



Fundamental Report
26 August 2019

Financial Markets

Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand		The record	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Euro/Rand	16.7653	17.0489	0.2836	1.69%
GBPound/Rand	18.5090	18.7791	0.2701	1.46%
AusDollar/Rand	10.2454	10.3170	0.0716	0.70%
Euro/USDollar	1.1059	1.1142	0.0083	0.75%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2207	1.2272	0.0065	0.53%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6757	0.6743	-0.0014	-0.21%
JpyYen/USDollar	106.6400	105.4500	-1.1900	-1.12%

BDLive - The JSE fell on Friday, hit by jitters over an escalation in the US-China trade war, although the local bourse did manage to eke out a 0.2% gain for the week.

Trade was volatile, with a series of events related to US monetary policy and the US-China trade war buffeting equity markets, as well as the rand.

China has threatened to levy tariffs on US goods at the beginning of September, putting pressure on risk assets on Friday afternoon, although the rand managed to recover a little in the early evening.

US Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell delivered his remarks at Jackson Hole in Wyoming, with global equity markets and the rand both benefiting slightly. Powell repeatedly emphasised the current strength of the US economy, saying the Fed would "act as appropriate" in the face of economic damage from the US-China trade war.



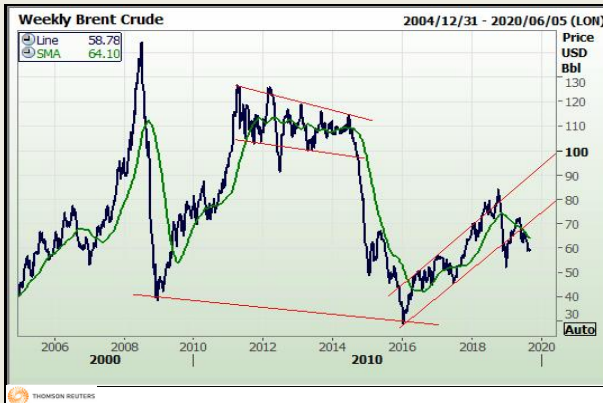
Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	856.54	2.94	0.34%
Gold	1539.40	13.30	0.86%
Silver	17.60	0.21	1.19%
Copper	2.51	-0.02	-0.66%
Gasoil	554.50	-1.50	-0.27%
Brent Oil	58.79	-0.55	-0.94%

BDLive - Gold eased on Friday and was set for its worst week in nearly five months, as lack of clarity from the US Federal Reserve on the outlook for interest rate cuts triggered investors to cash in some gains ahead of Fed chair Jerome Powell's speech at Jackson Hole. Spot gold was down 0.3% to \$1,494.60/oz as of 4am GMT.

The metal has lost nearly 1.3% so far this week, on track for its biggest weekly percentage decline since March 29.

US gold futures slipped 0.3% at \$1,504.20/oz. The market is closely watching Powell's speech at the Jackson Hole seminar due later in the day (2pm GMT) for clarity on monetary policy after minutes of the US central bank's July meeting tempered hopes of aggressive rate cuts. "There is no clear direction on what the Fed is doing, so people are on the sidelines until they hear concrete answers," said Brian Lan, MD at dealer GoldSilver Central in Singapore.



Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	48247.95	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	47862.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2928.95	-75.84	-2.59%
FTSE	7128.18	-33.20	-0.47%
CAC	5326.87	0.00	0.00%
DAX	11611.51	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	26179.33	-734.48	-2.81%



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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	361.00	359.75	-3.50	-1.25	359.75	0.00	-1.25
DEC 2019	369.00	367.75	-3.25	-1.25	369.00	1.25	0.00
MAR 2010	381.00	380.00	-3.00	-1.00	381.50	1.50	0.50
MAY 2010	389.00	388.50	-2.25	-0.50	389.75	1.25	0.75
JUL 2010	396.00	395.25	-2.00	-0.75	396.50	1.25	0.50

