



**Fundamental Report**  
**15 October 2019**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.8252	14.8193	-0.0059	-0.04%
Euro/Rand	16.3630	16.3484	-0.0146	-0.09%
GBPound/Rand	18.6034	18.6847	0.0813	0.44%
AusDollar/Rand	10.0113	10.0401	0.0288	0.29%
Euro/USDollar	1.1036	1.1031	-0.0005	-0.05%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2555	1.2614	0.0059	0.47%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6756	0.6775	0.0019	0.28%
JpyYen/USDollar	108.1300	108.3100	0.1800	0.17%

BDLive - The JSE closed lower on Monday, in line with European stocks after reports that China wants to conduct another round of trade talks before signing a partial agreement with the US.

The two countries came to a "phase-one" agreement on Friday, which included the US suspending a tariff hike on \$250bn worth of Chinese goods while China agreed to purchase more agricultural products from the US. China also wants the US to scrap a tariff hike which would be imposed in December, Bloomberg reported on Monday. "The 'phase 1' deal did not really address the most sensitive issues in the trade dispute, especially technology transfer, intellectual property theft and currency manipulation," FXTM market strategist Hussein Sayed said in a note.

"The deal also didn't remove any of the existing tariffs on Chinese imports. If you're a US or a Chinese business, such developments will not help deciding on your future plans. That's why I like to call the current agreement a trade truce rather than a trade deal," Sayed said.



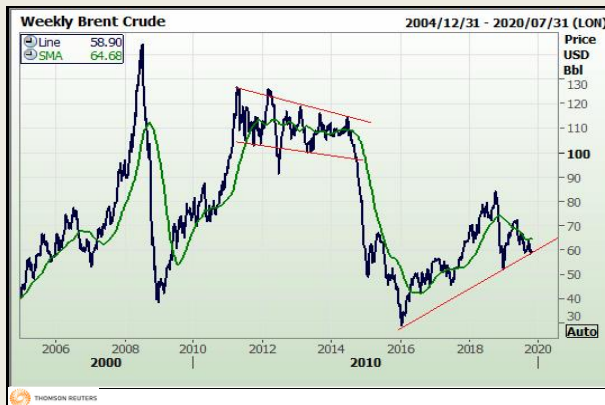
### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	893.15	0.15	0.02%
Gold	1494.85	2.05	0.14%
Silver	17.71	0.06	0.32%
Copper	2.63	0.00	-0.15%
Gasoil	577.50	-1.75	-0.30%
Brent Oil	58.90	-0.45	-0.76%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices eased on Monday, extending falls for a third session as optimism surrounding US-China trade talks increased risk appetite, while a slight uptick in dollar also weighed on prices.

Spot gold dropped 0.2% to \$1,485.86 per ounce as of 5.30am, having shed 1% in the previous week. Prices were set to decline for three consecutive daily sessions. US gold futures inched up 0.1% to \$1,490.20 per ounce.

"Gold is not moving on gold fundamentals, it is moving on whatever is going on with the trade situation," Oanda analyst Jeffrey Halley said. "The trade deal was short on detail, but is still going to be enough to probably support risk, and that will be negative for gold." US President Donald Trump on Friday outlined the first phase of a deal to end the protracted Sino-US trade war and suspended a threatened tariff hike, the biggest step by the two countries in 15 months.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	49110.74	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	49267.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2970.27	-4.12	-0.14%
FTSE	7247.08	-33.63	-0.46%
CAC	5643.08	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12486.56	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	26521.85	-57.23	-0.22%



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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
DEC 2019	397.00	397.75	0.00	0.75	395.50	-2.25	-1.50
MAR 2010	407.00	407.50	-0.25	0.50	405.50	-2.00	-1.50
MAY 2010	412.00	412.50	-0.25	0.50	411.00	-1.50	-1.00
JUL 2010	416.00	416.00	-0.50	0.00	414.75	-1.25	-1.25
SEP 2010	408.00	406.50	-1.25	-1.50	405.75	-0.75	-2.25

