



**Fundamental Report**  
**01 July 2019**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
<b>USDollar/Rand</b>		The record	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Euro/Rand	16.1448	15.9822	-0.1626	-1.01%
GBPound/Rand	17.9757	17.8756	-0.1001	-0.56%
AusDollar/Rand	9.9357	9.8613	-0.0744	-0.75%
Euro/USDollar	1.1384	1.1351	-0.0033	-0.29%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2679	1.2697	0.0018	0.14%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.7006	0.7004	-0.0002	-0.03%
JpyYen/USDollar	107.6600	108.2400	0.5800	0.54%

BDLive - The JSE closed higher on Friday, led by gains in Naspers, with the all share posting its best monthly performance since April 2018. The local bourse benefited from dovish US Federal Reserve commentary in June, and markets have now priced in a 100% chance of the Fed cutting interest rates in July.

Gold miners led the gains for June, with the index up almost 25%, its best performance in three years. Platinum miners added 14.84% in the month, as the price of platinum's sister metal palladium continued its push higher. Gold has firmed and the dollar has weakened as the market prices in US rate cuts. Gold is seen as a hedge against loose monetary policy.

The all share gained 0.24% to 58,203.8 points on Friday and the top 40 0.27%. Gold miners rose 0.38% and platinum 0.67%, while banks fell 0.62%. The all share fell 1.25% for the week, but added 4.59% in June. At 5.47pm, the rand was flat at R14.1516/\$. It has gained 3% in June, its best month since January.



### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	829.22	-3.78	-0.46%
Gold	1391.87	-17.23	-1.24%
Silver	15.21	-0.10	-0.66%
Copper	2.75	0.03	1.18%
Gasoil	600.25	5.25	0.87%
Brent Oil	66.23	1.49	2.25%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices edged up on Friday amid doubts that a highly anticipated meeting between the US and China would ease trade tensions, driving bullion to its best month in three years.

Spot gold was up 0.4% at \$1,414.24 an ounce at 11.33am GMT. Gold has risen nearly 8.4% so far this month, on track for its biggest monthly percentage gain since June 2016. The metal is also set to post its sixth consecutive weekly rise, having gained 1.1% so far this week. US gold futures climbed 0.4% to \$1,417.40.

White House economic adviser, Larry Kudlow said US President Donald Trump had agreed no pre-conditions for his high-stakes meeting with China's President Xi Jinping and is maintaining his threat to impose new tariffs on Chinese goods.

"Doubts about the success of the meeting between the two leaders have been weighing on risky assets; that is positive for gold," said Quantitative Commodity Research analyst Peter Fertig.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	52198.94	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	52501.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2924.92	16.84	0.58%
FTSE	7402.33	23.30	0.31%
CAC	5538.97	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12398.80	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	28621.42	-78.80	-0.28%



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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	439.00	420.25	-19.75	-18.75	420.50	0.25	-18.50
SEP 2019	445.00	424.75	-21.00	-20.25	425.50	0.75	-19.50
DEC 2019	451.00	431.50	-19.50	-19.50	432.00	0.50	-19.00
MAR 2010	457.00	439.50	-17.25	-17.50	440.00	0.50	-17.00
MAY 2010	458.00	443.00	-15.00	-15.00	443.75	0.75	-14.25

FarmFutures - Corn prices saw the steepest single-day decline in more than three years after USDA reported much higher U.S. acres than anticipated this morning. July futures tumbled 19.75 cents lower to \$4.2025, with September futures sinking 21 cents to \$4.2475.

Corn basis bids were steady to firm Friday, moving 3 to 6 cents higher at two Midwestern ethanol plants and 2 cents higher at a Nebraska processor today. Planted corn acres this year are expected to reach 91.7 million acres, according to USDA after releasing its annual acreage report this morning. That tally is 3% higher than 2018's total. Expected harvested acres are moderately lower, at 83.6 million acres, but still 2% above last year.

Analysts, in contrast, were expecting USDA to show 86.662 million acres in its annual acreage report, including a projection of 87.1 million acres from Farm Futures, which regularly participates in these surveys. Domestic corn stocks still took a dip year-over-year, moving to 5.202 billion bushels, versus 5.305 billion bushels the same time a year ago. Analysts were actually predicting a small increase, to 5.332 billion bushels. French consultancy FranceAgriMer slightly upgraded its estimates for the country's corn crop quality from 81% in good-to-excellent condition a week ago to 82% for the week ending June 24.