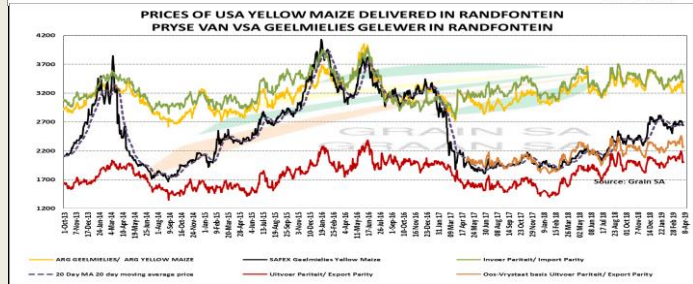
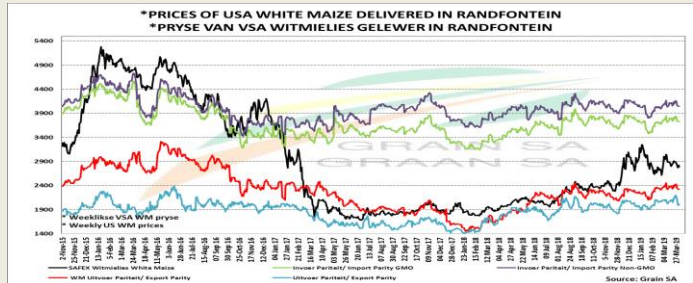
FarmFutures - Corn prices fell about 1% Friday on a round of technical selling, prompted by worries over recent escalations in the ongoing U.S.-China trade war. September futures fell 3.5 cents to \$3.5975, with December futures down 3.25 cents to \$3.6775. Corn basis bids were steady to firm Friday, adding 6 cents at a Nebraska processor and 9 cents at an Illinois river terminal, and picking up a penny at two Midwestern ethanol plants today. While the National Corn Growers Association is applauding the Trump Administration's decision to issue another round of Market Facilitation Program (MFP) payments this year, the group also notes that the payment rate for corn is 14 cents per bushel while calculating the fallout of the ongoing trade war at around 40 cents per bushel. NCGA is requesting a variety of actions that will provide shorter- and longer-term farmer benefits, which are outlined here.



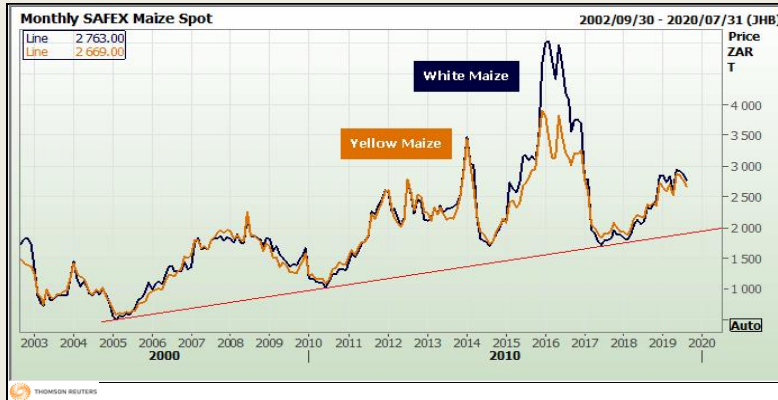
Meantime, the Trump Administration is unlikely to rescind any of the 31 biofuel waivers it issued to oil refineries earlier this month but is looking into other ways to dampen the blow to ethanol demand that move could create, according to sources close with the matter. September ethanol futures fell around 2% this afternoon. Mexico purchased 12.9 million bushels of U.S. corn Wednesday, marking just the third large grain sale private exporters reported to USDA so far this month. In France, consultancy FranceAgriMer now estimates 62% of the country's corn crop is in good-to-excellent condition, up from 60% a week ago but down substantially from late June, with hot and dry conditions prevalent over the past several weeks. China continues to draw down its state reserves of corn, selling another 18.97 million bushels at auction earlier today, which was 26.8% of the total available for sale. Taiwan purchased 2.6 million bushels of corn from Brazil in an international tender that closed yesterday. The grain is for shipment in November. South Korean millers purchased 1.1 million bushels of U.S. wheat this week, which included soft white wheat, hard red winter wheat and spring wheat. The grain is for shipment between late November and late December.

South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
White Maize Future				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 2 760.00	25%		R 2 760.00
Dec 2019	R 2 844.00	27%		R 2 844.00
Jul 2019				
Yellow Maize Future				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 2 672.00	20.5%		R 2 672.00
Dec 2019	R 2 734.00	20.5%		R 2 734.00
Jul 2019				



The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The local Aug'19 WMAZ contract ended R37.00 down and Aug'19 YMAZ closed R22.00 lower. The Sep'19 WMAZ closed lower by R43.00 and Sep'19 YMAZ ended R25.00 down. The parity move for the Aug'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R17.00 positive.

