



**Fundamental Report**  
**26 July 2019**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
<b>USDollar/Rand</b>		The record	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Euro/Rand	15.5204	15.7062	0.1858	1.20%
GBPound/Rand	17.4096	17.5313	0.1217	0.70%
AusDollar/Rand	9.7156	9.7837	0.0681	0.70%
Euro/USDollar	1.1136	1.1149	0.0013	0.12%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2492	1.2446	-0.0046	-0.37%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6970	0.6943	-0.0027	-0.39%
JpyYen/USDollar	108.0500	108.6100	0.5600	0.52%

BDLive - The JSE closed lower on Thursday, tracking European stocks after the European Central Bank (ECB) opted to keep its interest rates unchanged.

Despite the decision, the ECB signaled that it may loosen monetary policy at future meetings, saying rates will remain at their "present or lower levels" at least throughout the first half of 2020. The ECB's dovish commentary comes a week before the US Federal Reserve is expected to cut rates by at least 25 basis points. Soon after the JSE closed, the Dow had fallen 0.31% to 27,186.45 points. In Europe, France's CAC 40 was down 0.46% and Germany's DAX 30 1.11%, while the FTSE 100 was flat.

Earlier, the Shanghai Composite gained 0.48%, Hong Kong's Hang Seng 0.25%, and Japan's Nikkei 225 0.22%. Locally, credit ratings agency Moody's Investors Service said in a statement on Thursday that Eskom's R59bn bailout under the Special Appropriation Bill is credit-negative for SA as it will add strain to the country's fiscal resources.



### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	867.98	2.98	0.34%
Gold	1416.37	2.24	0.16%
Silver	16.41	0.01	0.04%
Copper	2.71	0.00	0.07%
Gasoil	587.00	-1.25	-0.21%
Brent Oil	63.48	0.09	0.14%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices eased on Thursday as the US dollar hovered near multi-week highs, while some investors locked in profits ahead of major central bank meetings in the next week.

The European Central Bank (ECB) is meeting later in the day, followed by the US Federal Reserve on Tuesday and Wednesday. Spot gold was down 0.2% at \$1,422.80/oz, as of 3.03am GMT. US gold futures were down 0.1% at \$1,422.90. "From the last three days, gold prices have been range-bound. Some money managers are starting to shut some positions to prepare for the Fed meeting, and also the ECB decision coming out today," said Phillip Futures analyst Benjamin Lu.

"Before the key events happen, people like to take in some profits because nobody knows what is going to happen. Some might capitalise on volatility to push prices slightly lower and buy back after the dip. Overall, on the long term we are still bullish on gold," Lu added.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	51563.21	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	51650.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3019.56	-15.89	-0.53%
FTSE	7501.46	-12.41	-0.17%
CAC	5578.05	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12362.10	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	28594.30	-125.10	-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
SEP 2019	423.00	418.50	-5.50	-4.50	418.75	0.25	-4.25
DEC 2019	429.00	427.50	-3.25	-1.50	427.25	-0.25	-1.75
MAR 2010	438.00	437.25	-2.50	-0.75	437.00	-0.25	-1.00
MAY 2010	442.00	441.50	-2.00	-0.50	440.75	-0.75	-1.25
JUL 2010	446.00	444.75	-1.75	-1.25	444.25	-0.50	-1.75

FarmFutures - Corn prices slumped more than 1% today on some technical selling spurred by a tepid round of export sales data from USDA this morning. September futures fell 5.5 cents to \$4.1850, with December futures down 3.25 cents to \$4.2750.

Corn basis bids were steady to soft Thursday, dropping 2 to 5 cents across multiple Midwestern locations today. An Ohio elevator bucked the trend after rising 4 cents higher, however.

Corn exports saw 4.8 million bushels in old crop sales last week, plus another 15.2 million bushels in new crop sales, for a total of 20.0 million bushels. That was moderately ahead of last week's tally of 13.1 million bushels and slightly ahead of trade estimates of 18.7 million bushels.

