



**Fundamental Report**  
**05 June 2019**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.5892	14.6138	0.0246	0.17%
Euro/Rand	16.4098	16.4658	0.0560	0.34%
GBPound/Rand	18.4868	18.5702	0.0834	0.45%
AusDollar/Rand	10.1845	10.2333	0.0488	0.48%
Euro/USDollar	1.1247	1.1259	0.0012	0.11%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2666	1.2701	0.0035	0.28%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6978	0.6998	0.0020	0.29%
JpyYen/USDollar	108.0300	108.1200	0.0900	0.08%

BDLive - Miners and other companies with predominantly offshore earnings helped the JSE close higher on Tuesday, as the rand weakened in the wake of data showing the economy contracted in the first quarter the most since the worst of the financial crisis a decade ago.

These gains helped offset losses in banks on a weaker rand.

GDP contracted 3.2% in the first quarter from the last three months of 2018, twice the rate expected in the Bloomberg consensus, underscoring the fragility of SA's expected economic recovery.

The ANC added fuel to the fire, announcing after its national executive committee (NEC) meeting that it had resolved to expand the Reserve Bank's mandate to include job creation, raising the spectre of political interference in monetary policy.



### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	820.88	5.38	0.66%
Gold	1325.52	0.64	0.05%
Silver	14.78	-0.04	-0.24%
Copper	2.67	0.00	0.02%
Gasoil	557.75	-2.75	-0.49%
Brent Oil	61.76	-0.21	-0.34%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold hit a more than three-month high on Tuesday as expectations rose that the US Federal Reserve would cut interest rates to offset the effect on growth of the US-China trade war, fuelling demand.

Lower interest rates cut the opportunity cost of holding nonyielding commodities, while gold also tends to benefit from growth concerns as an alternative to cyclical assets like stocks.

Spot gold was 0.1% higher at \$1,325.72 per ounce as of 10.18am GMT, after touching its highest since February 27 at \$1,328.98 in the previous session.

US gold futures were up 0.2% at \$1,330.50 an ounce.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	50452.38	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	50531.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2744.45	58.82	2.14%
FTSE	7184.80	29.49	0.41%
CAC	5268.26	0.00	0.00%
DAX	11971.17	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	26761.52	118.67	0.44%



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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	432.00	425.25	1.00	-6.75	420.75	-4.50	-11.25
SEP 2019	442.00	434.75	1.00	-7.25	430.00	-4.75	-12.00
DEC 2019	450.00	444.00	2.25	-6.00	439.50	-4.50	-10.50
MAR 2010	457.00	452.75	2.00	-4.25	448.00	-4.75	-9.00
MAY 2010	459.00	455.50	2.00	-3.50	449.75	-5.75	-9.25

FarmFutures - Corn prices started Tuesday's session with significant overnight gains but faded throughout the day to finish with meager gains. July and September futures each picked up a penny to close at \$4.2525 and \$4.3475, respectively.

Corn basis bids firmed between 2 and 4 cents across multiple Midwestern locations Tuesday, remaining steady elsewhere in the central U.S. today. Corn planting progress reached 67% as of June 2, up from 58% a week ago but still far behind 2018's pace of 96% and the five-year average of 96%. Analysts expected a more robust pace of 71%, although trade guesses ranged between 68% and 76%. Another 46% of the corn crop is now emerged. The previous slowest planting pace was in 1981, when 87% of the crop was in the ground at this time. Farmers have been chatting about slow planting pace, slow emergence, falling yield potential and more in the latest updates from Farm Futures' Feedback From the Field - click here to access exclusive farmer anecdotes and view our interactive map. And amid this spring's slow planting pace in the U.S., corn exports in Argentina have boomed 100% higher year-over-year after topping 118 million bushels in May. A devaluation of the Argentinian peso is also a major factor in the latest export trends. Ethanol plants consumed 440 million bushels of corn in April, right in line with Farm Futures estimates. Strong summer use will be needed to meet USDA forecasts for the 2018/19 marketing year, however. The Ag Economy Barometer, a survey conducted regularly by Purdue University and the CME Group, showed farmer sentiment has fallen to the lowest levels since October 2016, after feeling continued pressure from a sluggish planting pace and crumbling trade talks with China. Click here to learn more. Fertilizer prices are in flux - and there could be some deals to be had, especially for farmers focusing on 2020. Click here to read more in the latest Fertilizer Outlook column from Farm Futures senior grain market analyst Bryce Knorr.

