



**Fundamental Report**  
**27 August 2019**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
<b>USDollar/Rand</b>		The record	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Euro/Rand	17.0055	16.9552	-0.0503	-0.30%
GBPound/Rand	18.7160	18.6458	-0.0702	-0.38%
AusDollar/Rand	10.3409	10.3234	-0.0175	-0.17%
Euro/USDollar	1.1117	1.1099	-0.0018	-0.16%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2236	1.2210	-0.0026	-0.21%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6761	0.6760	-0.0001	-0.01%
JpyYen/USDollar	105.7400	105.6700	-0.0700	-0.07%

BDLive - The JSE closed lower on Monday, with sentiment still fragile in the wake of an escalating US-China trade war, although a strong performance by precious-metal miners helped the local bourse offset the losses by other indices a little.

Sentiment has picked up somewhat after US President Donald Trump said on Monday trade talks with China would resume, further expressing optimism that a deal could be reached. Chinese officials also expressed a desire to resume talks and ultimately reach a deal, helping European and US markets recover from sharp losses they posted on Friday. A sharp escalation in rhetoric from both sides on Friday had prompted a wave of sell-offs for risk assets, including a 3% fall by the tech-heavy Nasdaq, with China dealing the first blow when it said it would impose retaliatory tariffs on US products from September 1.

The US also upped the quantum of tariffs it intends to levy on China, with US President Donald Trump "ordering" US companies to begin seeking supply arrangements in alternative countries over the weekend.



### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	857.51	2.51	0.29%
Gold	1528.60	2.60	0.17%
Silver	17.67	0.04	0.23%
Copper	2.54	0.00	-0.12%
Gasoil	555.00	-3.00	-0.54%
Brent Oil	59.03	0.33	0.56%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices scaled a fresh six-year high on Monday, as the latest tit-for-tat tariffs by the US and China in their year-long trade war battered global equities and boosted demand for safe-haven assets.

Spot gold jumped 0.9% to \$1,539.70 per ounce in early-morning trading, having earlier touched \$1,554.56 an ounce, its highest since April 2013. US gold futures were up 0.8% at \$1,549.50 an ounce.

On Friday, US President Donald Trump announced a 5% additional duty on \$550bn in targeted Chinese goods, hours after Beijing unveiled retaliatory tariffs on \$75bn worth of US products. "Gold was the beneficiary of President Trump's tweetstorm on Friday," said Stephen Innes, managing partner at VM Markets.

Equity markets plunged in response, with the US stocks plunging on Friday, and the Asian ones following on Monday.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	48042.94	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	47810.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2847.11	31.27	1.10%
FTSE	7128.18	-33.20	-0.47%
CAC	5351.02	0.00	0.00%
DAX	11658.04	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	25680.33	26.81	0.10%



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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	358.50	-1.25	-2.50	358.75	0.25	-2.25
DEC 2019	371.00	368.25	0.50	-2.75	368.00	-0.25	-3.00
MAR 2010	383.00	380.50	0.50	-2.50	380.25	-0.25	-2.75
MAY 2010	391.00	389.00	0.50	-2.00	388.50	-0.50	-2.50
JUL 2010	398.00	395.75	0.50	-2.25	396.00	0.25	-2.00

FarmFutures - Corn prices were mixed Monday amid some uneven technical maneuvering. September futures slipped 1.25 cents to \$3.5850, while December futures firmed by half a penny to reach \$3.6825.

Corn basis bids were steady to mixed to start the week, moving as much as 3 cents lower at an Iowa processor and as much as 5 cents higher at an Illinois river terminal today. Farmer sales continue to roll in slowly throughout the month of August.

Corn export inspections rose moderately last week after reaching 25.2 million bushels. That tally was also on the high end of trade estimates, ranging between 19 million and 31 million. Mexico (8.5 million) and Japan (6.5 million) were the top two destinations.

Ahead of this afternoon's USDA crop progress report, analysts expect the agency to raise corn quality condition by a point, with 57% of the crop rated good-to-excellent as of August 25.

The U.S. and Japan have agreed to a trade deal in principle that covered a variety of industries, including agriculture, automotive and digital trade. As part of the deal, Japan will reportedly purchase upwards of 98.4 million bushels of U.S. corn. The deal was jointly announced by President Donald Trump and Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the G7 meeting in France.