Corn export shipments reached 22.8 million bushels last week. As the 2018/19 marketing year begins to wind down, Mexico leads all destinations for U.S. corn export commitments, with 31% of the total.

The International Grains Council lowered its forecast for 2019/20 global corn production to 1.092 billion metric tons, noting lower production in China would more than offset increases in Brazil.

The European Commission increased its 2019/20 EU corn production estimates fractionally from a month ago, now at 2.736 billion bushels.

China sold another 26.8 million bushels of its corn reserves at auction today, which was 17.1% of the total available for sale.

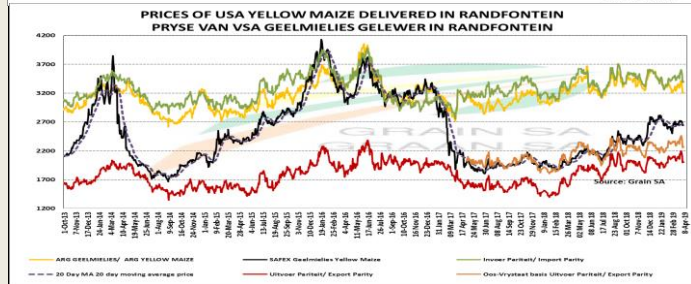
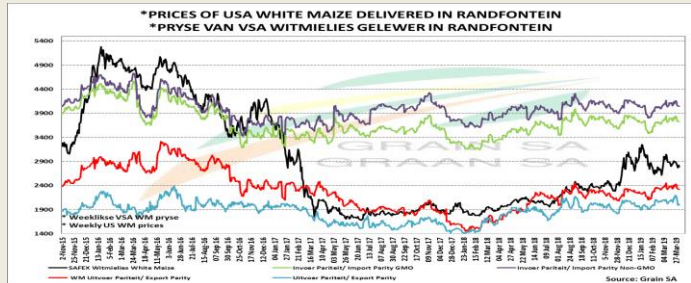
Tanzania is planning to supply African neighbor Kenya with up to 39.4 million bushels of corn and flour this coming year to help mitigate a food shortage there. Preliminary volume estimates rebounded to 325,110 contracts, rising moderately above Wednesday's final count of 239,258.



### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 2 897.00	25%		R 2 897.00
Dec 2019	R 2 982.00	28.5%		R 2 982.00
Jul 2019				
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 2 804.00	21.5%		R 2 804.00
Dec 2019	R 2 879.00	22%		R 2 879.00
Jul 2019				

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The local Aug'19 WMAZ contract ended R59.00 down and Aug'19 YMAZ closed R26.00 lower. The Sep'19 WMAZ closed lower by R48.00 and Sep'19 YMAZ ended R18.00 down. The parity move for the Aug'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R3.00 positive.



