



**Fundamental Report**  
**13 August 2019**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
<b>USDollar/Rand</b>		The record	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
<b>Euro/Rand</b>	17.2388	17.0687	-0.1701	-0.99%
<b>GBPound/Rand</b>	18.5959	18.4037	-0.1922	-1.03%
<b>AusDollar/Rand</b>	10.4066	10.3115	-0.0951	-0.91%
<b>Euro/USDollar</b>	1.1184	1.1188	0.0004	0.04%
<b>GBPound/USDollar</b>	1.2068	1.2064	-0.0004	-0.03%
<b>AusDollar/USDollar</b>	0.6753	0.6758	0.0005	0.07%
<b>JpyYen/USDollar</b>	105.1500	105.4500	0.3000	0.29%

BDLive - The JSE closed lower on Monday as investors kept an eye on global risk factors amid growing concern about the effect of the US-China trade war on global growth.

The prolonged trade war may not be over any time soon, after US President Donald Trump said the two economic superpowers are continuing with negotiations but were still some way off reaching a deal.

The trade war has weighed significantly on the rand, which has come under further pressure as investors fret about the government's efforts to bail out power utility Eskom. The rand reached R15.46/\$ at one stage on Monday, its weakest level in 2019. Shortly after the JSE closed, the rand had weakened 0.46% to R15.3424/\$, 0.68% to R17.2206/€ and 0.66% to R18.5287/£. The euro had strengthened 0.24% to \$1.1226.

The benchmark government 10-year bond was weaker, with its yield rising eight basis points, or 0.08 percentage points, to 8.46%. Bonds yields move inversely to bond prices.



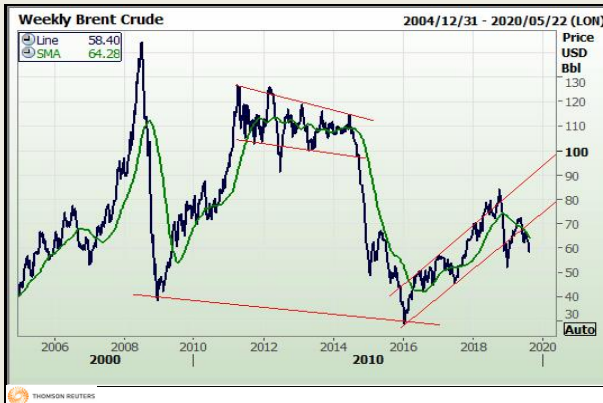
### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	860.21	7.71	0.90%
Gold	1516.44	5.29	0.35%
Silver	17.29	0.23	1.36%
Copper	2.58	0.00	-0.06%
Gasoil	557.25	0.25	0.04%
Brent Oil	58.40	-0.17	-0.29%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold edged up on Monday, to hold above the psychological \$1,500 level, as investors' demand for safe-haven bullion increased on the concern over slowing global economic growth as the trade war between Washington and Beijing drags on. Spot gold was up 0.5% at \$1,503.66/oz at 10.56am GMT, while US gold futures were also up 0.5% at \$1,515.70/oz.

"Gold is trying to rebound due to fears of slowdown in the global economy and the trade talks [between the US and China] are not going in the best ways," ActivTrades analyst Carlo Alberto De Casa said, adding the "there is still room for gold to go up". US President Donald Trump said on Friday he was not ready to make a deal with China and even called the September round of trade talks into question.

Meanwhile, yen and bond bulls charged while stocks struggled again, amid the worry that a prolonged US-China trade war and damaging Brexit could tip top economies into recession.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	49512.94	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	49435.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2918.65	-35.56	-1.22%
FTSE	7253.85	-27.13	-0.37%
CAC	5310.31	0.00	0.00%
DAX	11679.68	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	25824.72	-467.08	-1.81%



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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	408.00	385.25	-25.00	-22.75	376.75	-8.50	-31.25
DEC 2019	415.00	392.75	-25.00	-22.25	386.00	-6.75	-29.00
MAR 2010	426.00	403.25	-25.00	-22.75	398.00	-5.25	-28.00
MAY 2010	431.00	409.00	-25.00	-22.00	405.75	-3.25	-25.25
JUL 2010	435.00	412.75	-24.75	-22.25	410.25	-2.50	-24.75

