



Fundamental Report
29 October 2019

Financial Markets

Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.5597	14.5627	0.0030	0.02%
Euro/Rand	16.1470	16.1603	0.0133	0.08%
GBPound/Rand	18.7097	18.7068	-0.0029	-0.02%
AusDollar/Rand	9.9399	9.9740	0.0341	0.34%
Euro/USDollar	1.1091	1.1096	0.0005	0.05%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2851	1.2846	-0.0005	-0.04%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6827	0.6849	0.0022	0.32%
JpyYen/USDollar	108.6800	108.9600	0.2800	0.26%

BDLive - The JSE tracked global markets higher on Monday on optimism about trade and expectations that the US Federal Reserve will cut interest rates boosted sentiment.

US President Donald Trump said on Monday that the US may sign a big portion of the trade deal with China ahead of schedule, Reuters reported.

This follows comments by China's commerce ministry at the weekend that both the US and China had agreed to properly address core issues.

Investors are also expecting the Fed to lower interest rates by 25 basis points on Wednesday, its third cut in 2019, amid concerns about slowing global economic growth.

The medium-term budget policy statement (MTBPS) will be in focus later this week as investors wait for more clarity



Commodities

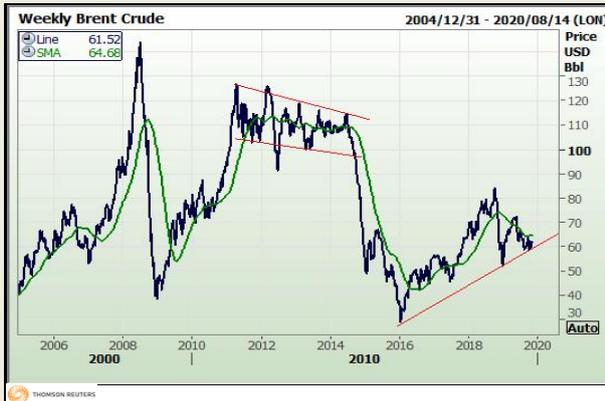
	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	913.55	-5.17	-0.57%
Gold	1492.46	0.01	0.00%
Silver	17.83	-0.03	-0.16%
Copper	2.68	-0.01	-0.24%
Gasoil	592.50	0.75	0.13%
Brent Oil	61.53	-0.04	-0.07%

BDLive - Gold was little changed on Monday, after an almost 1% jump in the previous session, as investors await a US Federal Reserve rate decision later in the week, while progress in US-China trade talks limited upside.

Spot gold was steady at \$1,504.44/oz as of 3.25am GMT. US gold futures were up 0.1% to \$1,507.20/oz.

"The market is waiting for the Fed's take on interest rate cut and the outcome of US-China trade negotiations on November 16," said Ronald Leung, chief dealer at Lee Cheong Gold Dealers.

The Fed is scheduled to meet on October 29 and 30, where it is expected to reduce its benchmark interest rate for the third consecutive time this year.



Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	49516.50	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	49747.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3022.55	16.87	0.56%
FTSE	7324.47	6.81	0.09%
CAC	5730.57	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12941.71	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	26891.26	-99.84	-0.37%



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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	385.00	384.00	-2.75	-1.00	384.00	0.00	-1.00
MAR 2010	396.00	394.50	-3.00	-1.50	394.00	-0.50	-2.00
MAY 2010	402.00	401.50	-2.50	-0.50	400.75	-0.75	-1.25
JUL 2010	408.00	407.50	-2.25	-0.50	406.75	-0.75	-1.25
SEP 2010	403.00	401.25	-2.25	-1.75	402.00	0.75	-1.00

FarmFutures - Corn prices tracked more than 0.75% lower Monday on some technical selling spurred by harvest pressure and another round of lackluster export inspection data. December futures retreated 2.75 cents to \$3.84, with March futures down 3 cents to \$3.9450.

Corn basis bids were mostly steady across the central U.S. Monday but did slip a penny lower at a Nebraska processor today.

Corn export inspections slumped to 15.0 million bushels last week, falling moderately behind the prior week's tally of 22.8 million bushels and falling short of trade estimates that ranged between 17 million and 25 million bushels. Year-to-date totals of 137 million bushels for 2019/20 are already 60% behind last year's pace. Mexico was the No. 1 destination last week, with 6.3 million bushels.

Ahead of this afternoon's weekly crop progress report from USDA, analysts expect the agency to mark the corn harvest at 43% complete, up from 30% a week ago. Individual trade guesses show a bit of range, however, from 38% to 52%. Analysts also expect USDA to hold crop quality steady from a week ago, with 56% in good-to-excellent condition.

