65	0.00	0.06%
Gasoil	553.75	-4.25	-0.77%
Brent Oil	60.88	-0.06	-0.10%

BDLive - Bengaluru - Gold hit its highest since April 2018 on Friday as intensifying political concerns in the Middle East and weak economic data from China and the US pushed it above the \$1,350 level. Spot gold was up 1% to \$1,355.00 an ounce at 10.22am GMT, after hitting its highest since April last year at \$1,358.04 earlier in the session. Prices have risen 1.1% so far this week, keeping the metal on track for its fourth consecutive weekly gain. US gold futures jumped 1.1% to \$1,357.9 an ounce. "In people's minds there is a sense of a deeply darkening macro-economic backdrop, in particular the likelihood that the US will drop interest rate quite soon," said Ross Norman, CEO at bullion dealer Sharps Pixley.

Investors are getting ahead of the curve by buying gold in expectation that the US Federal Reserve will have to reverse its previous tightening policy, by extension pressuring the dollar and lifting gold, Norman said.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	52166.68	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	52152.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2886.98	2.69	0.09%
FTSE	7345.78	11.53	0.16%
CAC	5390.95	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12085.82	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	27227.16	200.10	0.73%



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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	447.00	454.75	1.75	7.75	447.25	-7.50	0.25
SEP 2019	451.00	461.50	3.25	10.50	453.50	-8.00	2.50
DEC 2019	458.00	468.50	5.00	10.50	461.25	-7.25	3.25
MAR 2010	463.00	473.00	5.50	10.00	466.25	-6.75	3.25
MAY 2010	464.00	474.00	5.50	10.00	468.00	-6.00	4.00

FarmFutures - Corn prices attracted some technical buying Monday, thanks in large part to spillover strength from surging soybean prices. July futures added 1.75 cents to \$4.5475, with September futures up 3.25 cents to \$4.6150.

Corn basis bids were steady to mixed Monday, trending 2 to 3 cents higher at two interior river terminals but falling as much as 5 cents at an Illinois ethanol plant today. Ahead of Monday afternoon's USDA crop progress report, analysts expect the agency to show corn progress reaching 92% complete as of June 16. Analysts expect no changes to USDA's assessment of this year's corn crop quality from a week ago, with 59% in good-to-excellent condition. Corn export inspections reached 25.7 million bushels for the week ending June 13, which was moderately below the prior week's tally of 33.5 million bushels and on the low end of trade estimates that ranged between 23 million and 35 million bushels. Japan was the No. 1 destination, with 9.3 million bushels.

The European Union Crop Monitor slightly raised its per-acre assessment of 2019 EU corn yields from 117.8 bushels per acre a month ago up to 119.7 bpa. Taiwan issued an international tender to purchase 1.2 million bushels of corn from the U.S., which closes June 26. The grain would be shipped in late August or September.