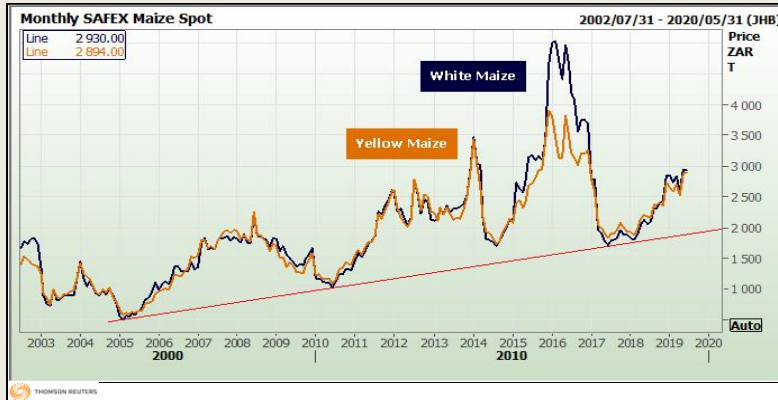
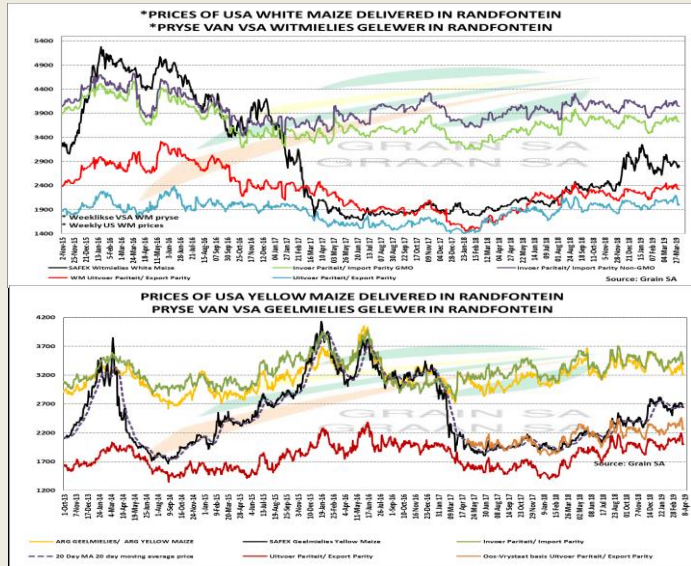
Preliminary volume estimates were for 515,403 contracts, falling 8% below Monday's final count of 562,135.



### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019	R 2 960.00	42.75%	R -60.54	R 2 899.46
Sep 2019	R 3 012.00	25%	R -64.76	R 2 947.24
Dec 2019	R 3 100.00	25.5%	R -56.05	R 3 043.95
Jul 2019	R 2 960.00	42.75%	R -60.54	R 2 899.46
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019	R 2 918.00	28%	R -60.54	R 2 857.46
Sep 2019	R 2 970.00	19%	R -64.76	R 2 905.24
Dec 2019	R 3 042.00	18.5%	R -56.05	R 2 985.95
Jul 2019	R 2 918.00	28%	R -60.54	R 2 857.46

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The local Jul'19 WMAZ contract ended R45.00 up and Jul'19 YMAZ closed R36.00 higher. The Sep'19 WMAZ closed higher by R47.00 and Sep'19 YMAZ ended R37.00 up. The parity move for the Jul'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R64.00 negative.



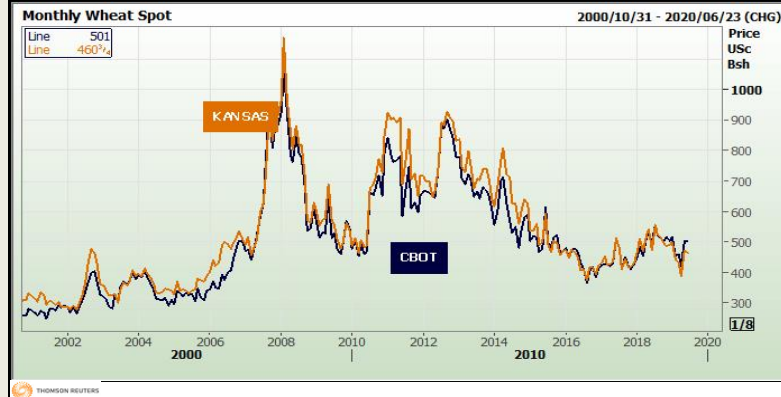
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## Wheat Market