Farmers reporting to Feedback From The Field last week are showing corn yield potential at 171.5 bushels per acre, with soybeans at 50.9 bpa – both higher than the latest estimates from USDA earlier this month. Farmers are still reporting a number of weather-related harvest challenges, however. Click here to read their latest round of anecdotes and view our interactive map.

European Union corn imports for 2019/20 are at 255.9 million bushels by October 27, which is trending 26% higher year-over-year.

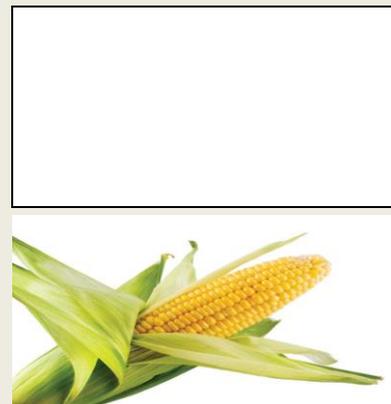
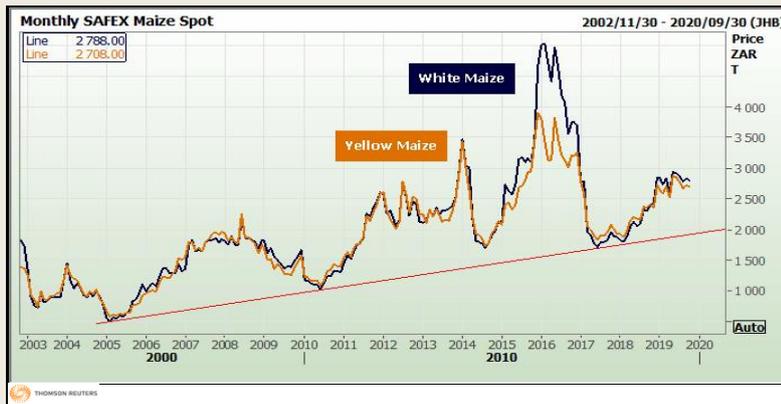
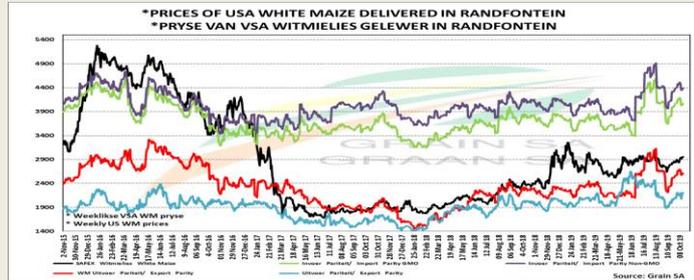
Preliminary volume estimates were for 169,419 contracts, down about 14% from Friday's final count of 197,468.



South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
White Maize Future				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 2 802.00	28%	R -5.28	R 2 796.72
Mar 2020	R 2 826.00	33.25%		R 2 826.00
May 2020	R 2 694.00	0%		R 2 694.00
Jul 2020	R 2 688.00	32.5%		R 2 688.00
Sep 2020	R 2 750.00	0%		R 2 750.00
Dec 2020	R 2 829.00	29%		R 2 829.00
Yellow Maize Future				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 2 717.00	23%	R -5.28	R 2 711.72
Mar 2020	R 2 720.00	21.5%		R 2 720.00
May 2020	R 2 609.00	0%		R 2 609.00
Jul 2020	R 2 601.00	20%		R 2 601.00
Sep 2020	R 2 665.00	0%		R 2 665.00
Dec 2020	R 2 744.00	0%		R 2 744.00

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The Dec'19 WMAZ contract ended R74.00 down and Dec'19 YMAZ closed R48.00 lower. The Mar'20 WMAZ closed lower by R80.00 and Mar'20 YMAZ ended R50.00 down. The parity move for the Dec'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R5.00 negative.

