



**Fundamental Report**  
**16 August 2019**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
<b>USDollar/Rand</b>		The record	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Euro/Rand	17.0530	16.9163	-0.1367	-0.80%
GBPound/Rand	18.4997	18.4166	-0.0831	-0.45%
AusDollar/Rand	10.3509	10.3437	-0.0072	-0.07%
Euro/USDollar	1.1149	1.1100	-0.0049	-0.44%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2095	1.2088	-0.0007	-0.06%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6768	0.6792	0.0024	0.35%
JpyYen/USDollar	105.9100	106.1900	0.2800	0.26%

BDLive - The JSE closed lower on Thursday as some global markets struggled to recover from Wednesday's sell-off after China vowed to retaliate against US President Donald Trump's recent tariff threat.

On Thursday, China said it would take measures to respond to the 10% tariff imposition on \$300bn worth of Chinese imports. The country's foreign ministry later said, however, that China hopes to meet the US "half way" and for the two leaders to execute the agreements reached at the G20 summit in June.

Global equities were hit hard on Wednesday as investors rushed to the bond market, which saw yields for longer-term government bonds push below shorter-dated ones — that is, an inverted yield curve — which is interpreted as a warning that an economic slowdown is approaching.

The global sell-off was prompted by weaker-than-expected Chinese retail sales and industrial production, as well as a slowdown in Germany's economy activity in the second quarter of the year.

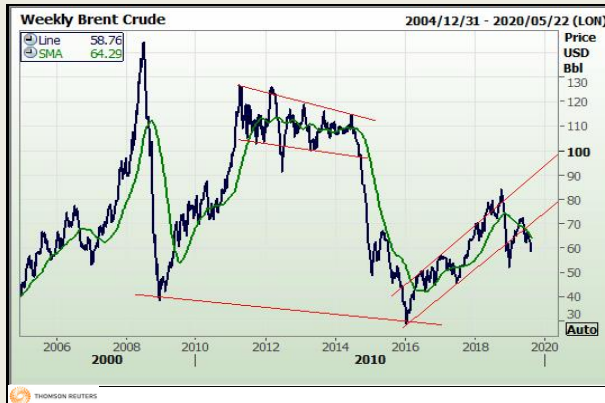


### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	837.79	-0.71	-0.09%
Gold	1520.30	-2.66	-0.17%
Silver	17.22	-0.05	-0.27%
Copper	2.60	0.00	0.17%
Gasoil	561.75	1.75	0.31%
Brent Oil	58.76	0.53	0.90%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices were little changed during a choppy session on Thursday as investors took stock of mixed economic data from the US, with strong US retail sales offering temporary respite to battered risk appetite.

However, lingering fears over a global downturn and lack of clarity on the US-China trade front kept the safe haven comfortably above the key \$1,500 handle. Spot gold was flat at \$1,516.62 an ounce by 2.21pm GMT, while US gold futures were unchanged at \$1,527.20. At the day's peak of \$1,523.91, gold was back to within \$11 of Tuesday's six-year high, which was followed by a 1% jump on Wednesday, due to fears of a recession as investors fretted over the trade war, unrest in Hong Kong, and a slide in emerging-market assets. "But with the US retail sales data coming out as strong as it did, that's seeing some market participants rethink their bets," said Daniel Ghali, commodity strategist at TD Securities. However, the elevated levels of safe-haven interest in gold fueled by factors such as the Hong Kong unrest and fears of an Argentine debt default "is not likely to change in a single day", he added.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	48116.97	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	47899.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2840.60	7.00	0.25%
FTSE	7147.88	-80.87	-1.13%
CAC	5236.93	0.00	0.00%
DAX	11412.67	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	25495.46	158.73	0.62%



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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	362.00	360.75	1.75	-1.25	362.50	1.75	0.50
DEC 2019	373.00	371.00	0.75	-2.00	373.00	2.00	0.00
MAR 2010	386.00	383.50	0.25	-2.50	385.25	1.75	-0.75
MAY 2010	394.00	391.25	0.25	-2.75	393.00	1.75	-1.00
JUL 2010	400.00	397.75	0.25	-2.25	399.25	1.50	-0.75

FarmFutures - Corn prices firmed slightly in a choppy session Thursday, with steep losses earlier in the week finally attracting some bargain buyers. A lackluster round of export data out this morning kept the lid on gains, however. September futures gained 1.75 cents to \$3.6075, with December futures up 0.75 cents to \$3.71.