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

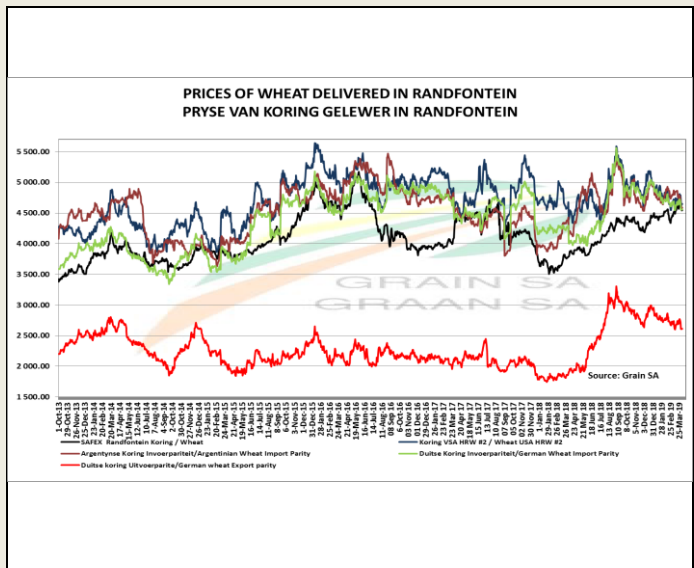
CBOT Wheat								KBOT Wheat							
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
JUL 2019	516.00	507.25	-12.50	-8.75	501.25	-6.00	-14.75	JUL 2019	478.00	468.50	-18.25	-9.50	460.75	-7.75	-17.25
SEP 2019	522.00	514.75	-11.25	-7.25	508.50	-6.25	-13.50	SEP 2019	490.00	481.50	-17.25	-8.50	473.50	-8.00	-16.50
DEC 2019	535.00	528.50	-10.25	-6.50	520.00	-8.50	-15.00	DEC 2019	509.00	503.50	-15.00	-5.50	495.75	-7.75	-13.25
MAR 2010	548.00	541.50	-9.75	-6.50	533.75	-7.75	-14.25	MAR 2010	527.00	523.50	-13.50	-3.50	515.50	-8.00	-11.50
MAY 2010	551.00	548.25	-8.00	-2.75	538.50	-9.75	-12.50	MAY 2010	538.00	535.75	-10.25	-2.25	525.50	-10.25	-12.50



FarmFutures - Wheat prices were down significantly Tuesday, with some contracts dropping nearly 4% after USDA reported better-than-expected crop quality late yesterday afternoon. July Chicago SRW futures fell 12.5 cents to \$5.0725, July Kansas City HRW futures tumbled 19 cents to \$4.6775, and July MGEX spring wheat futures dropped 3 cents to \$5.5950. Spring wheat planting progress is nearly caught up to prior years, reaching 93% complete last week - versus 96% for the five-year average. Of that, 69% of the crop is now emerged. The crop is also in relatively good condition, with USDA rating 83% in good-to-excellent condition, versus 70% last year. Winter wheat crop condition held mostly steady, against analyst expectations. For this past week, 64% was rated in good-to-excellent condition, with 27% rated fair and the final 9% rated poor or very poor. Analysts estimated USDA would drop quality ratings to 59% in good-to-excellent condition. Physiologically, 76% of the U.S. winter wheat crop is now headed, up from 66% the prior week but still moderately behind 2018's pace of 82% and the five-year average of 84%. Japan is seeking to purchase 2.8 million bushels of food-quality wheat from the U.S. and Australia in a regular tender that closes Thursday. Of the total, around 75% is expected to be sourced from the U.S. Preliminary volume estimates were for 195,047 CBOT contracts, trending about 30% above Monday's final count of 149,282.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019	R 4 530.00	12%	R -74.54	R 4 455.46
Sep 2019	R 4 500.00	0%	R -67.77	R 4 432.23
Dec 2019	R 4 433.00	12.5%	R -75.71	R 4 357.29
Jul 2019	R 4 530.00	12%	R -74.54	R 4 455.46
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
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 R60.00 up and Sep'19 Weat closed R40.00 higher. The parity move for the Jul'19 Weat contract for yesterday was R79.00 negative.