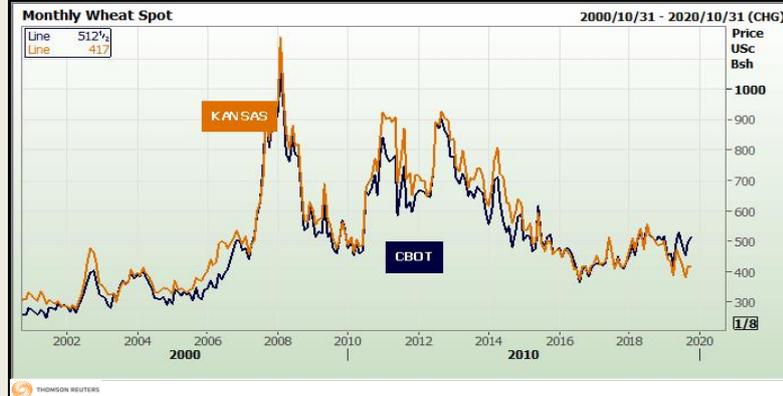


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Wheat Market

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	513.00	511.75	-6.00	-1.25	512.50	0.75	-0.50	DEC 2019	420.00	417.00	-5.75	-3.00	417.00	0.00	-3.00
MAR 2010	519.00	518.00	-5.50	-1.00	519.00	1.00	0.00	MAR 2010	434.00	430.00	-5.75	-4.00	430.25	0.25	-3.75
MAY 2010	524.00	523.25	-5.50	-0.75	523.75	0.50	-0.25	MAY 2010	442.00	439.25	-5.50	-2.75	439.25	0.00	-2.75
JUL 2010	528.00	528.00	-4.50	0.00	528.25	0.25	0.25	JUL 2010	451.00	448.25	-5.00	-2.75	448.50	0.25	-2.50
SEP 2010	537.00	535.75	-3.75	-1.25	535.50	-0.25	-1.50	SEP 2010	462.00	458.25	-4.75	-3.75	0.00	-458.25	-462.00



FarmFutures - Wheat prices fell moderately after trader focus shifted back towards large domestic stocks and generally sluggish export demand. December Chicago SRW futures dropped 6 cents to \$5.1174. December Kansas City HRW futures fell 4.75 cents to \$4.18, and December MGEX spring wheat futures lost 9 cents to \$5.2875.

Wheat export inspections reached 19.2 million bushels last week, which was just below the prior week's tally of 21.3 million bushels and on the low end of trade guesses, which ranged between 16 million and 25 million bushels. Yemen led all destinations, with 2.9 million bushels.

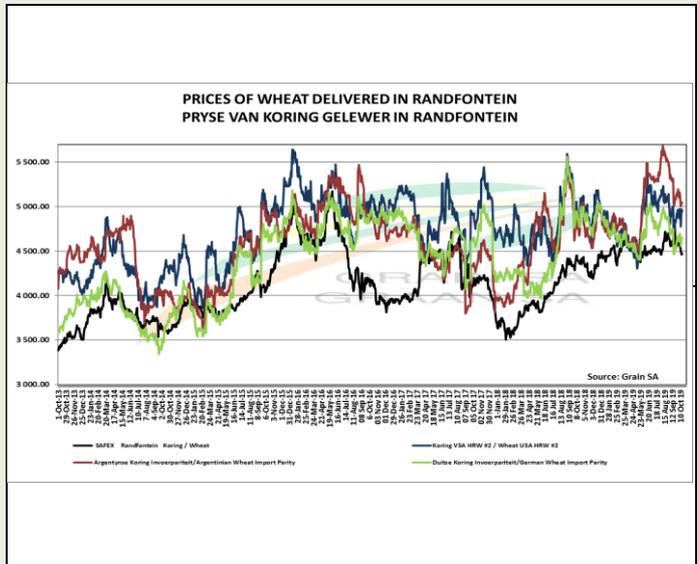
Ahead of this afternoon's crop progress report from USDA, analysts expect the agency to show 87% of the 2019/20 winter wheat crop now planted, up from 77% a week ago.

European Union soft wheat exports for 2019/20 reached 314 million bushels as of October 17, which is running about 50% higher year-over-year. EU barley exports are also up 47% so far from last year.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 80,781 CBOT contracts, moving moderately above Friday's final count of 62,760.

South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
Bread Milling Wheat				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 4 457.00	11%	R -2.11	R 4 454.89
Mar 2020	R 4 552.00	9.5%		R 4 552.00
May 2020	R 4 623.00	0%		R 4 623.00
Jul 2020	R 4 674.00	0%		R 4 674.00
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				
Cape Wheat				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019				
Mar 2020				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				



The local Wheat market closed mixed yesterday. The Dec'19 Wheat contract closed R4.00 down while Mar'20 Wheat closed R1.00 higher. The parity move for the Dec'19 Wheat contract for yesterday was R2.00 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	923.00	920.75	0.50	-2.25	920.50	-0.25
JAN 2010	937.00	935.50	1.00	-1.50	935.00	-0.50
MAR 2010	949.00	947.75	1.00	-1.25	947.25	-0.50
MAY 2010	960.00	958.75	1.25	-1.25	958.25	-0.50
JUL 2010	969.00	969.00	2.00	0.00	968.75	-0.25