Across the entire European Union, the European Commission raised its estimates for the region's 2019/20 corn production to 2.728 billion bushels. Estimated corn imports for 2019/20 held steady, at 610 million bushels.

It may be a good time to book nitrogen, according to Farm Futures senior grain market analyst Bryce Knorr. Learn more about the latest fertilizer trends in Knorr's Fertilizer Outlook column.

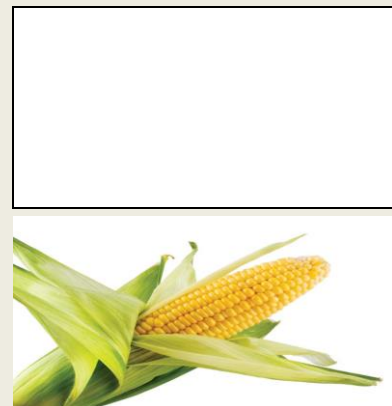
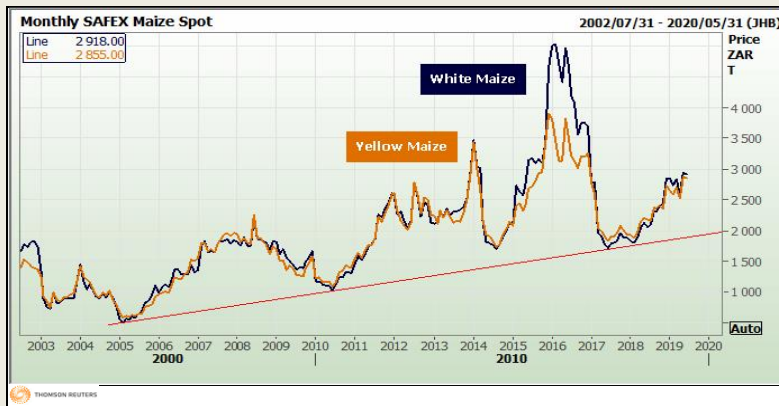
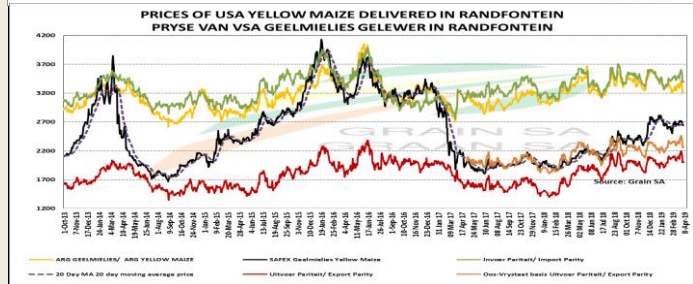
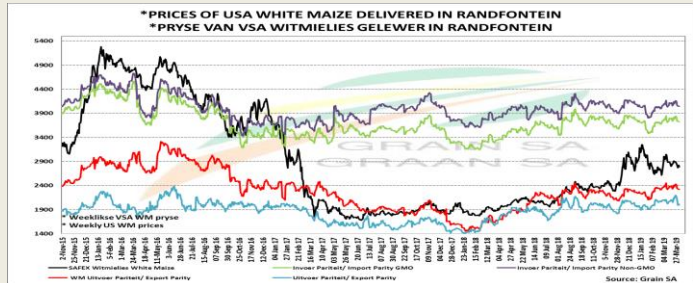
Preliminary volume estimates were for 644,223 contracts, jumping 36% above Thursday's final count of 475,341.



## South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019	R 2 918.00	31.5%		R 2 918.00
Sep 2019	R 2 963.00	25%		R 2 963.00
Dec 2019	R 3 053.00	28%		R 3 053.00
Jul 2019	R 2 918.00	31.5%		R 2 918.00
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019	R 2 855.00	26.5%		R 2 855.00
Sep 2019	R 2 912.00	21.5%		R 2 912.00
Dec 2019	R 2 989.00	21.5%		R 2 989.00
Jul 2019	R 2 855.00	26.5%		R 2 855.00

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The local Jul'19 WMAZ contract ended R30.00 up and Jul'19 YMAZ closed R18.00 higher. The Sep'19 WMAZ closed higher by R20.00 and Sep'19 YMAZ ended R18.00 up. The parity move for the Jul'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R119.00 negative.