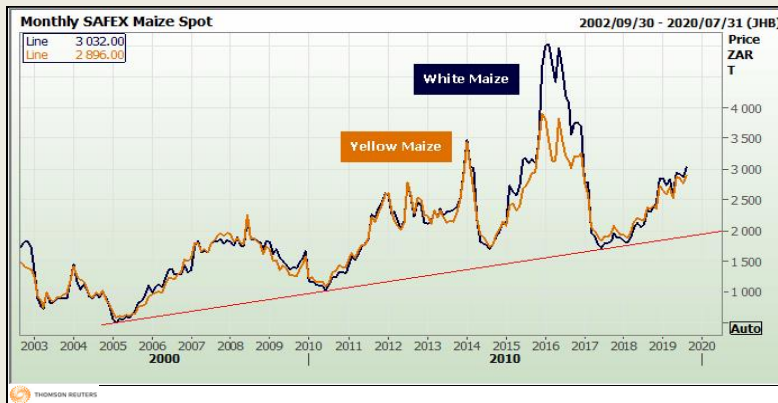
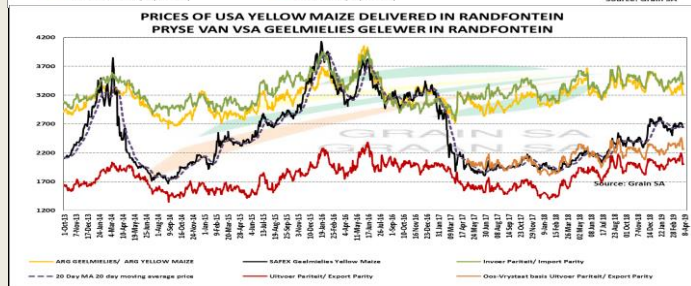
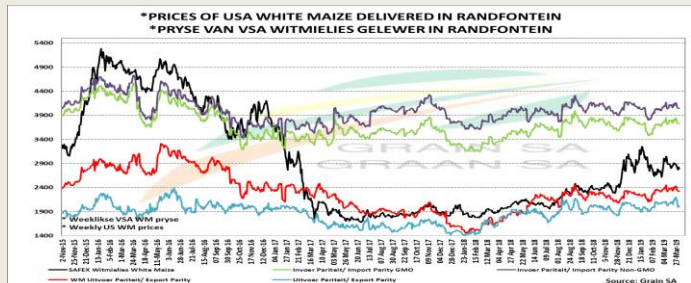
FarmFutures - Corn prices tumbled around 6% lower in Monday's session. Traders had dialed in moderate losses ahead of this morning's WASDE report from USDA, but prices tumbled down limit soon after the latest batch of supply and demand data was released. September and December futures each finished down 25 cents to land at \$3.8525 and \$3.9275, respectively. With light farmer sales leading up to today's WASDE report, corn basis bids held mostly steady Monday although they did tick 2 cents higher at an Iowa processor and sink 8 cents lower at an Indiana ethanol plant today. USDA dropped its planted acre estimates by 1.7 million acres from July, now at 90.000 million acres. But trade estimates were well below that tally, with an average guess of 87.656 million acres. USDA also lowered its harvested acreage estimates from 83.600 million acres in July down to 82.000 million acres. Analysts expected a bigger drop, to 80.050 million acres. With the downward revisions to harvested acres, USDA now projects a total U.S. corn production of 13.875 billion bushels, with average yields totaling 166.0 bushels per acre. That's moderately above trade estimates of 13.146 billion bushels on average yields of 164.9 bpa. Click here to catch up on Farm Futures full coverage of today's report. Corn export inspections saw a small rebound from the prior week's tally of 25.4 million bushels after reaching 27.7 million bushels last week. That total was also on the high end of trade estimates that ranged between 19 million and 29 million bushels. Mexico accounted for more than half of the total, with 15.1 million bushels. Ahead of this afternoon's crop progress report from USDA, analysts expect the agency to lower its corn quality ratings by a point from the prior week to 56% in good-to-excellent condition as of August 11. European Union corn imports are up significantly at the start of the 2019/20 marketing year after reaching 98.4 million bushels as of August 11. That pace is trending 82% higher than the same period a year ago. South Korea purchased 2.4 million bushels of corn last Friday in a private deal, either from the U.S. or South America, for arrival in early November.



### 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 3 065.00	25%		R 3 065.00
Dec 2019	R 3 159.00	31%		R 3 159.00
Jul 2019				
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 2 928.00	20.5%		R 2 928.00
Dec 2019	R 3 016.00	20.5%		R 3 016.00
Jul 2019				

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The local Aug'19 WMAZ contract ended R41.00 up and Aug'19 YMAZ closed R58.00 higher. The Sep'19 WMAZ closed higher by R38.00 and Sep'19 YMAZ ended R57.00 up. The parity move for the Aug'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R209.00 negative.



