



**Fundamental Report**  
**24 October 2019**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.6690	14.6139	-0.0551	-0.38%
Euro/Rand	16.3061	16.2729	-0.0332	-0.20%
GBPound/Rand	18.8618	18.8739	0.0121	0.06%
AusDollar/Rand	10.0365	10.0061	-0.0304	-0.30%
Euro/USDollar	1.1111	1.1135	0.0024	0.22%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2852	1.2918	0.0066	0.51%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6842	0.6847	0.0005	0.07%
JpyYen/USDollar	108.3800	108.6100	0.2300	0.21%

BDLive - The JSE closed lower for a second consecutive day, while global markets were mixed as investors await the EU's verdict on the Brexit extension.

Bloomberg reported earlier that European Council president Donald Tusk said he will recommend that the EU approve a Brexit delay. UK MPs voted for the Withdrawal Agreement Bill on Tuesday but rejected Prime Minister Boris Johnson's timetable to leave the EU.

"The only question is how Boris Johnson will spend the next three months. There are rising talks of an early general election in the UK," London Capital Group senior market analyst Ipek Ozkardeskaya said.

The rand lost ground on Wednesday after strengthening more than 1% on Tuesday. At 5.45pm it had weakened 0.31% to R14.6331/\$, 0.27% to R16.2743/€ and 0.41% to R18.8556/£. The euro was flat at \$1.1122.



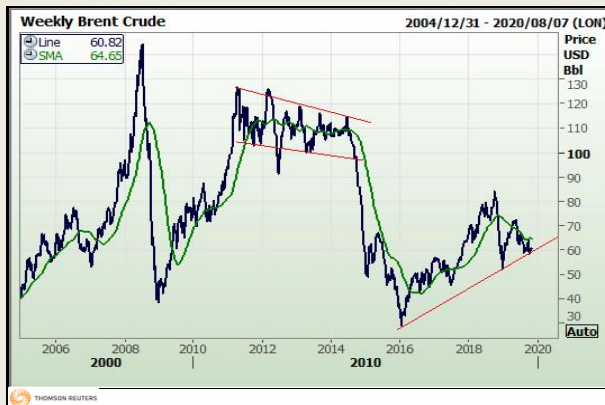
### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	921.84	6.84	0.74%
Gold	1492.65	0.80	0.05%
Silver	17.54	-0.02	-0.09%
Copper	2.67	-0.01	-0.21%
Gasoil	591.50	0.75	0.13%
Brent Oil	60.82	-0.35	-0.58%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices were steady on Wednesday, as investors awaited more clarity on the Brexit and the US-China trade war, but a rally in the bond markets provided modest support to the bullion.

Spot gold was up 0.1% at \$1,489.45/oz, as of 04.41am GMT. US gold futures rose 0.3% to \$1,492.50/oz. "Things are quiet on the trade war front, while the delay in Brexit is viewed as negative by some. But news is balancing itself and that is keeping the market steady," said Michael McCarthy, chief market strategist at CMC Markets.

"Prices are swinging between \$1,490 and \$1,535. Until we break one of those two levels, we really do not have a direction." Asian shares and US stock futures took a hit after British legislators rejected their government's proposed timetable for passing legislation to ratify its deal to exit the EU.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	49244.55	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	49486.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2995.99	8.53	0.28%
FTSE	7212.49	48.25	0.67%
CAC	5653.44	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12798.19	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	26566.73	102.01	0.38%



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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	388.00	387.75	-0.25	-0.25	389.50	1.75	1.50
MAR 2010	400.00	399.75	-0.25	-0.25	401.00	1.25	1.00
MAY 2010	407.00	406.25	-0.50	-0.75	407.50	1.25	0.50
JUL 2010	413.00	412.00	-1.00	-1.00	413.50	1.50	0.50
SEP 2010	406.00	404.75	-0.25	-1.25	405.50	0.75	-0.50

FarmFutures - Corn prices tried and failed to move higher Wednesday, shifting slightly into the red as today's session wound down. December and March futures each slipped 0.25 cents to \$3.8775 and \$3.9975, respectively.

Corn basis bids were steady to mixed across the central U.S. Wednesday, moving as much as 5 cents lower at a Nebraska elevator and as much as 2 cents higher at an Illinois river terminal today.

Ahead of Thursday morning's weekly export report from USDA, analysts expect the agency to show corn sales for the week ending October 17 ranging between 17.7 million and 33.5 million bushels – making it likely to surpass the prior week's tepid tally of 14.5 million bushels.

Ethanol production trended higher for a third consecutive week but remained just under 1 million barrels per day for a fifth straight week, with a daily average of 996,000 barrels. December ethanol futures moved nearly 0.8% higher in afternoon trading, to \$1.414.