Corn basis bids were largely steady across the central U.S. Thursday, although they did drop 7 cents at an Iowa river terminal today. Tumbling futures prices earlier this week have kept farmer sales relatively slow.

Corn export sales remained relatively flat last week after notching 2.2 million bushels in old crop sales and 12.1 million bushels in new crop sales for a total of 14.3 million bushels. Still, that tally exceeded the prior week's total of 9.4 million bushels and trade estimates of 10.7 million bushels.

Corn export shipments fared somewhat better last week after reaching 27.9 million bushels. For the 2018/19 marketing year, Mexico leads the way after accounting for 31% of total U.S. corn export commitments.

Consultancy Strategie Grains has slightly raised its forecast for 2019/20 EU corn production, now at 2.488 billion bushels.

Ukrainian consultancy APK-Inform now pegs the country's 2019 corn production at 1.358 billion bushels, rising 2.1% from prior estimates. Projected exports are also on the rise, now expected to reach 1.083 billion bushels.

China sold another 20.4 million bushels of its state reserves of corn at auction earlier today, which was 13.1% of the total available for sale.

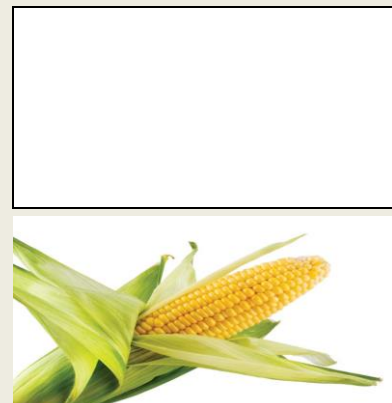
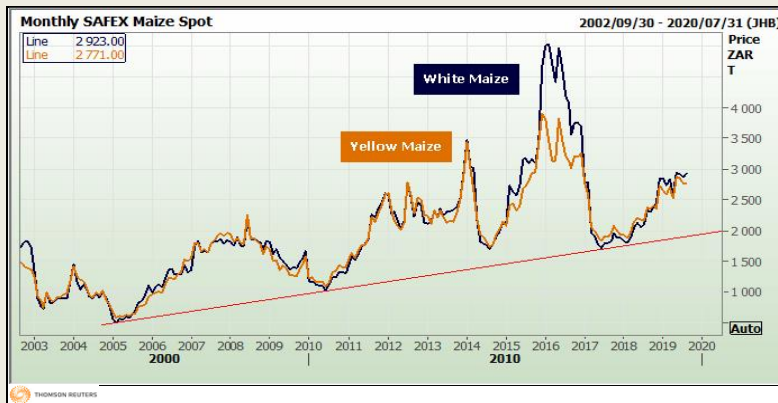
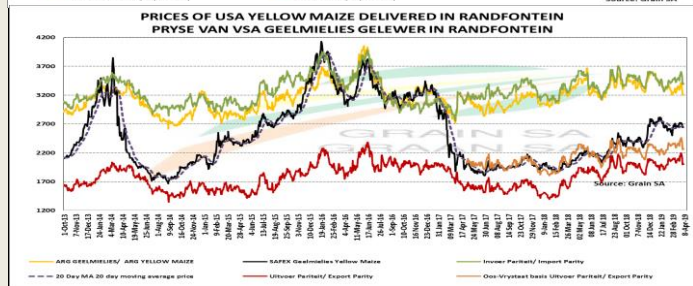
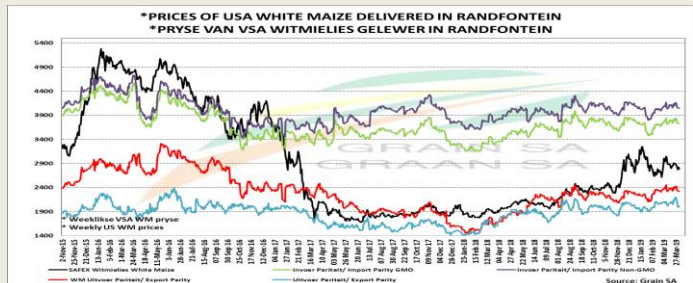
Preliminary volume estimates were for 344,246 contracts, sliding 43% below Wednesday's final count of 599,104.