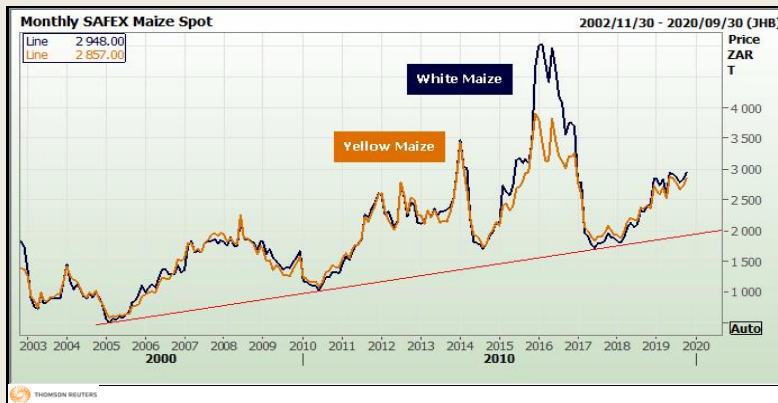
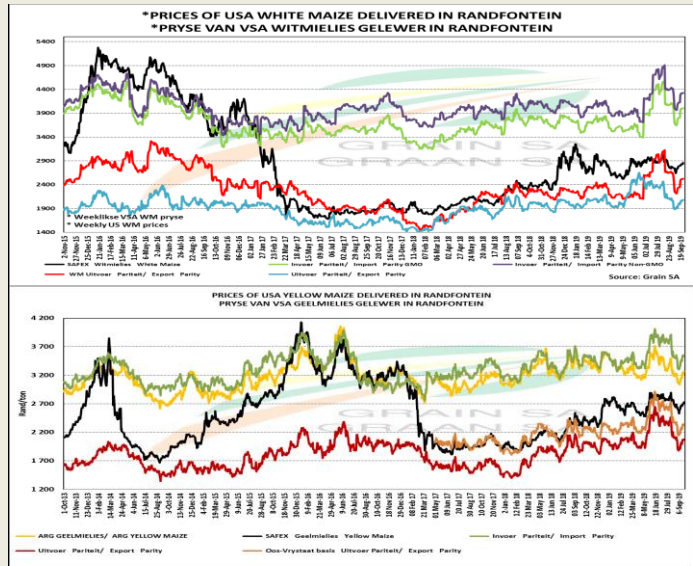
**FarmFutures** - Corn prices retreated slightly from a two-month high to close with fractional losses Monday on some technical selling. Worries over the effects of last week's winter weather linger, however, with the next USDA updates to harvest progress and crop quality out tomorrow afternoon. December futures held steady, at \$3.9775, while March futures slipped 0.25 cents lower and closed at \$4.0750. Corn basis bids were steady to mixed Monday after tumbling 10 cents lower at an Iowa processor while firming 2 to 7 cents across three other Midwestern locations today. Corn sales have been relatively slow overall as farmers try to pin down this year's harvest prospects. European Union corn imports reached 224.4 million bushels as of October 13, which is trending 26% higher than last year's pace. Harvesting frost-damaged crops? Our colleagues at Wallace Farmer gathered some timely advice. Click here to learn more. Meantime, lousy fall weather could have a significant impact on upcoming fertilizer purchase decisions. Farm Futures senior grain market analyst Bryce Knorr has been monitoring the latest trends – click here to find out what's been happening in Knorr's Fertilizer Outlook column. Readers have been sharing more variable yields, as reported in our ongoing Feedback From The Field feature. Farmers have been sharing average corn yields of 167 bushels per acre, which is 1.4 bpa below the latest USDA estimates. Yields could fall below trendline average for the first time in seven years, in fact. Click here to read the latest round of farmer anecdotes and view our interactive map. South Korea purchased 2.4 million bushels of corn from optional origins in a deal late last week. The grain is for arrival by Jan. 1, 2020. Preliminary volume estimates were for 252,840 contracts, falling significantly beneath Friday's final count of 436,209.



### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 2 979.00	30%	R -9.67	R 2 969.33
Mar 2020	R 2 972.00	32%		R 2 972.00
May 2020	R 2 775.00	0%		R 2 775.00
Jul 2020	R 2 795.00	31%		R 2 795.00
Sep 2020	R 2 830.00	0%		R 2 830.00
Dec 2020	R 2 897.00	29%		R 2 897.00
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 2 883.00	22.5%	R -9.67	R 2 873.33
Mar 2020	R 2 841.00	21.5%		R 2 841.00
May 2020	R 2 710.00	0%		R 2 710.00
Jul 2020	R 2 733.00	20%		R 2 733.00
Sep 2020	R 2 765.00	0%		R 2 765.00
Dec 2020	R 2 830.00	0%		R 2 830.00

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The Dec'19 WMAZ contract ended R34.00 up and Dec'19 YMAZ closed R33.00 higher. The Mar'20 WMAZ closed higher by R53.00 and Mar'20 YMAZ ended R41.00 up. The parity move for the Dec'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R11.00 negative.