A French farming group says the country may only harvest 484.2 million bushels of corn this year after the crop was battered by drought over the summer. Average yield estimates could fall 7.7% below the prior five-year average, to 132.8 bushels per acre.

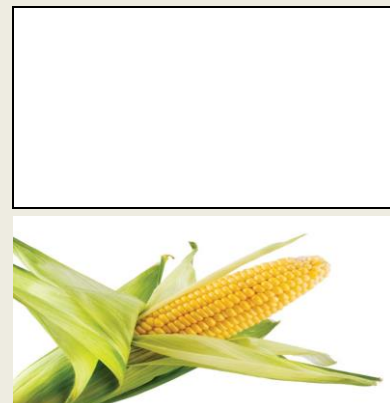
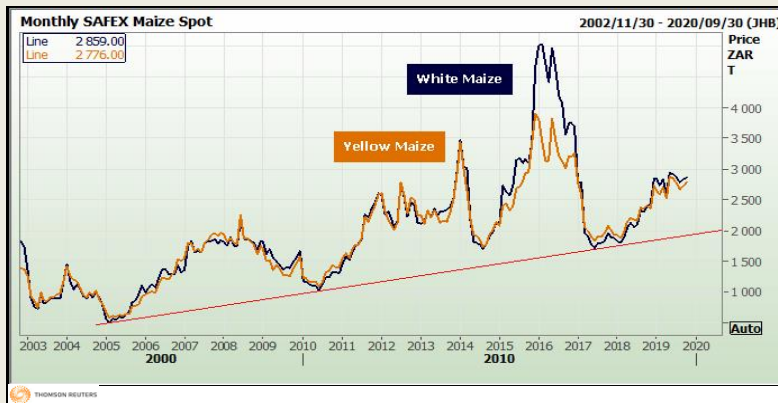
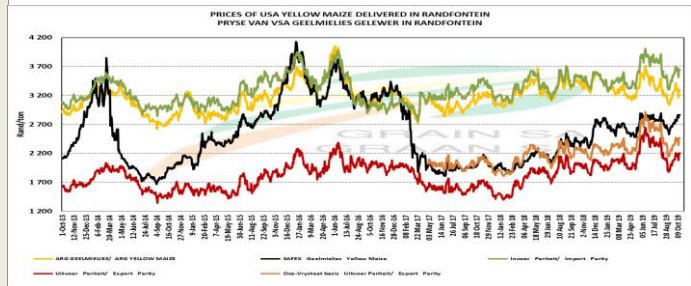
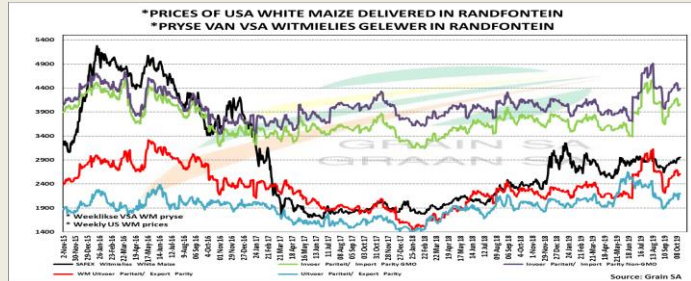
Through September, China has imported more than 152 million bushels of corn, which is trending 33.1% above the pace of last year's corn imports.



### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 2 880.00	30%	R 0.21	R 2 880.21
Mar 2020	R 2 900.00	34%		R 2 900.00
May 2020	R 2 764.00	0%		R 2 764.00
Jul 2020	R 2 764.00	32.5%		R 2 764.00
Sep 2020	R 2 824.00	0%		R 2 824.00
Dec 2020	R 2 903.00	29%		R 2 903.00
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 2 790.00	23%	R 0.21	R 2 790.21
Mar 2020	R 2 786.00	21.5%		R 2 786.00
May 2020	R 2 675.00	0%		R 2 675.00
Jul 2020	R 2 666.00	20%		R 2 666.00
Sep 2020	R 2 730.00	0%		R 2 730.00
Dec 2020	R 2 809.00	0%		R 2 809.00

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The Dec'19 WMAZ contract ended R28.00 down and Dec'19 YMAZ closed R19.00 lower. The Mar'20 WMAZ closed lower by R24.00 and Mar'20 YMAZ ended R15.00 down. The parity move for the Dec'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R2.00 negative.