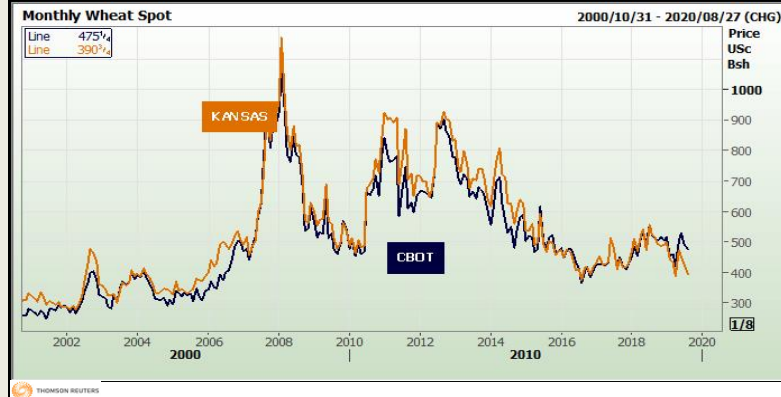


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Wheat Market

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	467.00	475.25	8.00	8.25	475.25	0.00	8.25	SEP 2019	394.00	391.50	-1.75	-2.50	390.75	-0.75	-3.25
DEC 2019	472.00	477.75	6.00	5.75	477.00	-0.75	5.00	DEC 2019	405.00	404.75	0.50	-0.25	403.50	-1.25	-1.50
MAR 2010	477.00	483.50	5.75	6.50	483.50	0.00	6.50	MAR 2010	419.00	420.00	1.75	1.00	417.25	-2.75	-1.75
MAY 2010	481.00	486.75	5.00	5.75	486.25	-0.50	5.25	MAY 2010	430.00	431.00	2.25	1.00	428.00	-3.00	-2.00
JUL 2010	485.00	490.50	4.75	5.50	489.25	-1.25	4.25	JUL 2010	439.00	440.75	2.25	1.75	438.50	-2.25	-0.50



FarmFutures - Wheat prices were uneven but higher Friday on some technical buying. Chicago SRW contracts saw the biggest upside, picking up nearly 1.75% in today's session, while Kansas City HRW and MGEX spring wheat contracts found much more meager gains. September Chicago SRW futures gained 8 cents to \$4.7525, September Kansas City HRW futures crept up 0.25 cents to \$3.9150, and September MGEX spring wheat futures also inched ahead 0.25 cents to \$4.9875.

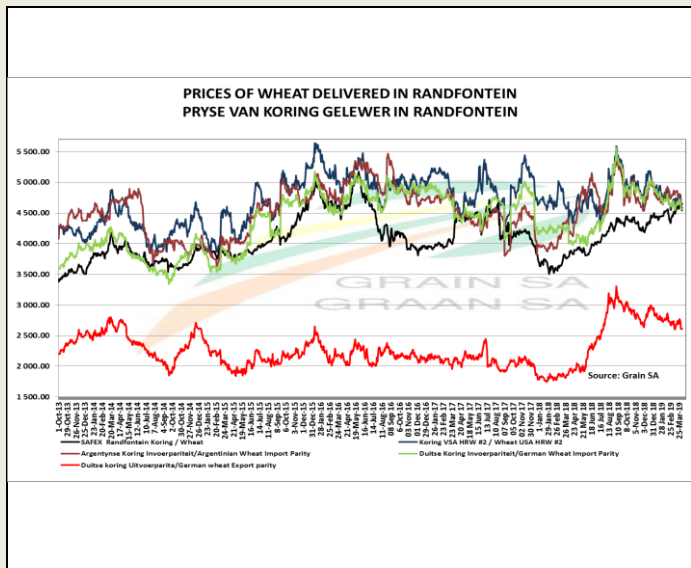
Germany's DBV farmers association expects the country's 2019 winter wheat production to rebound 18.5% over 2018's drought-stressed crop to reach 848.8 million bushels. Some areas are still producing in overly dry conditions, however.

The Philippines purchased 2.2 million bushels of feed wheat, likely sourced from the Black Sea region, in a deal earlier this week. The grain is for shipment in November.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 91,432 CBOT contracts, moving slightly ahead of Thursday's final count of 86,726.