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## Wheat Market

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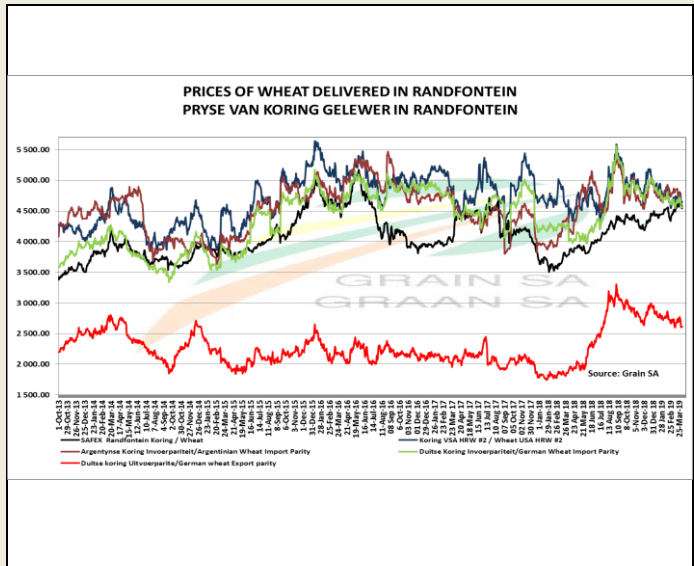
CBOT Wheat							KBOT Wheat								
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
SEP 2019	497.00	471.75	-27.75	-25.25	472.00	0.25	-25.00	SEP 2019	415.00	392.25	-24.75	-22.75	394.50	2.25	-20.50
DEC 2019	498.00	476.25	-25.25	-21.75	476.75	0.50	-21.25	DEC 2019	431.00	409.00	-24.50	-22.00	411.50	2.50	-19.50
MAR 2010	505.00	484.00	-25.00	-21.00	484.75	0.75	-20.25	MAR 2010	447.00	425.25	-24.25	-21.75	427.50	2.25	-19.50
MAY 2010	510.00	489.75	-24.25	-20.25	491.25	1.50	-18.75	MAY 2010	459.00	436.25	-24.50	-22.75	438.50	2.25	-20.50
JUL 2010	514.00	495.00	-23.00	-19.00	496.75	1.75	-17.25	JUL 2010	465.00	446.25	-23.00	-18.75	449.25	3.00	-15.75



FarmFutures - Wheat prices took a major spill after the latest round of USDA supply and demand data Monday morning, as some contracts sank as much as 6% lower in the session. Spillover weakness from corn added to the downward pressure. September Chicago SRW futures tumbled 27.75 cents to \$4.7175, September Kansas City HRW futures dropped 26 cents to \$3.91, and September MGEX spring wheat futures fell 10.5 cents to \$5.0950. U.S. all-wheat production estimates moved moderately higher in the August WASDE report, with USDA now estimating a 1.980-billion-bushel production potential, up from 1.921 billion bushels in July. The upward revision was fueled by gains in hard red winter wheat, white winter wheat and spring wheat production. Wheat export inspections improved over the prior week's tally of 15.3 million bushels after reaching 25.3 million bushels, moving above trade estimates that ranged between 12 million and 20 million bushels. Japan was the No. 1 destination, with 5.4 million bushels. Ahead of this afternoon's crop progress report from USDA, analysts expect the agency to show winter wheat harvest at 90% complete as of August 11, up from 82% the week prior. Spring wheat progress is expected to move from 2% a week ago up to 11%. European Union soft wheat exports for 2019/20 are down 30% from a year ago after reaching 48.9 million bushels as of August 11.

### 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 4 597.00	0%		R 4 597.00
Dec 2019	R 4 574.00	12.5%		R 4 574.00
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 higher yesterday. The local Aug'19 Weat contract closed R75.00 up and Sep'19 Weat closed R67.00 higher. The parity move for the Aug'19 Weat contract for yesterday was R164.00 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
AUG 2019	870.00	861.50	-12.25	-8.50	0.00	-861.50
SEP 2019	873.00	866.75	-12.25	-6.25	876.00	9.25
NOV 2019	886.00	879.25	-12.50	-6.75	888.50	9.25
JAN 2010	899.00	892.75	-12.00	-6.25	902.00	9.25
MAR 2010	910.00	905.25	-10.75	-4.75	915.25	10.00

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
AUG 2019	291.9	291.60
SEP 2019	293.4	295.70
OCT 2019	295.2	297.50
DEC 2019	298.7	300.90
JAN 2010	300.3	302.50