The European Union's crop monitoring service MARS has downgraded the region's corn production potential by 2% from prior estimates, with per-acre averages now estimated at 117.9 bpa.

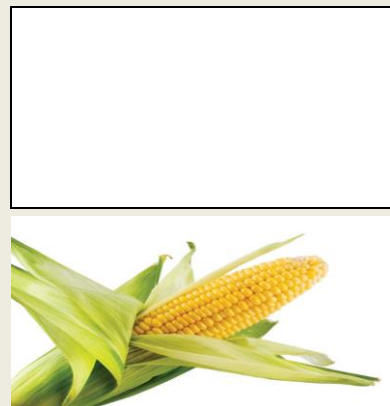
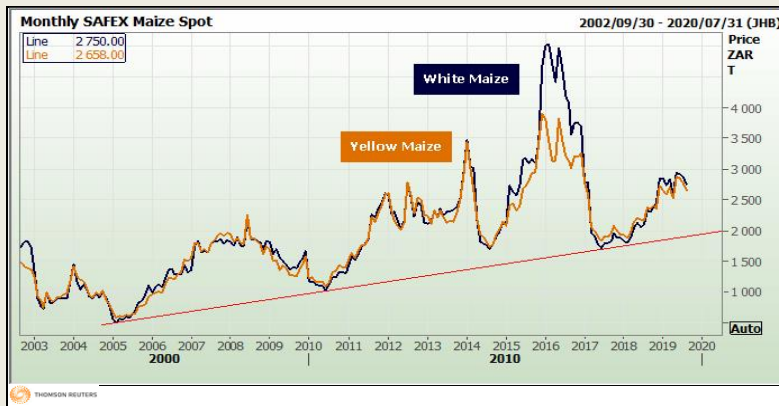
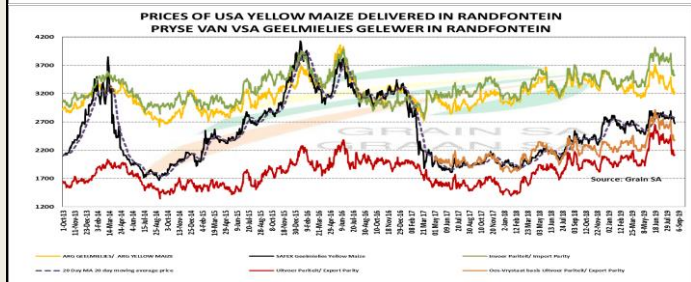
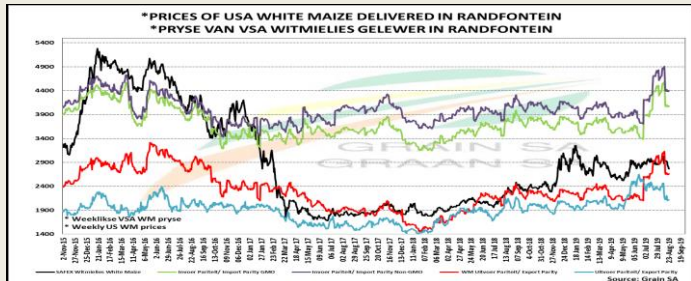
Preliminary volume estimates were for 280,183 contracts, sliding 39% below Friday's final count of 460,072.



### 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 2 750.00	25%		R 2 750.00
Dec 2019	R 2 838.00	27%		R 2 838.00
Jul 2019				
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 2 658.00	20.5%		R 2 658.00
Dec 2019	R 2 727.00	20.5%		R 2 727.00
Jul 2019				

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The local Aug'19 WMAZ contract ended R10.00 down and Aug'19 YMAZ closed R14.00 lower. The Sep'19 WMAZ closed lower by R6.00 and Sep'19 YMAZ ended R14.00 down. The parity move for the Aug'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R18.00 negative.



