



**Fundamental Report**  
**25 October 2019**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.6309	14.6839	0.0530	0.36%
Euro/Rand	16.2810	16.3023	0.0213	0.13%
GBPound/Rand	18.8460	18.8509	0.0049	0.03%
AusDollar/Rand	9.9944	10.0056	-0.0112	-0.11%
Euro/USDollar	1.1129	1.1101	-0.0028	-0.25%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2881	1.2839	-0.0042	-0.33%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6831	0.6814	-0.0017	-0.25%
JpyYen/USDollar	108.6700	108.6300	-0.0400	-0.04%

BDLive - The JSE was lower on Thursday with banks leading losses, while global markets await the EU's decision amid speculation that the it may give its verdict on a Brexit extension by Friday.

Despite reaching a deal with Brussels, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson is awaiting a response from the EU regarding an extension to the October 31 Brexit deadline. Johnson has hinted at the possibility of a snap general election should the deadline be extended to next year.

On the US-China trade war front, White House trade adviser Peter Navarro said phase one of the deal between the US and China will include intellectual property rights, adding that he hopes China negotiates in good faith, according to Reuters.



### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	924.50	0.75	0.08%
Gold	1501.90	-1.35	-0.09%
Silver	17.84	0.07	0.37%
Copper	2.66	-0.01	-0.24%
Gasoil	598.25	-0.75	-0.13%
Brent Oil	61.33	-0.34	-0.55%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices barely moved on Thursday as investors waited for fresh developments on the Sino-US trade front, and clarity on Brexit, after the EU delayed a decision on granting Britain an extension.

Spot gold was unchanged at \$1,492.34/oz by 4.32am GMT. US gold futures were flat at \$1,495.10/oz.

"Overall, gold is consolidating at the bottom of its medium-term range, implying that the next move is down, assuming the mini-trade deal goes through," Oanda analyst Jeffrey Halley said, referring to the Sino-US trade talks.

The trade war between the world's two biggest economies has hit financial markets and forced most major central banks to cut interest rates in 2019.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	49124.43	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	49389.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3004.52	5.77	0.19%
FTSE	7260.74	67.51	0.93%
CAC	5684.33	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12872.10	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	26797.95	-119.53	-0.45%



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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	389.00	386.75	-1.00	-2.25	387.50	0.75	-1.50
MAR 2010	401.00	398.00	-1.75	-3.00	398.50	0.50	-2.50
MAY 2010	408.00	404.50	-1.75	-3.50	405.00	0.50	-3.00
JUL 2010	413.00	410.25	-1.75	-2.75	410.50	0.25	-2.50
SEP 2010	406.00	403.75	-1.00	-2.25	404.00	0.25	-2.00

FarmFutures - Corn prices softened slightly on some light technical selling Thursday, partly spurred by another round of sour export data from USDA this morning. December futures slipped a penny to \$3.8675, with March futures down another 1.75 cents to \$3.98.

Corn basis bids were mostly steady across the central U.S., although prices did tip 5 cents lower at an Illinois ethanol plant, 5 cents higher at an Indiana ethanol plant and 8 cents lower at a Nebraska processor today. Corn exports only notched 19.4 million bushels in old crop sales and another 3.6 million bushels in new crop sales last week for a total of 23.0 million bushels. That was moderately improved from the prior week's tepid 14.5 million bushels and barely above trade estimates of 21.7 million bushels. Corn export shipments were a little better, at 19.3 million bushels. The International Grains Council slightly reduced its estimates for global 2019/20 corn production, with lower yield potential in Argentina partially offset by an expected uptick in China. IGC pegs total production at an estimates 1.098 billion metric tons (more than 39 billion bushels).

Variability has been the name of the game during this year's embattled growing season. Farmers recently reporting to Feedback From The Field have seen corn yields range from 90 bushels per acre all the way up to 240 bpa. Click here to read the latest round of farmer anecdotes and view our interactive map.

It's not unusual for diesel prices to dip in late October, according to Farm Futures senior grain market analyst Bryce Knorr. That makes fuel prices worth looking at, depending on where your suppliers buy from. Learn more in Knorr's latest Energy/Ethanol Outlook column.