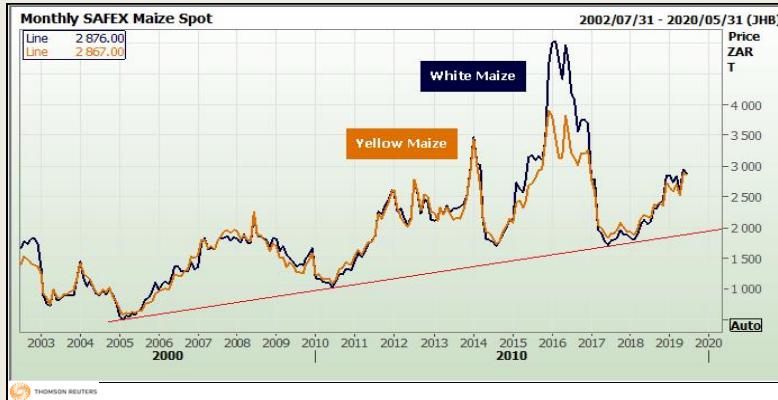
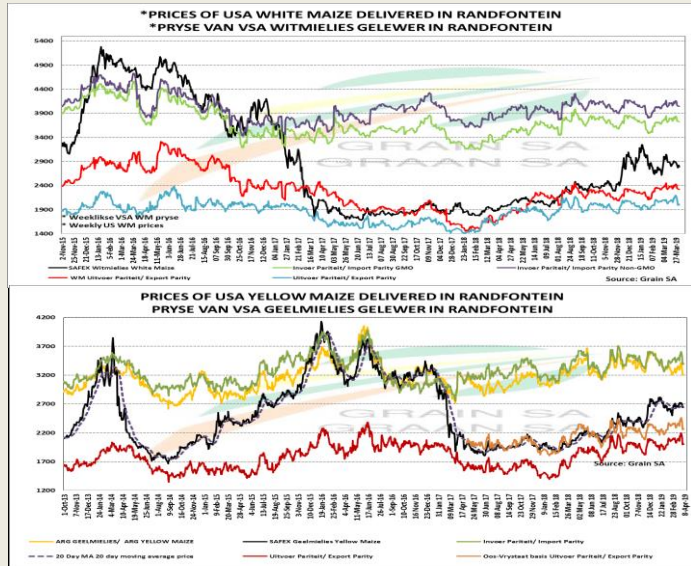
What are you doing with your unplanted acres this year after crop insurance deadlines passed? Farm Futures continues to gather farmer anecdotes and populate our interactive map in our Feedback from the Field feature - click here to learn more. On the Mississippi River, meantime, hundreds of barges are waiting for closed sections to reopen. Just when that happens remains a day-to-day proposition for now. Find out how all of this has been affecting basis levels in the latest Basis Outlook column from Farm Futures senior grain market analyst Bryce Knorr. Preliminary volume estimates were for 563,890 contracts, shrinking 32% below Friday's final count of 835,017.



## South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019	R 2 901.00	34%		R 2 901.00
Sep 2019	R 2 949.00	25%		R 2 949.00
Dec 2019	R 3 047.00	27.25%		R 3 047.00
Jul 2019	R 2 901.00	34%		R 2 901.00
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019	R 2 887.00	27%		R 2 887.00
Sep 2019	R 2 937.00	20%		R 2 937.00
Dec 2019	R 3 018.00	20.5%		R 3 018.00
Jul 2019	R 2 887.00	27%		R 2 887.00

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The local Jul'19 WMAZ contract ended R28.00 up and Jul'19 YMAZ closed R28.00 higher. The Sep'19 WMAZ closed higher by R28.00 and Sep'19 YMAZ ended R31.00 up. The parity move for the Jul'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R7.00 negative.



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## Wheat Market

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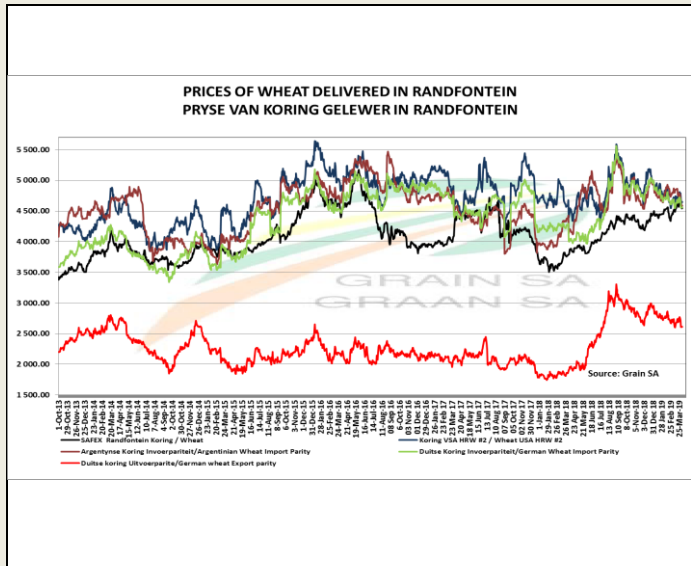
CBOT Wheat									KBOT Wheat						
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
JUL 2019	537.00	539.50	1.00	2.50	530.75	-8.75	-6.25	JUL 2019	470.00	475.50	-0.75	5.50	467.50	-8.00	-2.50
SEP 2019	540.00	542.75	0.75	2.75	533.75	-9.00	-6.25	SEP 2019	483.00	487.50	-1.00	4.50	479.75	-7.75	-3.25
DEC 2019	551.00	554.00	0.75	3.00	545.00	-9.00	-6.00	DEC 2019	505.00	509.00	-0.50	4.00	501.75	-7.25	-3.25
MAR 2010	558.00	564.25	1.25	6.25	556.50	-7.75	-1.50	MAR 2010	526.00	529.50	-0.25	3.50	522.50	-7.00	-3.50
MAY 2010	563.00	567.50	2.50	4.50	559.50	-8.00	-3.50	MAY 2010	538.00	541.50	-0.25	3.50	533.75	-7.75	-4.25