South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
Bread Milling Wheat				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 4 614.00	0%		R 4 614.00
Dec 2019	R 4 680.00	12.5%		R 4 680.00
Jul 2019				
Cape Wheat				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019				
Jul 2019				



The local Weat market closed mixed yesterday. The local Aug'19 Weat contract closed R5.00 up while Sep'19 Weat closed R4.00 lower. The parity move for the Aug'19 Weat contract for yesterday was R78.00 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
SEP 2019	858.00	843.25	-12.75	-14.75	849.50	6.25
NOV 2019	871.00	856.50	-12.25	-14.50	862.50	6.00
JAN 2010	884.00	871.25	-11.25	-12.75	877.25	6.00
MAR 2010	898.00	885.25	-10.25	-12.75	891.00	5.75
MAY 2010	909.00	897.25	-9.75	-11.75	902.50	5.25

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
SEP 2019	289.9	291.50
OCT 2019	291.8	293.60
DEC 2019	295.4	297.20
JAN 2010	296.9	298.80
MAR 2010	300	301.80

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
SEP 2019	28.34	28.46
OCT 2019	28.45	28.58
DEC 2019	28.7	28.82
JAN 2010	28.93	29.05
MAR 2010	29.2	29.30



FarmFutures - Soybean prices saw double-digit declines Friday as the U.S. and China each ramped up rhetoric in the two countries' ongoing trade war. September futures tumbled 12.75 cents to \$8.4325, with November futures slumping another 12.25 cents to \$8.5650. Soybean basis bids moved 5 to 10 cents higher at two Midwestern processors Friday but were largely steady elsewhere across the central U.S. today.

More shots were fired in the ongoing trade war between the U.S. and China earlier this week, as China announced a new round of tariffs ranging between 5% and 10% on a total of \$75 billion in U.S. goods will take effect between September 1 and December 15. The American auto industry is the primary target of these new tariffs.

President Donald Trump took to Twitter (as he often does), biting back with a statement that included, "We don't need China and, frankly, would be far better off without them," which doesn't inspire confidence that the ongoing trade war will be settled any time soon. But U.S. agricultural goods will also soon face the pinch of these latest Chinese tariffs. U.S. soybeans will see an additional 5% tariff starting September 1. Tariffs totaling 10% will also be levied against U.S. corn and wheat starting December 15.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 235,363 contracts, rebounding 51% above Thursday's final count of 155,374.

South African Futures Exchange

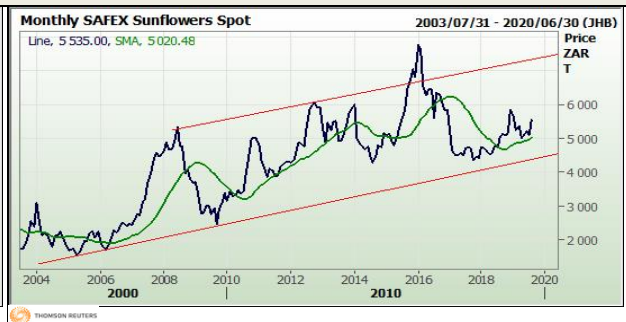
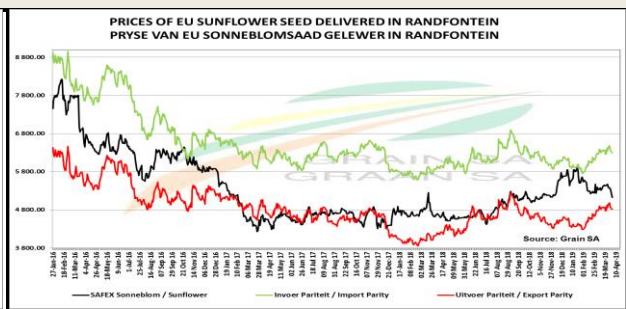
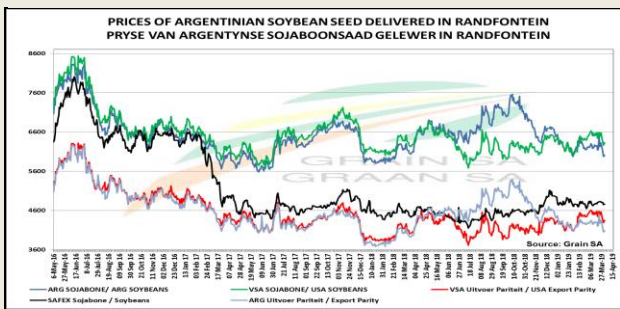
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 5 617.00	0%		R 5 617.00
Dec 2019	R 5 680.00	14%		R 5 680.00
Jul 2019				

Sunflower Seeds Future			
	MTM	Vols	
Dec 2018			
Mar 2019			
May 2019			
Jul 2019			
Sep 2019	R 5 548.00	13.25%	
Dec 2019	R 5 710.00	16%	
Jul 2019			



The local Soya market traded mixed yesterday. The local Aug'19 Soya contract ended R3.00 down while Sep'19 Soya closed unchanged. The parity move for the Aug'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R5.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The local Aug'19 Suns contract closed R5.00 down and Sep'19 Suns closed R13.00 lower.



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