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## Wheat Market

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

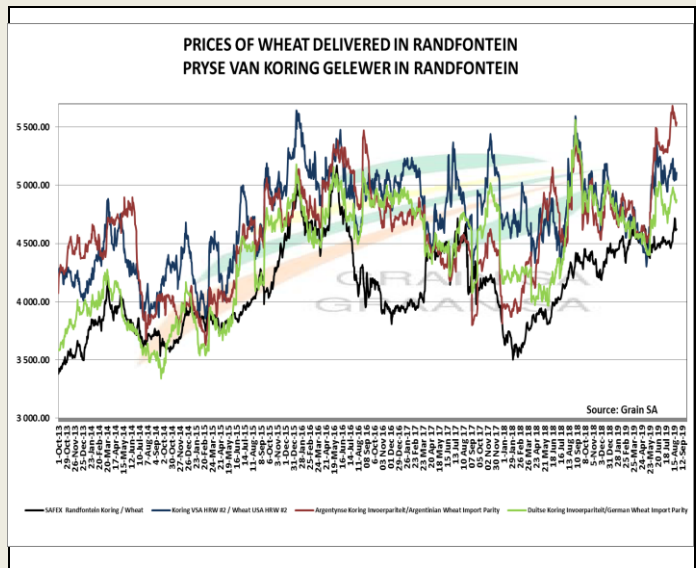
CBOT Wheat									KBOT Wheat								
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm		
SEP 2019	476.00	473.00	-2.25	-3.00	471.25	-1.75	-4.75	SEP 2019	392.00	389.00	-2.50	-3.00	388.25	-0.75	-3.75		
DEC 2019	478.00	475.25	-2.50	-2.75	473.50	-1.75	-4.50	DEC 2019	405.00	402.00	-2.75	-3.00	401.00	-1.00	-4.00		
MAR 2010	483.00	481.50	-2.00	-1.50	480.00	-1.50	-3.00	MAR 2010	421.00	417.50	-2.50	-3.50	417.00	-0.50	-4.00		
MAY 2010	486.00	485.00	-1.75	-1.00	484.00	-1.00	-2.00	MAY 2010	431.00	428.25	-2.75	-2.75	0.00	-428.25	-431.00		
JUL 2010	489.00	488.50	-2.00	-0.50	488.50	0.00	-0.50	JUL 2010	437.00	438.25	-2.50	1.25	437.00	-1.25	0.00		



FarmFutures - Wheat prices took on moderate losses Monday as traders returned their focus to global supply concerns. September Chicago SRW futures dipped 2.25 cents to \$4.73, September Kansas City HRW futures fell 3.25 cents to \$3.89, and September MGEX spring wheat futures dropped 6 cents to \$4.9275. Wheat export inspections, at 18.1 million bushels, slipped lower than the prior week's tally of 20.8 million bushels but stayed on the high end of trade guesses that ranged between 14 million and 22 million bushels. Mexico was the No. 1 destination, with 3.1 million bushels. Ahead of this afternoon's crop progress report, analysts expect the agency to show spring wheat harvest reaching 29% completion as of August 25, up from 16% a week ago. Quality ratings are expected to remain steady, with 70% of the crop rated good-to-excellent. Analysts also expect USDA to report winter wheat harvest reaching 97% completion this past week, up from 93% a week ago. EU crop monitor MARS cut its 2019 soft wheat yield estimates fractionally to 89.7 bushels per acre. A South Korean flour mill purchased 1.1 million bushels of U.S. wheat in a deal that closed last Friday. The grain is for shipment in November or December. Turkey issued a series of international tenders to purchase 9.2 million bushels of red milling wheat, with a September 3 deadline for bids. Preliminary volume estimates were for 85,772 CBOT contracts, dropping 26% below Friday's final count of 115,843.

### 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 4 650.00	0%		R 4 650.00
Dec 2019	R 4 680.00	12.5%		R 4 680.00
Jul 2019				
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019				
Jul 2019				



The local Wheat market closed mixed yesterday. The local Aug'19 Wheat contract closed R36.00 up while Sep'19 Wheat closed unchanged. The parity move for the Aug'19 Wheat contract for yesterday was R23.00 negative.