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## Wheat Market

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

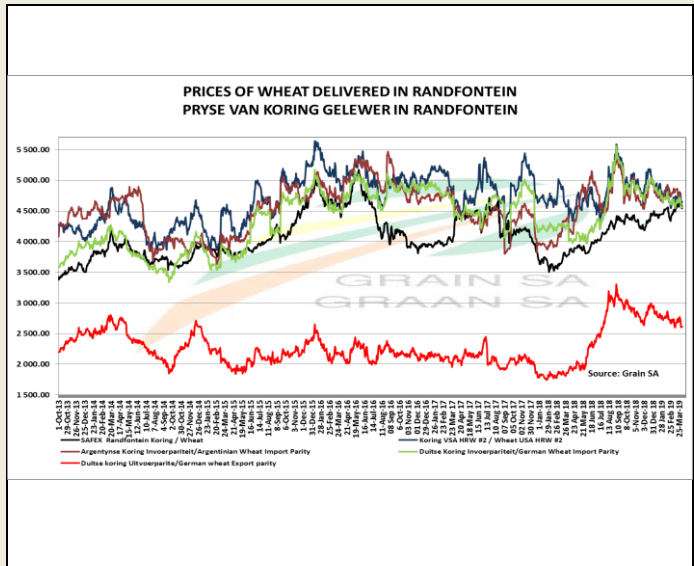
CBOT Wheat								KBOT Wheat							
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
JUL 2019	545.00	528.00	-19.50	-17.00	529.00	1.00	-16.00	JUL 2019	465.00	451.50	-16.50	-13.50	452.00	0.50	-13.00
SEP 2019	543.00	527.25	-19.50	-15.75	525.75	-1.50	-17.25	SEP 2019	478.00	461.50	-20.00	-16.50	461.25	-0.25	-16.75
DEC 2019	552.00	538.50	-18.25	-13.50	537.00	-1.50	-15.00	DEC 2019	499.00	484.50	-18.75	-14.50	483.50	-1.00	-15.50
MAR 2010	561.00	548.75	-17.00	-12.25	547.00	-1.75	-14.00	MAR 2010	519.00	505.00	-18.00	-14.00	504.25	-0.75	-14.75
MAY 2010	562.00	551.50	-19.50	-10.50	550.00	-1.50	-12.00	MAY 2010	530.00	516.50	-17.50	-13.50	515.75	-0.75	-14.25



FarmFutures - Wheat prices weren't directly affected by USDA's acreage report data this morning but still faced some significant cuts on technical selling prompted by spillover weakness from corn. July Chicago SRW futures sank 19.5 cents to \$5.28, while July Kansas City HRW futures lost 15.5 cents to \$4.5250. MGEX spring wheat contracts bucked the trend on lower expected acres, with July futures firming 2.75 cents to \$5.5325. USDA's assessment for 2019/20 all-wheat U.S. acres declined slightly, to 45.6 million acres after the agency increased estimates for winter wheat acres but lowered estimates for spring wheat acres. Analysts expectations were nearly on the nose here, with estimates of 45.654 million acres, including a Farm Futures projection of 45.5 million acres. Domestic wheat stocks declined slightly year-over-year, moving from 1.099 billion bushels in 2018 down to 1.072 billion bushels. Analysts were expecting a fractional increase, with an average trade guess of 1.100 billion bushels. French consultancy FranceAgriMer held steady its estimates for the country's soft wheat crop quality, keeping it at 80% in good-to-excellent condition by June 24. Across the entire European Union, the European Commission estimates 2019/20 EU wheat production will reach 5.229 billion bushels. EU exports this marketing year remain unchanged from prior estimates of 937 million bushels. Preliminary volume estimates were for 110,877 CBOT contracts, falling about 20% below Thursday's final count of 138,920.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019	R 4 485.00	12%		R 4 485.00
Sep 2019	R 4 480.00	0%		R 4 480.00
Dec 2019	R 4 420.00	12.5%		R 4 420.00
Jul 2019	R 4 485.00	12%		R 4 485.00
<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 R18.00 up and Sep'19 Weat closed R11.00 higher. The parity move for the Jul'19 Weat contract for yesterday was R100.00 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	892.00	899.75	12.00	7.75	907.00	7.25
AUG 2019	897.00	904.50	10.75	7.50	910.75	6.25
SEP 2019	903.00	911.00	11.00	8.00	916.50	5.50
NOV 2019	915.00	923.00	10.75	8.00	929.00	6.00
JAN 2010	926.00	934.50	10.75	8.50	940.00	5.50

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JUL 2019	313.1	314.80
AUG 2019	315.3	316.40
SEP 2019	317.3	318.20
OCT 2019	319.1	319.90
DEC 2019	322.9	323.80

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JUL 2019	28.24	28.27
AUG 2019	28.37	28.65
SEP 2019	28.49	28.74
OCT 2019	28.59	28.80
DEC 2019	28.83	29.10



FarmFutures - Soybean prices made significant inroads Friday after USDA reported fewer U.S. acres than anticipated. July futures climbed 12 cents to \$8.9975, with August futures up 10.75 cents to \$9.0450.