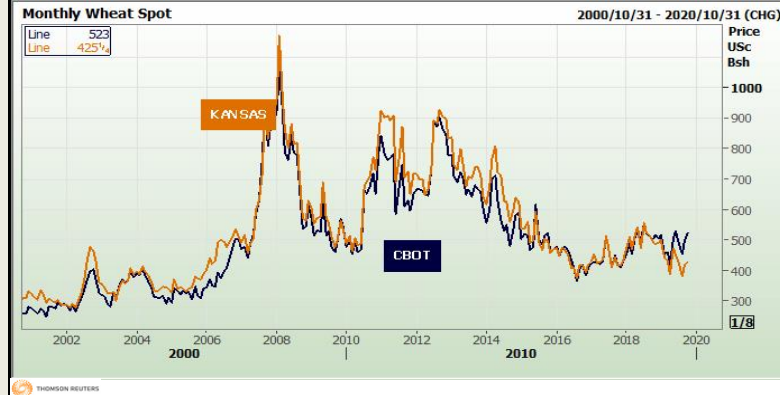


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## Wheat Market

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

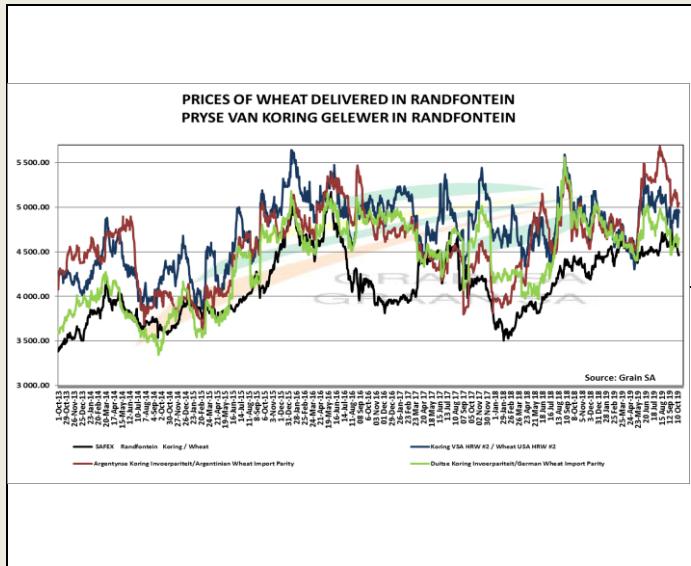
CBOT Wheat									KBOT Wheat						
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
DEC 2019	519.00	520.75	2.75	1.75	523.00	2.25	4.00	DEC 2019	423.00	423.25	2.00	0.25	425.25	2.00	2.25
MAR 2010	525.00	526.00	1.75	1.00	527.50	1.50	2.50	MAR 2010	437.00	437.00	2.25	0.00	438.50	1.50	1.50
MAY 2010	533.00	531.00	1.50	-2.00	532.50	1.50	-0.50	MAY 2010	445.00	446.25	2.25	1.25	447.75	1.50	2.75
JUL 2010	535.00	534.50	1.00	-0.50	536.50	2.00	1.50	JUL 2010	455.00	455.50	2.50	0.50	455.75	0.25	0.75
SEP 2010	543.00	541.25	1.00	-1.75	541.50	0.25	-1.50	SEP 2010	464.00	465.00	2.50	1.00	465.25	0.25	1.25



FarmFutures - Wheat prices gained a bit of traction Wednesday on some technical selling, with most contracts picking up around 0.5% in the session. December Chicago SRW futures rose 2.75 cents to \$5.2075, December Kansas City HRW futures picked up 2.25 cents to \$4.2350, and December MGEX spring wheat futures added 3.25 cents to \$5.4225. Ahead of Thursday morning's weekly export report from USDA, analysts expect the agency to wheat soybean sales for the week ending October 17 ranging between 11.0 million and 22.0 million bushels. To make up for domestic deficits, Iran plans to import as much as 110 million bushels of wheat this year. In the past, the country has purchased wheat from a variety of geographies, including the EU, Australia, Canada and the Black Sea region. Taiwan issued an international tender to purchase 3.3 million bushels of U.S. wheat, which closes tomorrow. The grain is for shipment between early December and early January. Turkey has made provisional purchases (still subject to final confirmation) for 4.7 million bushels of durum wheat sourced from the European Union in a series of tenders that closed earlier today. Tunisia purchased 2.8 million bushels of milling wheat from optional origins in an international tender that closed earlier today. The grain is for shipment between late November and mid-December.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 4 484.00	11%	R 10.97	R 4 494.97
Mar 2020	R 4 580.00	9.5%		R 4 580.00
May 2020	R 4 665.00	0%		R 4 665.00
Jul 2020	R 4 723.00	0%		R 4 723.00
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 R2.00 down and Mar'20 Wheat closed R8.00 lower. The parity move for the Dec'19 Wheat contract for yesterday was R9.00 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
NOV 2019	935.00	933.75	-0.25	-1.25	934.75	1.00
JAN 2010	949.00	948.25	0.00	-0.75	949.00	0.75
MAR 2010	961.00	959.50	-0.25	-1.50	960.50	1.00
MAY 2010	970.00	968.00	-0.50	-2.00	969.50	1.50
JUL 2010	979.00	976.50	-0.25	-2.50	979.00	2.50