FarmFutures - Wheat prices engaged in some technical maneuvering Monday, with narrowly mixed results. July Chicago SRW futures added a penny to reach \$5.3950, while July Kansas City HRW futures dropped 1.75 cents to \$4.7450 and July MGEX spring wheat futures fell 3 cents to \$5.6025. Ahead of this afternoon's USDA crop progress report, analysts expect the U.S. winter wheat crop to have made a little harvest progress, moving from 4% the week prior to 10% as of June 16. Quality-wise, analysts expect USDA to slightly downgrade the crop from 64% in good-to-excellent condition a week ago down to 63%. Spring wheat crop condition is expected to remain stable, with 81% in good-to-excellent condition. Wheat export inspections are now in their first full week of the 2019/20 marketing year, tallying 13.8 million bushels. The European Union Crop Monitor slightly raised its per-acre yield estimates for the 2018/19 EU soft wheat crop from 89.96 bushels per acre a month ago up to 90.7 bpa. Estimated Russian wheat exports in June are expected to reach the lowest monthly total of the country's 2018/19 marketing year, at just 29.4 million bushels. Russia is the world's No. 1 wheat exporter. Preliminary volume estimates were for 153,487 CBOT contracts, falling moderately below Friday's final count of 193,327.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019	R 4 475.00	12%		R 4 475.00
Sep 2019	R 4 480.00	0%		R 4 480.00
Dec 2019	R 4 428.00	12.5%		R 4 428.00
Jul 2019	R 4 475.00	12%		R 4 475.00
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019				
Jul 2019				



The local Wheat market closed lower yesterday. The local Jul'19 Wheat contract closed R1.00 down and Sep'19 Wheat closed R2.00 lower. The parity move for the Jul'19 Wheat contract for yesterday was R33.00 negative.



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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	890.00	912.75	16.00	22.75	907.75	-5.00
AUG 2019	896.00	919.25	16.25	23.25	914.25	-5.00
SEP 2019	903.00	926.25	16.25	23.25	920.00	-6.25
NOV 2019	917.00	939.50	16.00	22.50	934.25	-5.25
JAN 2010	929.00	950.75	15.75	21.75	945.75	-5.00

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JUL 2019	324.3	321.80
AUG 2019	325.7	322.90
SEP 2019	327.6	325.20
OCT 2019	329.3	326.50
DEC 2019	333	330.70

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JUL 2019	28.14	28.22
AUG 2019	28.28	28.36
SEP 2019	28.4	28.48
OCT 2019	28.52	28.64
DEC 2019	28.79	28.88



FarmFutures - Soybean prices found major tailwinds to start the week as planting concerns mount ahead of USDA's next weekly crop progress report, with gains totaling around 1.5% Monday as analysts think more than a fifth of this year's U.S. crop still isn't in the ground. July futures gained 16 cents to \$9.1275, with August futures up 16.25 cents to \$9.1925.