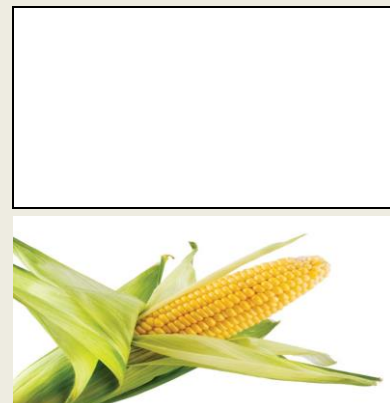
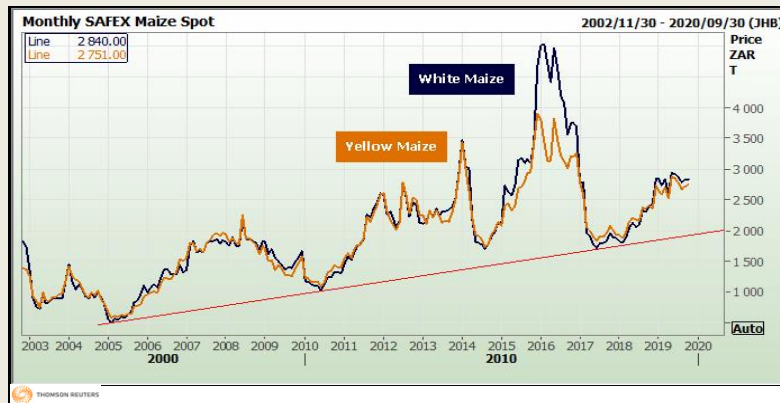
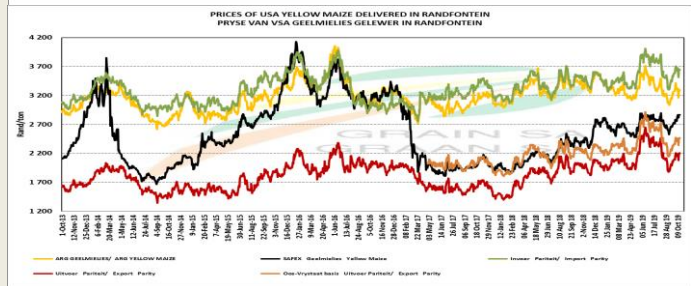
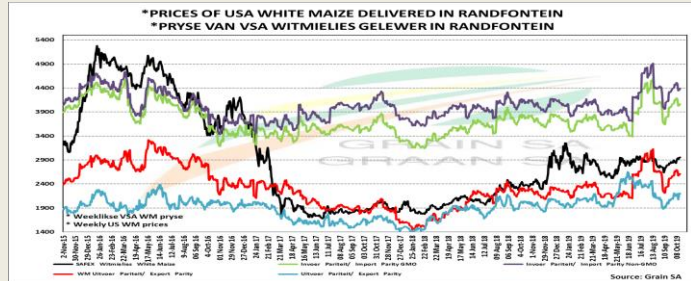
Preliminary volume estimates were for 208,223 contracts, firming 15% above Wednesday's final count of 180,360.



### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 2 871.00	30%	R -0.55	R 2 870.45
Mar 2020	R 2 890.00	33.25%		R 2 890.00
May 2020	R 2 764.00	0%		R 2 764.00
Jul 2020	R 2 765.00	32.5%		R 2 765.00
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 2 775.00	23%	R -0.55	R 2 774.45
Mar 2020	R 2 770.00	21.5%		R 2 770.00
May 2020	R 2 661.00	0%		R 2 661.00
Jul 2020	R 2 655.00	20%		R 2 655.00
Sep 2020	R 2 717.00	0%		R 2 717.00
Dec 2020	R 2 796.00	0%		R 2 796.00

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The Dec'19 WMAZ contract ended R9.00 down and Dec'19 YMAZ closed R15.00 lower. The Mar'20 WMAZ closed lower by R10.00 and Mar'20 YMAZ ended R16.00 down. The parity move for the Dec'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R3.00 negative.