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
DEC 2019	308.6	308.90
JAN 2010	311	311.30
MAR 2010	314.7	314.90
MAY 2010	318.1	318.30
JUL 2010	321.6	321.90

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
DEC 2019	30.58	30.65
JAN 2010	30.8	30.88
MAR 2010	31.05	31.12
MAY 2010	31.33	31.39
JUL 2010	31.62	31.60



FarmFutures - Soybean prices also sputtered late in Wednesday's session to finish with fractional losses. Ongoing harvest pressure canceled out optimism over some positive export news out earlier this morning. November futures slipped 0.25 cents to \$9.3375, with January futures holding steady at \$9.4825.

Soybean basis bids moved 1 to 5 cents higher at several interior river terminals and Midwestern elevators Wednesday while dropping 5 cents lower at an Indiana processor today. Farmer sales remain relatively slow this week. Ahead of Thursday morning's weekly export report from USDA, analysts expect the agency to show soybean sales for the week ending October 17 ranging between 29.4 million and 58.8 million bushels. Analysts also expect USDA to report an additional 100,000 to 300,000 metric tons of soy meal sales, plus another 0 to 25,000 MT of soy oil sales. Private exporters announced to USDA the sale of 4.7 million bushels of soybeans for delivery to unknown destinations during the 2019/20 marketing year, which began September 1.

And Chinese buyers have purchased nearly 7 million bushels of U.S. soybeans earlier this week after the country's government granted some tariff waivers, although there are still lingering concerns about reduced demand due to the devastating effects of African swine fever. Farmers reporting to Feedback From The Field have still been consistently sharing highly variable results, including soybean yields that ranged between 25 and 70 bushels per acre. Click here to read the latest round of farmer anecdotes and view our interactive map.

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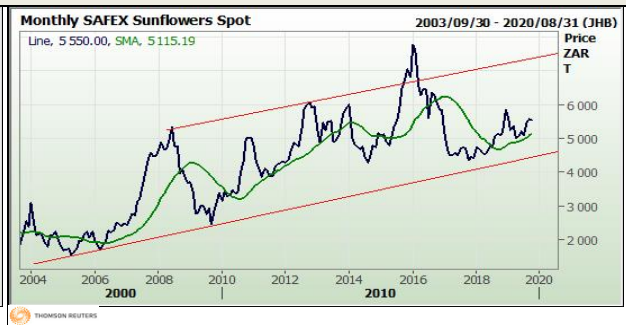
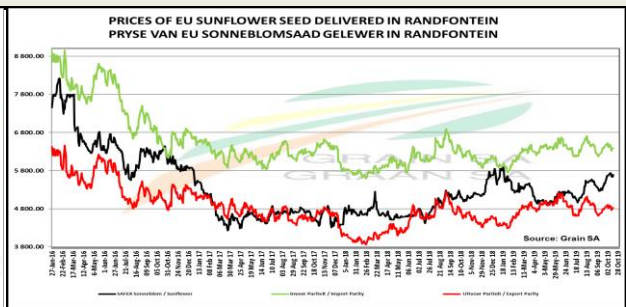
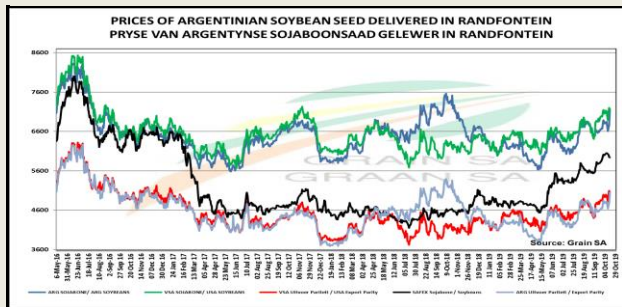
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 5 987.00	14%		R 5 987.00
Mar 2020	R 5 966.00	0%		R 5 966.00
May 2020	R 5 841.00	17%		R 5 841.00
Jul 2020	R 5 929.00	20.5%		R 5 929.00
Sep 2020	R 5 958.00	0%		R 5 958.00
Dec 2020				

Sunflower Seeds Future				
	MTM	Vols		
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 5 649.00	16%		R 5 649.00
Mar 2020	R 5 677.00	0%		R 5 677.00
May 2020	R 5 425.00	13.5%		R 5 425.00
Jul 2020	R 5 435.00	0%		R 5 435.00
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 R14.00 down and Mar'20 Soya closed R13.00 lower. The parity move for the Dec'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R20.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The Dec'19 Suns contract closed R16.00 down and Mar'20 Suns closed R13.00 lower.



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