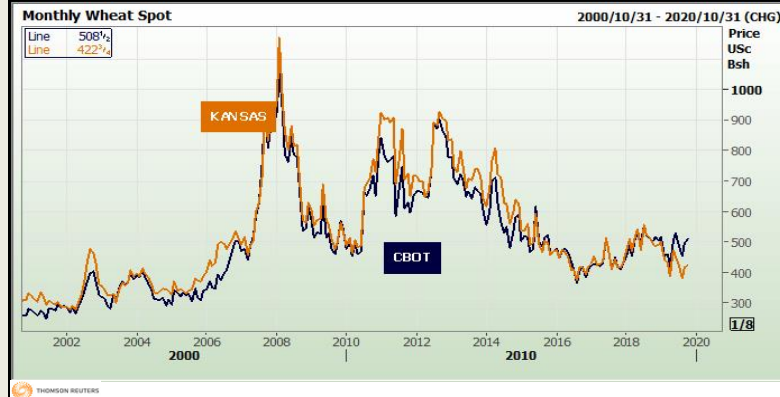


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## Wheat Market

### 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	
DEC 2019	510.00	511.00	3.00	1.00	508.50	-2.50	-1.50		DEC 2019	423.00	425.75	6.25	2.75	422.75	-3.00	-0.25	
MAR 2010	515.00	516.75	2.75	1.75	514.25	-2.50	-0.75		MAR 2010	435.00	437.75	5.75	2.75	435.00	-2.75	0.00	
MAY 2010	519.00	521.25	2.75	2.25	518.50	-2.75	-0.50		MAY 2010	444.00	446.75	5.00	2.75	443.75	-3.00	-0.25	
JUL 2010	522.00	524.50	2.25	2.50	521.25	-3.25	-0.75		JUL 2010	454.00	456.25	5.50	2.25	453.25	-3.00	-0.75	
SEP 2010	530.00	531.00	1.75	1.00	528.00	-3.00	-2.00		SEP 2010	464.00	466.25	5.25	2.25	0.00	-466.25	-464.00	



FarmFutures - Wheat prices clocked moderate gains on technical buying over disruptions to winter wheat planting and spring wheat harvest after a round of lousy weather in the northern U.S. late last week. December Chicago SRW futures ticked 3 cents higher to \$5.11, December Kansas City HRW futures gained 5.25 cents to \$4.2475, and December MGEX spring wheat futures added 4 cents to \$5.51.

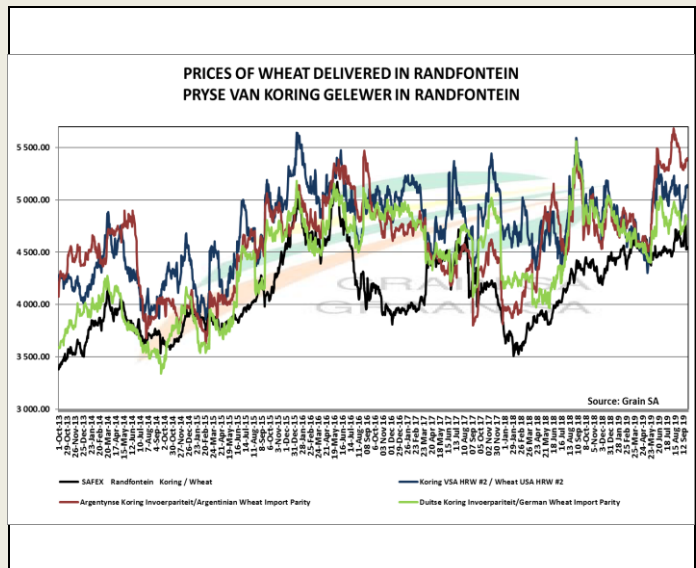
European Union soft wheat exports for its 2019/20 marketing year are at 275.6 million bushels as of October 17, which is up 48% compared to last year's pace. EU barley exports are also up 52% year-over-year so far.

Turkey issued an international tender to purchase 4.7 million bushels of durum wheat from the European Union that closes next Wednesday. The grain is for shipment between late November and mid-December.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 88,812 CBOT contracts, dropping moderately below Friday's final count of 127,633.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 4 540.00	11%	R -9.27	R 4 530.73
Mar 2020	R 4 649.00	9.5%		R 4 649.00
May 2020	R 4 741.00	0%		R 4 741.00
Jul 2020	R 4 773.00	0%		R 4 773.00
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019				
Mar 2020				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				



The local Wheat market closed lower yesterday. The Dec'19 Wheat contract closed R43.00 down and Mar'20 Wheat closed R34.00 lower. The parity move for the Dec'19 Wheat contract for yesterday was R4.00 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
NOV 2019	937.00	940.50	4.50	3.50	937.25	-3.25
JAN 2010	952.00	955.00	4.50	3.00	951.75	-3.25
MAR 2010	962.00	965.00	4.00	3.00	962.25	-2.75
MAY 2010	970.00	972.25	3.75	2.25	970.25	-2.00
JUL 2010	978.00	980.50	3.75	2.50	978.25	-2.25