### 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 2 942.00	25%		R 2 942.00
Dec 2019	R 3 034.00	31%		R 3 034.00
Jul 2019				
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 2 783.00	20.5%		R 2 783.00
Dec 2019	R 2 859.00	20.5%		R 2 859.00
Jul 2019				

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The local Aug'19 WMAZ contract ended R9.00 down and Aug'19 YMAZ closed R12.00 lower. The Sep'19 WMAZ closed lower by R15.00 and Sep'19 YMAZ ended R24.00 down. The parity move for the Aug'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R4.00 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
SEP 2019	472.00	469.00	-4.75	-3.00	470.75	1.75	-1.25	SEP 2019	387.00	389.75	5.00	2.75	391.00	1.25	4.00
DEC 2019	476.00	474.50	-3.75	-1.50	476.00	1.50	0.00	DEC 2019	403.00	404.25	3.50	1.25	405.25	1.00	2.25
MAR 2010	482.00	481.00	-3.00	-1.00	482.75	1.75	0.75	MAR 2010	419.00	420.25	3.75	1.25	420.25	0.00	1.25
MAY 2010	488.00	486.75	-2.50	-1.25	488.25	1.50	0.25	MAY 2010	430.00	431.00	4.00	1.00	432.50	1.50	2.50
JUL 2010	491.00	491.00	-2.75	0.00	493.25	2.25	2.25	JUL 2010	438.00	441.25	4.25	3.25	443.00	1.75	5.00



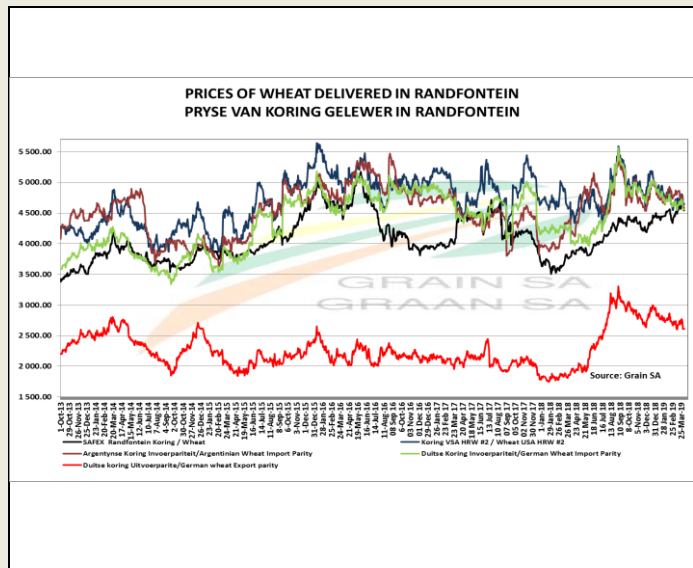
FarmFutures - Wheat prices were mixed but mostly lower Thursday amid some technical maneuvering. Worries over export prospects remain in play, despite a decent round of data out from USDA this morning. September Chicago SRW futures lost 4.75 cents to \$4.69, September Kansas City HRW futures gained 5.25 cents to \$3.90, and September MGEX spring wheat futures dropped 2.75 cents to \$5.0275.

Wheat export sales topped trade estimates of 14.1 million bushels after clearing 17.4 million bushels in total sales last week. That was still slightly behind the prior week's tally of 17.9 million bushels.

Wheat export shipments fared even better after reaching 23.5 million bushels. For the 2019/20 marketing year, Mexico tops all destinations for U.S. wheat export commitments, with 14% of the total. In Europe, consultancy Strategie Grains is expecting a 12% rebound for the region's 2019/20 wheat production after suffering widespread drought a year ago. Total EU soft wheat production is now forecasted to reach 5.251 billion bushels. EU barley production is also expected to trend 9% higher this year. Ukrainian consultancy APK-Inform has trimmed its estimates for the country's 2019 wheat production by 0.8% to 1.003 billion bushels. Egypt purchased 10.8 million bushels of wheat from Russia and Ukraine in an international tender that closed earlier today. The grain is for shipment in the second half of 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 4 669.00	0%		R 4 669.00
Dec 2019	R 4 639.00	12.5%		R 4 639.00
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 R27.00 up and Sep'19 Weat closed R44.00 higher. The parity move for the Aug'19 Weat contract for yesterday was R15.00 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
SEP 2019	868.00	858.00	-7.50	-10.00	862.75	4.75
NOV 2019	881.00	870.75	-7.25	-10.25	875.50	4.75
JAN 2010	894.00	884.25	-7.25	-9.75	889.00	4.75
MAR 2010	906.00	897.00	-6.75	-9.00	902.25	5.25
MAY 2010	917.00	908.25	-6.75	-8.75	913.25	5.00