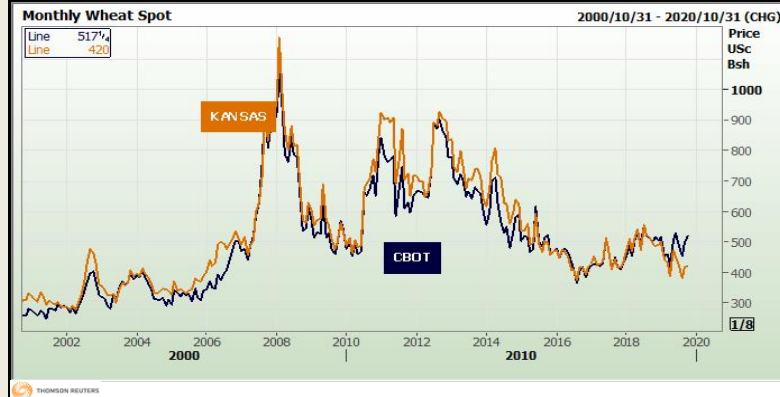


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## Wheat Market

### 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	521.00	516.00	-4.75	-5.00	517.25	1.25	-3.75	DEC 2019	425.00	419.50	-3.75	-5.50	420.00	0.50	-5.00
MAR 2010	526.00	521.25	-4.75	-4.75	522.00	0.75	-4.00	MAR 2010	437.00	432.75	-4.25	-4.25	433.50	0.75	-3.50
MAY 2010	530.00	526.25	-4.75	-3.75	527.00	0.75	-3.00	MAY 2010	445.00	441.75	-4.50	-3.25	442.50	0.75	-2.50
JUL 2010	533.00	530.25	-4.25	-2.75	530.50	0.25	-2.50	JUL 2010	454.00	450.25	-5.25	-3.75	451.25	1.00	-2.75
SEP 2010	544.00	537.25	-4.00	-6.75	0.00	-537.25	-544.00	SEP 2010	465.00	459.75	-5.25	-5.25	0.00	-459.75	-465.00



FarmFutures - Wheat prices took moderate cuts Thursday on the familiar specter of large domestic stocks and sluggish exports, which sparked some more technical selling. December Chicago SRW futures fell 4.75 cents to \$5.16, December Kansas City HRW futures dropped 3.5 cents to \$4.1975, and December MGEX spring wheat futures lost 2.25 cents to \$5.4025.

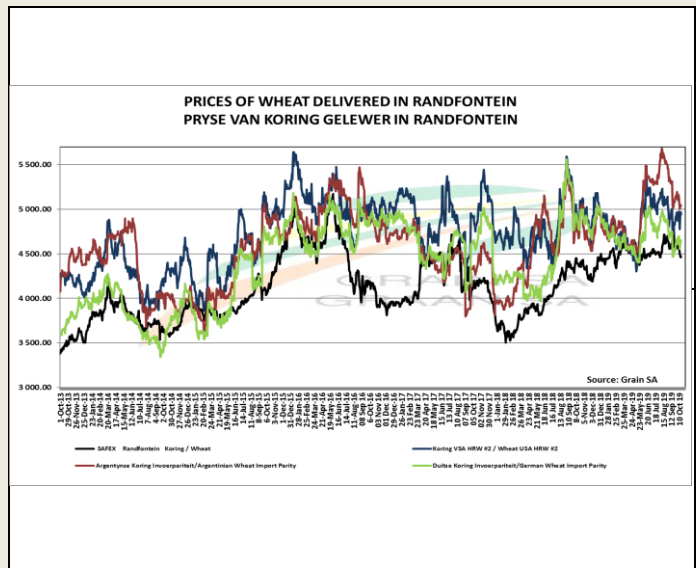
Wheat export sales turned in a disappointing 9.6 million bushels last week, falling below the prior week's tally of 14.5 million bushels and trade estimates of 16.5 million bushels. Wheat export shipments saw 18.3 million bushels last week, meantime. The International Grains Council has lowered its outlook for global wheat production for 2019/20 by more than 73 million bushels to 27.999 billion bushels, largely on lower production potential coming out of drought-stressed Australia and Argentina.

Taiwan purchased 3.3 million bushels of milling wheat from the U.S. in an international tender that closed earlier today. The grain will be shipped from the PNW in December and January.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 55,242 CBOT contracts, down from Wednesday's final tally of 63,192.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 4 457.00	11%	R -10.09	R 4 446.91
Mar 2020	R 4 550.00	9.5%		R 4 550.00
May 2020	R 4 623.00	0%		R 4 623.00
Jul 2020	R 4 690.00	0%		R 4 690.00
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019				
Mar 2020				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				



The local Weat market closed lower yesterday. The Dec'19 Weat contract closed R27.00 down and Mar'20 Weat closed R30.00 lower. The parity move for the Dec'19 Weat contract for yesterday was R11.00 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	933.25	-0.50	-3.75	935.75	2.50
JAN 2010	950.00	947.00	-1.25	-3.00	949.50	2.50
MAR 2010	962.00	958.50	-1.00	-3.50	961.00	2.50
MAY 2010	971.00	968.25	0.25	-2.75	971.00	2.75
JUL 2010	979.00	976.75	0.25	-2.25	980.25	3.50

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
DEC 2019	305.6	306.50
JAN 2010	308	308.90
MAR 2010	311.8	312.60
MAY 2010	315.3	316.00
JUL 2010	318.7	319.40