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
OCT 2019	306	0.00
DEC 2019	310.9	309.90
JAN 2010	313.5	312.70
MAR 2010	317	316.10
MAY 2010	320.5	319.60

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
OCT 2019	29.9	0.00
DEC 2019	30	29.90
JAN 2010	30.24	30.12
MAR 2010	30.51	30.41
MAY 2010	30.81	30.70



FarmFutures - Soybean prices tracked moderately higher on some technical buying spurred by light U.S.-China trade optimism and lingering worries over the effects of last week's winter weather that raked across the northern U.S. November and January futures each added 4.5 cents to close at \$9.4050 and \$9.55, respectively.

Soybean basis bids were largely flat Monday but did tick a penny higher at an Ohio elevator today. Ahead of the National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA) monthly report, out late tomorrow morning, analysts expect NOPA to show last month's soy crush reaching 162.193 million bushels – a record for September, if realized, but down from August's tally of 168.085 million bushels.

European Union soybean imports for its 2019/20 marketing season have reached 132.3 million bushels as of October 13, which is mostly in line with last year's pace. EU soybean imports are up 18% year-over-year, meantime, with EU palm oil imports down 10%.

China's soybean imports eased 13.5% month-over-month after September totals reached 301.3 million bushels. Totals from January to September for the world's No. 1 soybean importer are at 2.370 billion bushels.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 266,233 contracts, trending moderately below Friday's final count of 367,792.

### South African Futures Exchange

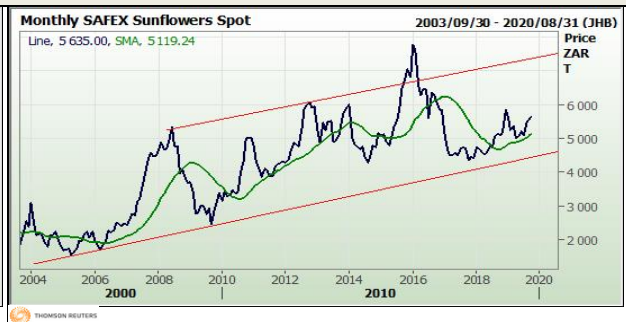
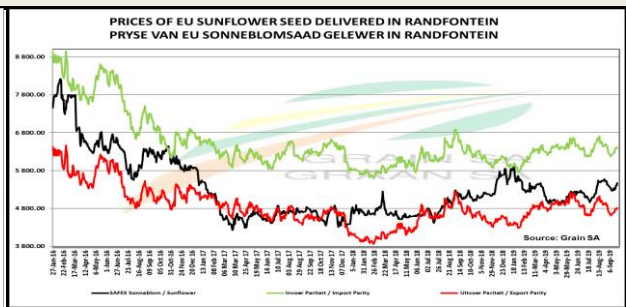
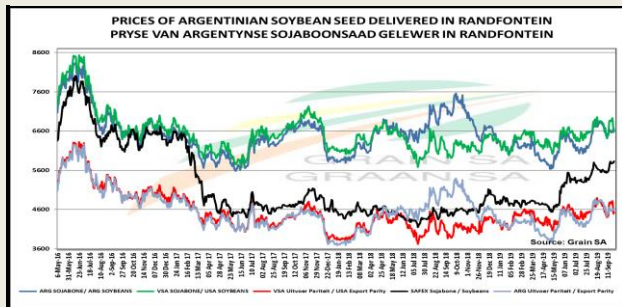
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 5 983.00	14%		R 5 983.00
Mar 2020	R 5 932.00	0%		R 5 932.00
May 2020	R 5 760.00	17%		R 5 760.00
Jul 2020	R 5 842.00	20.5%		R 5 842.00
Sep 2020	R 5 861.00	0%		R 5 861.00
Dec 2020				

Sunflower Seeds Future				
	MTM	Vols		
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 5 756.00	16%		R 5 756.00
Mar 2020	R 5 762.00	0%		R 5 762.00
May 2020	R 5 350.00	13.5%		R 5 350.00
Jul 2020	R 5 390.00	0%		R 5 390.00
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020	R 5 575.00	0%		R 5 575.00



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The Dec'19 Soya contract ended R35.00 down and Mar'20 Soya closed R11.00 lower. The parity move for the Dec'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R3.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed mixed yesterday. The Dec'19 Suns contract closed R19.00 down while Mar'20 Suns closed R2.00 higher.



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