Soybean basis bids were unchanged across Midwestern locations today.

USDA pegged 2019 U.S. soybean acres well below analyst expectations in its annual acreage report this morning, with a total of 80.4 million acres. The average trade guess was for 84.355 million acres, including a Farm Futures estimate of 84.0 million acres. U.S. soybean stocks moved moderately higher year-over-year, from 1.219 billion bushels in June of 2018 up to 1.790 billion bushels. Analysts were expecting an even bigger bump, with an average trade guess of 1.861 billion bushels.

Private exporters reported the sale of 20.0 million bushels of soybeans for delivery to China during the 2018/19 marketing year, which ends August 31.

A group of seven analysts thinks USDA will report a May soybean crush totaling 164.3 million bushels, moving moderately below April's tally of 171.6 million bushels and down 4.7% year-over-year. The agency releases its official data Monday afternoon. Preliminary volume estimates were for 176,167 contracts, moving moderately below Thursday's final count of 269,272.

### South African Futures Exchange

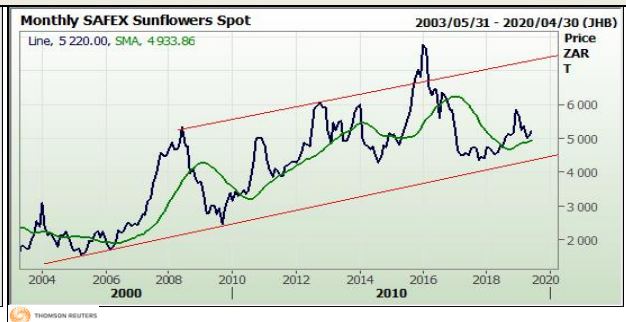
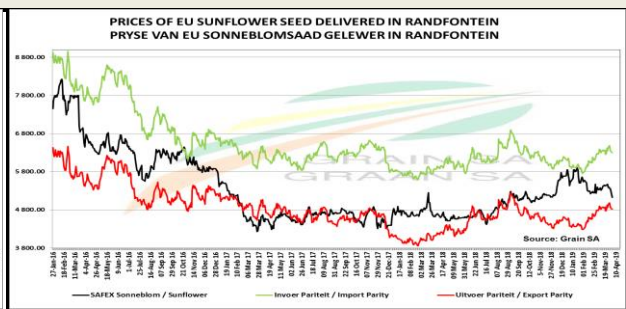
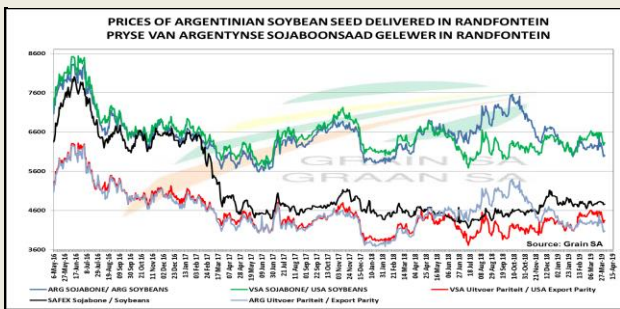
Soybean Future			
	MTM	Vols	Market Price
Dec 2018			
Mar 2019			
May 2019			
Jul 2019	R 5 348.00	15%	R 5 348.00
Sep 2019	R 5 452.00	0%	R 5 452.00
Dec 2019	R 5 554.00	14%	R 5 554.00
Jul 2019	R 5 348.00	15%	R 5 348.00

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Dec 2018		
Mar 2019		
May 2019		
Jul 2019	R 5 220.00	17.25%
Sep 2019	R 5 389.00	0%
Dec 2019	R 5 500.00	16%
Jul 2019	R 5 220.00	17.25%



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The local Jul'19 Soya contract ended R8.00 down and Sep'19 Soya closed R4.00 lower. The parity move for the Jul'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R49.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The local Jul'19 Suns contract closed R18.00 down and Sep'19 Suns closed R16.00 lower.



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