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
DEC 2019	304	303.90
JAN 2010	306.4	306.20
MAR 2010	310.2	310.10
MAY 2010	313.9	313.70
JUL 2010	317.9	317.60

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
DEC 2019	30.78	30.78
JAN 2010	31	31.00
MAR 2010	31.25	31.26
MAY 2010	31.53	31.54
JUL 2010	31.82	31.83



FarmFutures - Soybean prices hung on for small gains Monday in a wobbly session, with enough good news – in the form of solid export inspection data, a large export sale reported to the Philippines, and overall positive U.S.-China trade sentiment – to help prices finish slightly in the green today. Harvest pressure put a firm lid on gains, however. November futures inched forward 0.5 cents to \$9.2075, with January futures up a penny to \$9.3550. Soybean basis bids moved between 1 and 10 cents higher across a half-dozen Midwestern locations Monday, holding steady elsewhere in the central U.S. today. An abundance of on-farm storage means that even as the pace of harvest is picking up, some end-users have recently had to bid up basis levels to meet their demands. Soybeans have seen the most upside in recent weeks, with bids strengthening for five consecutive weeks. Click here to read more in the latest Basis Outlook column from Farm Futures senior grain market analyst Bryce Knorr. Total soybean export inspections topped 57.6 million bushels this past week, up from 48.9 million bushels a week ago and landing above the average trade guess that ranged between 33 million and 47 million bushels. China was the No. 1 destination last week, with 19.7 million bushels, although the country still has around 159 million bushels of unshipped sales on the book. Ahead of this afternoon's crop progress report from USDA, analysts expect the agency to show 62% of the soybean crop harvested, up from 46% a week ago.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 333,299 contracts, dipping 10% below Friday's final count of 371,329.

South African Futures Exchange

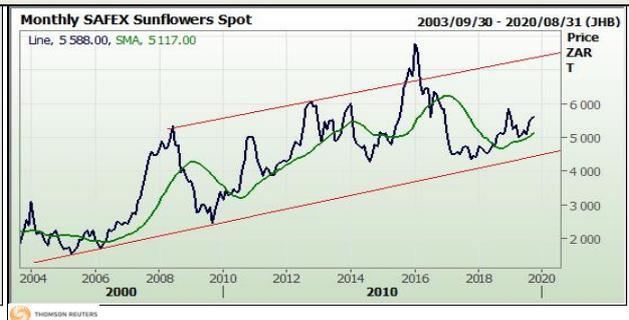
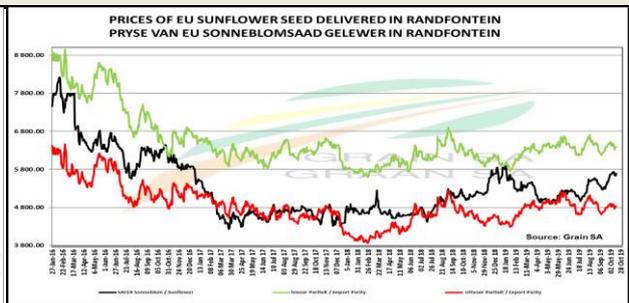
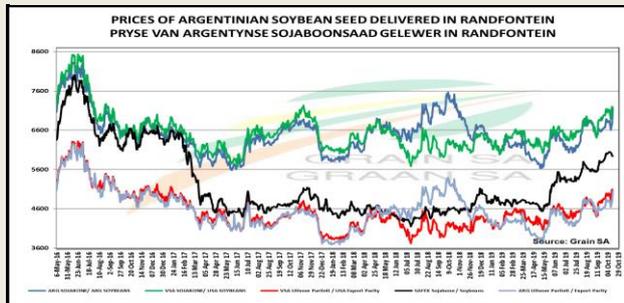
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 5 922.00	14%		R 5 922.00
Mar 2020	R 5 914.00	0%		R 5 914.00
May 2020	R 5 782.00	17%		R 5 782.00
Jul 2020	R 5 869.00	20.5%		R 5 869.00
Sep 2020	R 5 944.00	0%		R 5 944.00
Dec 2020				

Sunflower Seeds Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 5 603.00	16%		R 5 603.00
Mar 2020	R 5 634.00	0%		R 5 634.00
May 2020	R 5 460.00	13.5%		R 5 460.00
Jul 2020	R 5 538.00	0%		R 5 538.00
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020	R 5 613.00	0%		R 5 613.00



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The Dec'19 Soya contract ended R51.00 down and Mar'20 Soya closed R59.00 lower. The parity move for the Dec'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R10.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The Dec'19 Suns contract closed R59.00 down and Mar'20 Suns closed R50.00 lower.



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