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
AUG 2019	29.64	0.00
SEP 2019	29.66	29.59
OCT 2019	29.79	29.73
DEC 2019	30.05	29.99
JAN 2010	30.27	30.22



FarmFutures - Soybean prices landed in the red Monday, although cuts were not nearly as steep as those seen in corn and wheat. Still, USDA's supply and demand data for this commodity could hardly be described as supportive and worries over U.S.-China trade relations still lurk. August and September futures each dropped 12.25 cents to land at \$8.6150 and \$8.6675. Soybean basis bids were mostly steady Monday but did tick a penny higher at an Illinois river terminal and 4 cents lower at an Indiana processor today. USDA pushed soybean acres down farther than analysts expected in this morning's WASD report. The agency's assessment for August was for 76.700 million planted acres and 75.900 million harvested acres. Compare that to analyst estimates of 80.947 million planted acres and 79.890 million harvested acres. Per-acre yield potential is somewhat of a different story. USDA held steady its projection of 48.5 bpa from a month ago, while analysts expected, on average, a decline to 47.4 bpa. Still, with fewer harvested acres, USDA is estimating a total production of 3.680 billion bushels, down from the agency's estimate of 3.845 billion bushels in July. Analysts had expected a more modest drop, to 3.786 billion bushels. Total U.S. soybean export inspections reached 34.7 million bushels for the week ending August 8, which was slightly behind the prior week's tally of 38.0 million bushels but on the high end of trade estimates that ranged between 25 million and 40 million bushels. China was the top destination, with 17.2 million bushels, but the country still has 125 million bushels of outstanding sales on its books. Preliminary volume estimates were for 195,007 contracts, up moderately from Friday's final count of 127,795.

### South African Futures Exchange

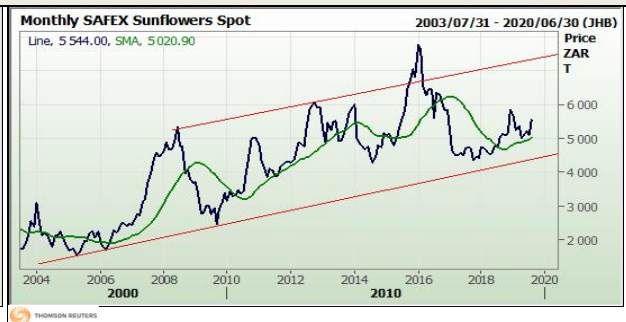
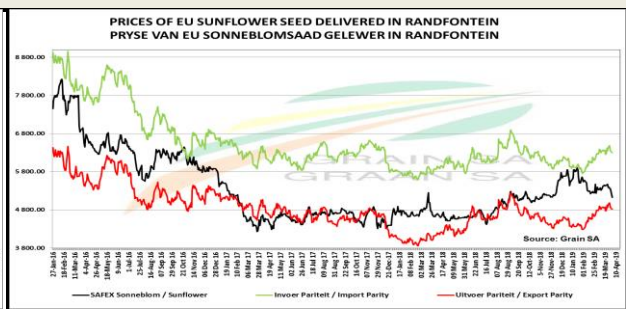
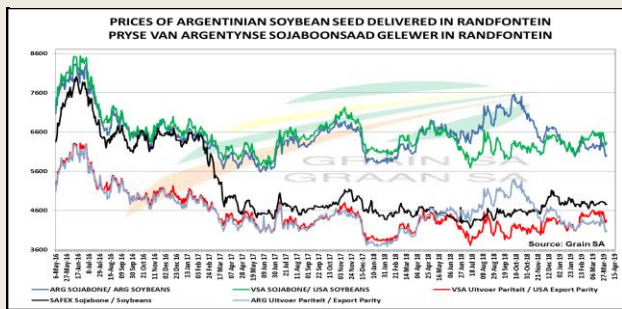
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 5 792.00	0%		R 5 792.00
Dec 2019	R 5 881.00	14%		R 5 881.00
Jul 2019				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Dec 2018		
Mar 2019		
May 2019		
Jul 2019		
Sep 2019	R 5 592.00	13.25%
Dec 2019	R 5 727.00	16%
Jul 2019		



The local Soya market traded higher yesterday. The local Aug'19 Soya contract ended R174.00 up and Sep'19 Soya closed R150.00 higher. The parity move for the Aug'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R34.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The local Aug'19 Suns contract closed R148.00 up and Sep'19 Suns closed R148.00 higher.



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