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## Wheat Market

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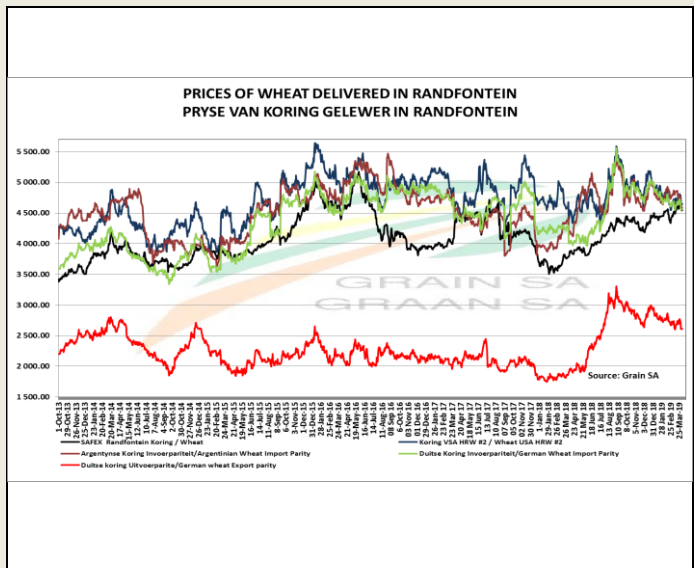
CBOT Wheat								KBOT Wheat							
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
SEP 2019	493.00	499.50	1.75	6.50	499.00	-0.50	6.00	SEP 2019	437.00	437.50	-2.00	0.50	437.50	0.00	0.50
DEC 2019	501.00	507.25	0.50	6.25	506.75	-0.50	5.75	DEC 2019	453.00	455.00	-0.75	2.00	455.50	0.50	2.50
MAR 2010	513.00	518.25	-0.25	5.25	517.00	-1.25	4.00	MAR 2010	470.00	472.00	-1.00	2.00	472.50	0.50	2.50
MAY 2010	520.00	523.75	-1.00	3.75	522.50	-1.25	2.50	MAY 2010	482.00	483.25	-1.25	1.25	0.00	-483.25	-482.00
JUL 2010	521.00	525.00	-1.50	4.00	525.00	0.00	4.00	JUL 2010	487.00	488.75	-1.50	1.75	489.00	0.25	2.00



FarmFutures - Wheat prices held on for small gains Thursday after getting a better-than-expected round of export data this morning, trying to shake loose from the ongoing downward trend since mid-June. September Chicago SRW futures gained 1.75 cents to \$4.9950, with September MGEX spring wheat futures up 0.75 cents to \$5.23. Kansas City HRW contracts bucked the trend, with September futures dropping 1.75 cents to \$4.3775 (although December futures finished the session up half a penny). Wheat exceeded expectations last week, with 24.2 million bushels in export sales. That was nearly double the prior week's tally of 12.8 million bushels and well ahead of analyst estimates of 11.9 million bushels. Mexico remains the No. 1 destination for U.S. wheat export commitments for 2019/20 so far, with 14% of the total. The International Grains Council lowered its estimates for 2019/20 global wheat production by about 220 million bushels to 28.035 billion bushels, noting lower production potential in Russia the EU and Canada this year. The European Commission has trimmed its forecast for 2019/20 EU wheat production as a heatwave scours the continent – lowering estimates 0.7% to 5.192 billion bushels. The group didn't change its expectations for EU wheat exports from a month ago, however, holding it steady at 937 million bushels. Japan purchased 4.2 million bushels of food-quality wheat from the U.S. in a regular tender that closed earlier today. The grain is for shipment in September.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 4 520.00	0%		R 4 520.00
Dec 2019	R 4 436.00	12.5%		R 4 436.00
Jul 2019				
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019				
Jul 2019				



The local Weat market closed lower yesterday. The local Aug'19 Weat contract closed unchanged while Sep'19 Weat closed R8.00 lower. The parity move for the Aug'19 Weat contract for yesterday was R56.00 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
AUG 2019	892.00	882.50	-8.50	-9.50	883.25	0.75
SEP 2019	898.00	887.75	-8.50	-10.25	888.25	0.50
NOV 2019	910.00	899.75	-8.50	-10.25	900.00	0.25
JAN 2010	923.00	913.25	-8.00	-9.75	913.50	0.25
MAR 2010	933.00	924.50	-6.50	-8.50	924.50	0.00

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
AUG 2019	303.9	303.80
SEP 2019	305.5	305.40
OCT 2019	307	306.90
DEC 2019	309.8	309.80
JAN 2010	311.7	311.50

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
AUG 2019	28.27	28.32
SEP 2019	28.41	28.46
OCT 2019	28.54	28.60
DEC 2019	28.79	28.83
JAN 2010	29.04	29.06