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## Oil Seed 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	857.00	853.75	10.50	-3.25	850.25	-3.50	-6.75
NOV 2019	869.00	867.25	10.75	-1.75	863.25	-4.00	-5.75
JAN 2010	884.00	880.50	9.25	-3.50	877.25	-3.25	-6.75
MAR 2010	897.00	893.50	8.25	-3.50	889.75	-3.75	-7.25
MAY 2010	908.00	904.25	7.00	-3.75	900.75	-3.50	-7.25

Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
SEP 2019	293	291.90
OCT 2019	295	293.80
DEC 2019	298.6	297.20
JAN 2010	300	298.60
MAR 2010	302.7	301.40

Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
SEP 2019	28.33	28.25
OCT 2019	28.45	28.37
DEC 2019	28.69	28.59
JAN 2010	28.91	28.82
MAR 2010	29.18	29.07



FarmFutures - Soybean prices climbed double digits on renewed U.S.-China trade optimism, with a healthy round of export inspection data offering an assist. September futures gained 10.5 cents to \$8.5375, with November futures up 10.75 cents to \$8.6725.

Soybean basis bids were steady to slightly soft Monday, dropping 1 to 2 cents lower at two Midwestern locations today.

Last week's soybean export inspection tally reached 35.4 million bushels, which was moderately lower than the prior week's total of 42.6 million but on the high end of trade estimates that ranged between 25 million and 40 million bushels. China accounted for more than half of the total, with 22.5 million bushels.

Ahead of this afternoon's USDA crop progress report, analysts expect the agency to raise soybean crop quality by a point, with 54% rated good-to-excellent by August 25.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 190,635 contracts, falling moderately below Friday's final count of 260,473.

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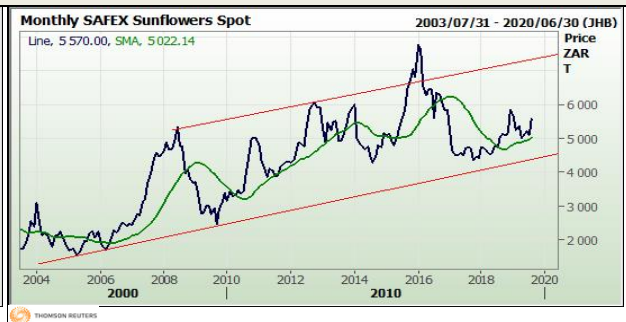
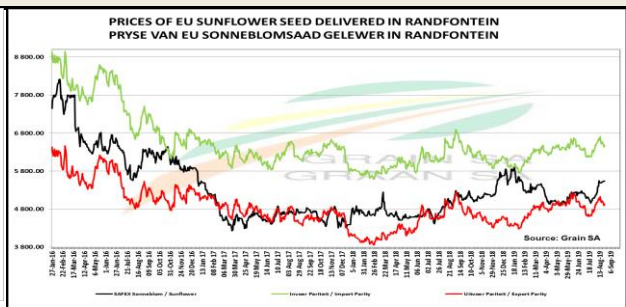
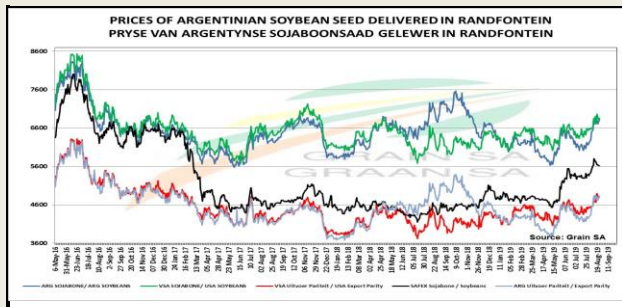
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Dec 2018				
Mar 2019				
May 2019				
Jul 2019				
Sep 2019	R 5 595.00	0%		R 5 595.00
Dec 2019	R 5 664.00	14%		R 5 664.00
Jul 2019				

	MTM	Vols
Dec 2018		
Mar 2019		
May 2019		
Jul 2019		
Sep 2019	R 5 570.00	13.25%
Dec 2019	R 5 736.00	16%
Jul 2019		



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The local Aug'19 Soya contract ended R22.00 down and Sep'19 Soya closed R16.00 lower. The parity move for the Aug'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R41.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The local Aug'19 Suns contract closed R22.00 up and Sep'19 Suns closed R26.00 higher.



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