Soybean basis bids were steady to firm Monday, rising 1 to 5 cents across multiple Midwestern locations today. Ahead of this afternoon's USDA crop progress report, analysts expect the agency to show soybean planting progress at 79% complete. That's a big jump from the prior week's tally of 60% but still a long way behind the five-year average of 93%. Soybean export inspections were for 24.8 million bushels last week, slipping below the prior week's total of 27.0 million bushels and landing in the middle of trade guesses that ranged between 18 million and 36 million bushels. China was the top destination, accounting for 10.1 million bushels. The National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA) announced a U.S. May soybean crush of 154.796 million bushels, which fell from April's total and also came in lower year-over-year. NOPA's May crush was also moderately below analyst expectations of 162.474 million bushels. China sold 7.9 million bushels of its state reserves of soybeans at auction earlier today, which was 71.9% of the total available for sale.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 271,434 contracts, down from last Friday's final count of 298,985.

### South African Futures Exchange

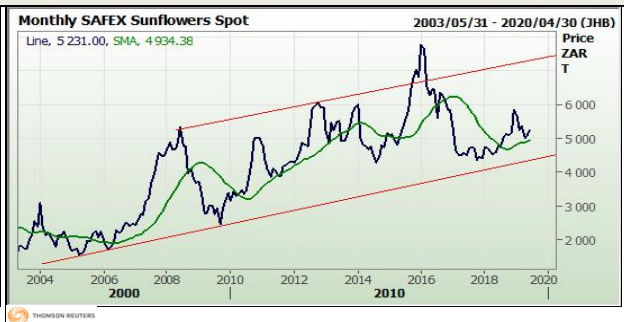
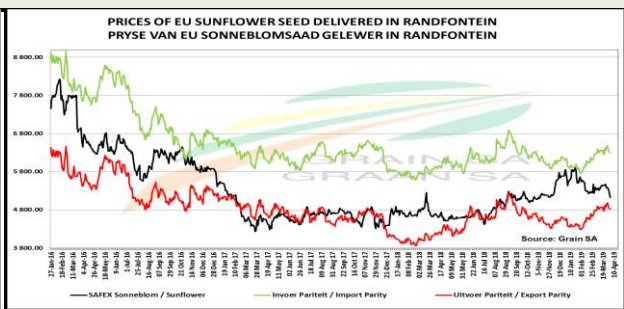
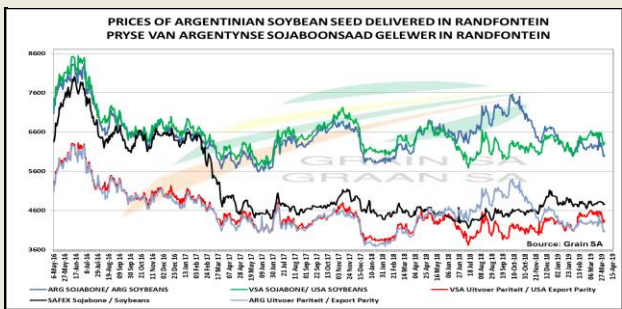
Soybean Future			
	MTM	Vols	Market Price
Dec 2018			
Mar 2019			
May 2019			
Jul 2019	R 5 584.00	15%	R 5 584.00
Sep 2019	R 5 650.00	0%	R 5 650.00
Dec 2019	R 5 742.00	14%	R 5 742.00
Jul 2019	R 5 584.00	15%	R 5 584.00

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Dec 2018		
Mar 2019		
May 2019		
Jul 2019	R 5 260.00	17.25%
Sep 2019	R 5 360.00	0%
Dec 2019	R 5 491.00	16%
Jul 2019	R 5 260.00	17.25%



The local Soya market traded higher yesterday. The local Jul'19 Soya contract ended R122.00 up and Sep'19 Soya closed R93.00 higher. The parity move for the Jul'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R89.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The local Jul'19 Suns contract closed R21.00 down and Sep'19 Suns closed R15.00 lower.



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