FarmFutures - Soybean prices stagnated Thursday, falling nearly 1% on a poor round of USDA export data, which included Chinese cancellations of 5.4 million soybeans. August and September futures each eroded 8.5 cents to \$8.8250 and \$8.8775, respectively. Soybean basis bids were steady to mixed Thursday after rising 6 cents at an Ohio elevator and 3 cents at an Indiana processor today, while slipping a penny lower at two interior river terminals. Most Midwestern locations remained unchanged. USDA officials offered more details this morning in the agency's plan to provide additional farmer aid in the wake of the ongoing U.S.-China trade war. Minimum county-level payments will be \$15 per acre, up to a maximum of \$150 per acre. Farmers will be able to sign up for aid between July 29 and December 6, with payments beginning in late August. Click here to learn more. Meantime, China approved purchases of up to 11.0 million U.S. soybeans earlier this week "free of retaliatory import tariffs" as a goodwill gesture while trade negotiations move forward in Beijing next week. Click here to learn more. Soybean exports found a net of 2.9 million bushels in old crop cancellations for the week ending July 18, plus 8.2 million bushels in new crop sales, for a meager total of 5.3 million bushels. That was less than half of the prior week's tally of 12.0 million bushels and well below trade estimates of 11.0 million bushels. Soybean export shipments fared better last week after reaching 23.4 million bushels. Despite China's cancellation last week, the country leads all nations for U.S. soybean export commitments this marketing year, with 29% of the total.

### South African Futures Exchange

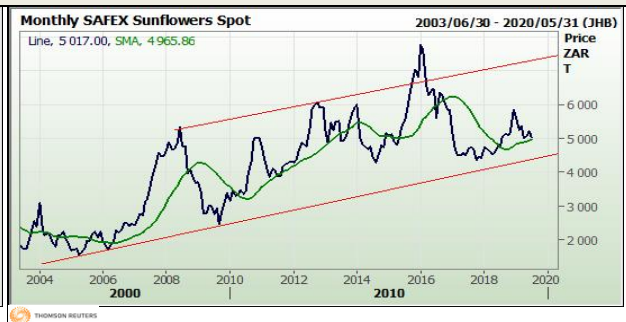
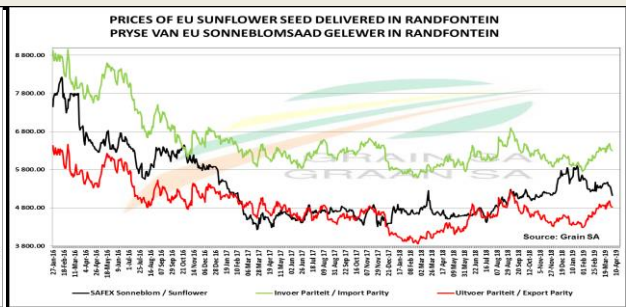
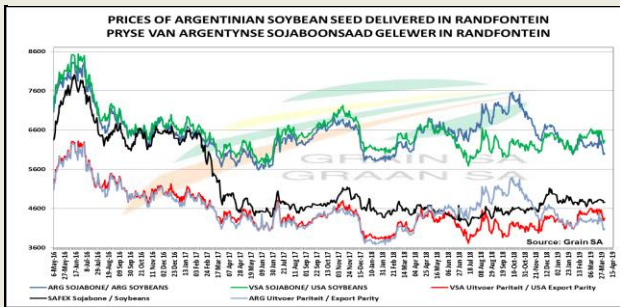
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 5 350.00	0%		R 5 350.00
Dec 2019	R 5 460.00	14%		R 5 460.00
Jul 2019				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Dec 2018		
Mar 2019		
May 2019		
Jul 2019		
Sep 2019	R 5 120.00	13.25%
Dec 2019	R 5 275.00	16%
Jul 2019		



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The local Aug'19 Soya contract ended R5.00 down and Sep'19 Soya closed R15.00 lower. The parity move for the Aug'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R1.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed mixed yesterday. The local Aug'19 Suns contract closed R18.00 down while Sep'19 Suns closed R2.00 higher.



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