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
DEC 2019	31.34	31.42
JAN 2010	31.56	31.64
MAR 2010	31.81	31.88
MAY 2010	32.09	32.14
JUL 2010	32.36	32.43



FarmFutures - Soybean prices also took small cuts on some technical selling Thursday, as traders attempted to balance a new large sale to China announced early today with USDA's latest batch of lackluster export data. Prices ended the session slightly in the red, with November futures slipping half a penny to \$9.3325 and January futures down 1.25 cents to \$9.47. Soybean basis bids rose 2 to 8 cents higher at a handful of Midwestern locations Thursday but were otherwise steady across the central U.S. today. Private exporters reported to USDA the sale of 9.7 million bushels of soybeans for delivery to China during the 2019/20 marketing year, which began September 1. This has been the eighth large soybean sale reported so far in October, all of which have come from China or unknown destinations. Last week's soybean exports only reached 17.5 million bushels – only about a third of the prior week's haul of 58.8 million bushels. It also slumped far below trade estimates of 44.1 million bushels and moved the weekly rate needed to match USDA forecasts higher, to 23.0 million bushels. Soybean export shipments were more robust, reaching 50.8 million bushels. The International Grains Council expects global soybean production in 2019/20 to retreat 6.9% lower year-over-year, reaching 12.530 billion bushels, primarily due to lower production expected in the U.S. Pending a partial trade deal with the U.S., China indicated it would be willing to purchase \$20 billion in U.S. agricultural goods this coming year, bringing totals to around pre-trade war levels. No agreements have been signed at this time, however. Preliminary volume estimates were for 285,929 contracts, falling moderately below Wednesday's final count of 379,150.

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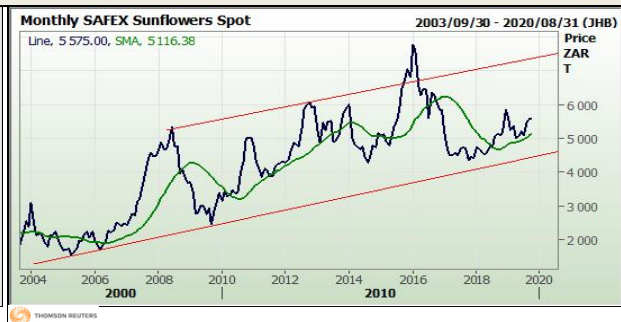
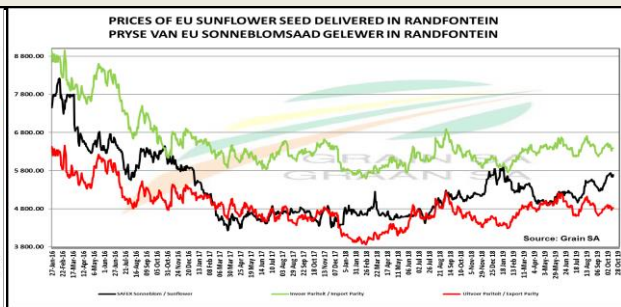
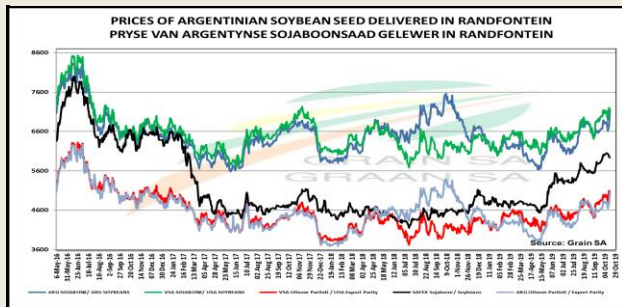
Soybean Future			
	MTM	Vols	Market Price
Sep 2019			
Dec 2019	R 5 960.00	14%	R 5 960.00
Mar 2020	R 5 940.00	0%	R 5 940.00
May 2020	R 5 856.00	17%	R 5 856.00
Jul 2020	R 5 928.00	20.5%	R 5 928.00
Sep 2020	R 5 958.00	0%	R 5 958.00
Dec 2020			

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Sep 2019		
Dec 2019	R 5 645.00	16%
Mar 2020	R 5 670.00	0%
May 2020	R 5 457.00	13.5%
Jul 2020	R 5 456.00	0%
Sep 2020		
Dec 2020	R 5 575.00	0%



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The Dec'19 Soya contract ended R27.00 down and Mar'20 Soya closed R26.00 lower. The parity move for the Dec'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R15.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The Dec'19 Suns contract closed R4.00 down and Mar'20 Suns closed R7.00 lower.



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