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
SEP 2019	291.8	292.60
OCT 2019	293.6	294.40
DEC 2019	296.9	297.60
JAN 2010	298.6	299.30
MAR 2010	301.8	302.60

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
SEP 2019	29.07	29.32
OCT 2019	29.19	29.43
DEC 2019	29.45	29.69
JAN 2010	29.67	29.93
MAR 2010	29.93	30.19



FarmFutures - Soybean prices sank about 0.8% lower Thursday on trade worries and improving weather forecasts. A decent round of export data from USDA, out this morning, kept prices from eroding further. September futures dropped 7.5 cents to \$8.58, with November futures down 7.25 cents to \$8.7075.

Soybean basis bids were steady to firm Thursday, ticking 2 to 6 cents higher at two interior river terminals and rising 3 cents at an Ohio elevator today.

Soybean exports saw a net cancellation of 4.0 million bushels in old crop sales last week but found 30.0 million bushels in new crop sales, for a total of 26.0 million bushels. That was well ahead of the prior week's tally of 15.4 million bushels and trade estimates of 16.5 million bushels.

Soybean export shipments reached 40.9 million bushels last week. As the 2018/19 marketing year winds down, China remains the No. 1 destination for U.S. soybean export commitments, with 29% of the total.

The National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA) reported a July soy crush of 168.093 million bushels, which was higher than most analyst estimates. It was also the largest July crush on record and the largest monthly total since March.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 115,314 contracts, down slightly from Wednesday's final count of 132,233.

### South African Futures Exchange

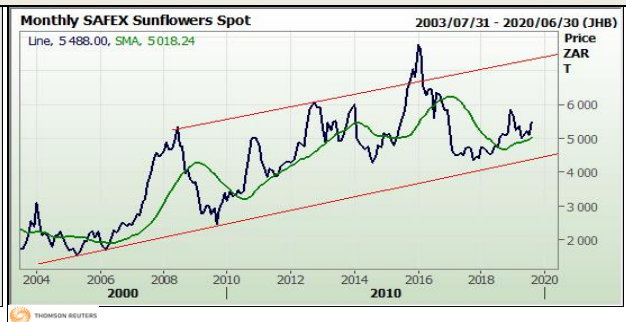
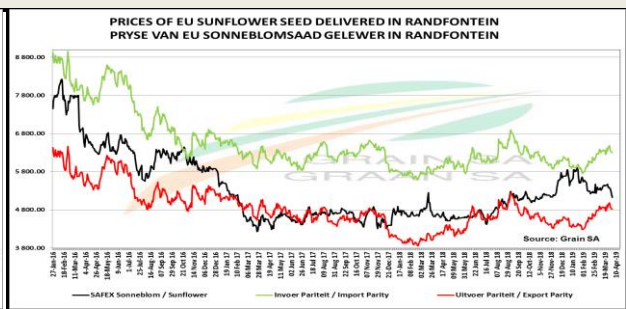
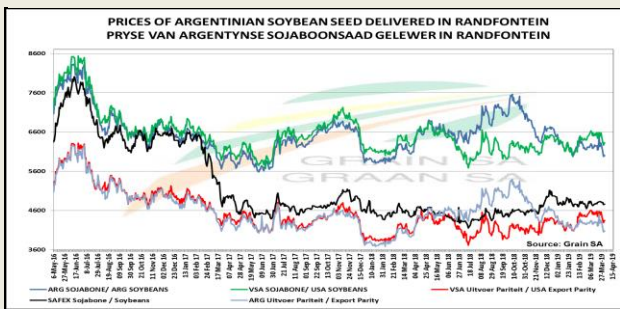
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 5 718.00	0%		R 5 718.00
Dec 2019	R 5 785.00	14%		R 5 785.00
Jul 2019				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Dec 2018		
Mar 2019		
May 2019		
Jul 2019		
Sep 2019	R 5 523.00	13.25%
Dec 2019	R 5 670.00	16%
Jul 2019		



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The local Aug'19 Soya contract ended R15.00 down and Sep'19 Soya closed R17.00 lower. The parity move for the Aug'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R53.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The local Aug'19 Suns contract closed R2.00 down and Sep'19 Suns closed R12.00 lower.



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