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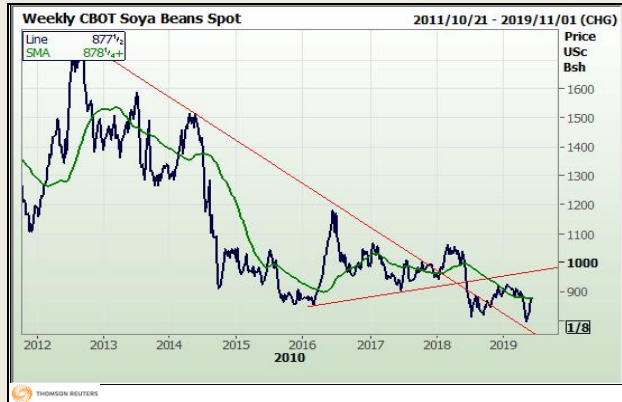
## Oil Seed Market

### 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	891.00	881.75	2.75	-9.25	876.50	-5.25
AUG 2019	897.00	888.75	3.00	-8.25	883.00	-5.75
SEP 2019	904.00	896.00	3.00	-8.00	890.50	-5.50
NOV 2019	918.00	909.25	3.00	-8.75	904.25	-5.00
JAN 2010	929.00	921.75	3.75	-7.25	916.00	-5.75

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JUL 2019	321	318.00
AUG 2019	322.7	320.10
SEP 2019	324.5	321.20
OCT 2019	326.4	323.90
DEC 2019	330	327.00

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JUL 2019	27.49	27.48
AUG 2019	27.63	27.62
SEP 2019	27.75	27.74
OCT 2019	27.87	27.85
DEC 2019	28.15	28.12



FarmFutures - Soybean prices held on for small gains amidst a choppy session Tuesday, thanks to concerns over a historically late-planted U.S. crop. July futures picked up 2.75 cents to \$8.8175, with August futures up 3 cents to \$8.8875. Soybean basis bids were steady to firm Tuesday, moving 1 to 5 cents higher across multiple Midwestern locations today.

Soybean planting pace reached 39% as of June 2 - up from 29% the prior week but well behind 2018's pace of 86% and the five-year average of 79%. Analysts anticipated USDA would mark 42% of the crop planted this past week, with individual guesses ranging between 39% and 45%. Nineteen percent of this year's soybean crop is now emerged, versus 11% a week ago.

Previously, the slowest planting pace on record was in 1995, when 43% of the crop was in the ground by this time of year.

China is reportedly stockpiling more than 250 million bushels of soybeans instead of crushing them for sale as the country appears to be hunkering down with no trade truce with the U.S. immediately in sight.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 181,824 contracts, down slightly from Monday's final count of 210,831.

### South African Futures Exchange

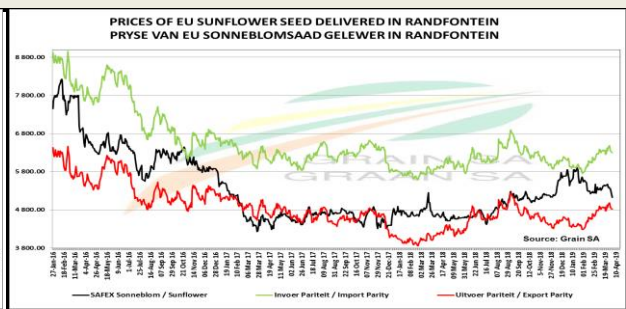
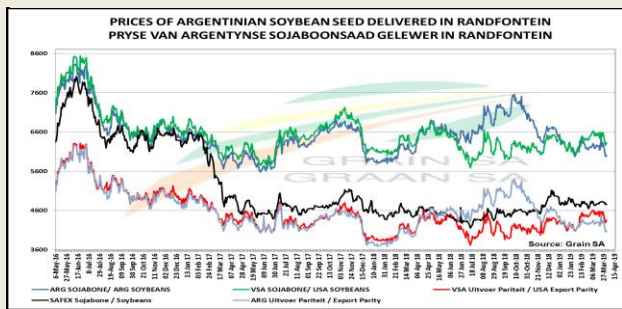
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019	R 5 280.00	15%	R -69.81	R 5 210.19
Sep 2019	R 5 372.00	0%	R -64.32	R 5 307.68
Dec 2019	R 5 461.00	14%		R 5 461.00
Jul 2019	R 5 280.00	15%	R -69.81	R 5 210.19

Sunflower Seeds Future			
	MTM	Vols	
Dec 2018			
Mar 2019			
May 2019			
Jul 2019	R 5 263.00	17.25%	
Sep 2019	R 5 381.00	0%	
Dec 2019	R 5 488.00	16%	
Jul 2019	R 5 263.00	17.25%	



The local Soya market traded higher yesterday. The local Jul'19 Soya contract ended R20.00 up and Sep'19 Soya closed R22.00 higher. The parity move for the Jul'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R66.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The local Jul'19 Suns contract closed R89.00 up and Sep'19 Suns closed R74.00 higher.



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