

# Fundamental Report 11 December 2019



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## **Financial Markets**

#### **Currencies**

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.6647	14.7870	0.1223	0.83%
Euro/Rand	16.2490	16.4112	0.1622	1.00%
GBPound/Rand	19.2920	19.4286	0.1366	0.71%
AusDollar/Rand	9.9896	10.0759	0.0863	0.86%
Euro/USDollar	1.1079	1.1091	0.0012	0.11%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3158	1.3135	-0.0023	-0.17%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6812	0.6811	-0.0001	-0.01%
JpyYen/USDollar	108.5700	108.7300	0.1600	0.15%

BDLive - Retailers took a knock on Tuesday as load-shedding and unfavourable weather conditions took a toll on the sector, which suffered its biggest one-day drop in more than a week.

The JSE's general retailer index dropped 2.24% as SA entered its sixth consecutive day of power failures, disrupting economic activity. The latest round of load-shedding fuelled concern about the prospects for SA's economy, which is expected to grow by 0.6% in 2019, according to Reserve Bank forecasts.

Miners rallied on the day on a weaker rand, with resources gaining 2.08%, gold miners 3.64% and the platinum index

The rand weakened after manufacturing production contracted for a fifth consecutive month, by 0.8% year on year in October, data from Statistics SA showed earlier, while uncertainty in the US-China trade war heaped further pressure on the local currency and its emerging-market peers.



#### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	918.65	-3.06	-0.33%
Gold	1463.58	-0.38	-0.03%
Silver	16.63	-0.02	-0.13%
Copper	2.76	0.00	-0.13%
Gasoil	587.50	-2.75	-0.47%
Brent Oil	63.88	-0.46	-0.72%

BDLive - Singapore/London/New York — Gold's impressive advance in 2019 — aided by trade-war frictions, easier monetary policy across the world' leading economies, and sustained central-bank buying — may be set to spill into the new decade.

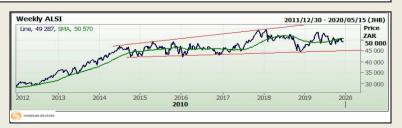
As 2020 looms, BlackRock, the world's largest money manager, remains constructive on bullion as a hedge, while Goldman Sachs and UBS see price climbing to \$1.600 an ounce — a level last seen in 2013.

Bullion is heading for the biggest annual advance since 2010, outperforming the Bloomberg commodity spot index, as a year dominated by trade-wa vicissitudes and a trio of US Federal Reserve interest-rate cuts propelled the traditional haven to the forefront. Still, with global equities remaining buoyant and the US labour market proving resilient, gold's outlook isn't clear cut due to uncertainty over what central banks will do in 2020.



#### **Financials**

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	49225.73	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	49287.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3135.96	-3.44	-0.11%
FTSE	7233.90	-20.14	-0.28%
CAC	5848.03	0.00	0.00%
DAX	13105.61	-34.89	-0.27%
Hang Seng	26436.62	33.35	0.13%



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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
<b>DEC 2019</b>	365.00	363.25	-2.50	-1.75	0.00	-363.25	-365.00
MAR 2020	376.00	377.00	1.25	1.00	376.25	-0.75	0.25
MAY 2020	381.00	382.75	1.50	1.75	382.50	-0.25	1.50
JUL 2020	386.00	388.00	2.00	2.00	387.50	-0.50	1.50
SEP 2020	386.00	387.50	1.75	1.50	387.00	-0.50	1.00

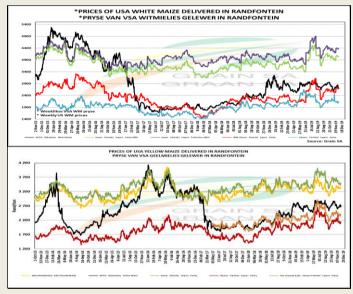


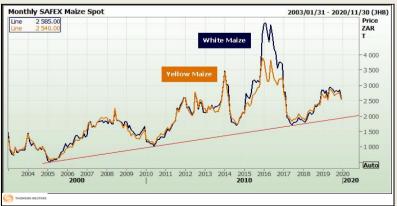
FarmFutures - Corn prices were narrowly mixed following USDA's latest supply and demand data, which mirrored the agency's November estimates. December futures tipped lower as the session wore on, closing down 2.5 cents to \$3.6325. But March futures held on for modest gains, picking up 1.25 cents to \$3.77. Corn basis bids were mostly steady to firm across the central U.S. Tuesday. moving as much as 14 cents higher at a Nebraska processor today. Farmers n be holding on for higher prices after the next two rounds of supply and demand data from USDA. Basis for corn, soybeans and wheat is significantly tighter across the country from strong end-user bids, limited pipeline supplies, and laci of farmer selling amid an uncertain fall harvest, according to a new report from CoBank's Knowledge Exchange division. Click here to learn more. USDA's latest projection for this year's U.S. corn production is now at 13.661 billion bushels, based on average yields of 167.0 bushels per acre across 81.8 million harvested acres. Those figures were unchanged from November, with many analysts expecting potentially substantial revisions next month instead. Domestic carryout was also unaltered, at 1.910 billion bushels. Analysts expected that number to move slightly higher, with an average trade guess of 1.919 billion bushels. With that, USDA's projection for season-average farm prices is also unchanged, at \$3.85 per bushel. The Trump Administration signed off on proposed changes to the USCMA trade agreement. "We're within inches, mayt nillimeters of a deal." Commerce Secretary Wilber Ross told reporters at Fox usiness News this morning. Click here to find out the latest updates on this critical trade agreement, which Ross hopes will be voted on by Congress later his week or soon after. Brazil's Conab estimates the country's 2019/20 total orn production will reach 3.874 billion bushels, which is fractionally higher than its November estimates but 1.6% lower year-over-year, if realized. Conab held its corn export estimates steady from last month, at 1.339 billion bushels. Preliminary volume estimates were for 137,649 contracts, up slightly from

#### **South African Futures Exchange**

	мтм	Volatility	Parity	Parity Price						
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White Maize Future										
Sep 2019										
Dec 2019	R 2 585.00	0%	R -2 107.22	R 477.78						
Mar 2020	R 2 606.00	29.5%	R 19.56	R 2 625.56						
May 2020	R 2 568.00	0%	R 27.08	R 2 595.08						
Jul 2020	R 2 526.00	27%	R 27.32	R 2553.32						
Sep 2020	R 2583.00	0%	R 24.41	R 2 607.41						
Dec 2020	R 2 668.00	29%		R 2 668.00						
Yellow Maize Future										
Sep 2019										
Dec 2019	R 2 540.00	0%	R -2 107.22	R 432.78						
Mar 2020	R 2 559.00	24%	R 19.56	R 2578.56						
May 2020	R 2 528.00	0%	R 27.08	R 2555.08						
Jul 2020	R 2 475.00	19.5%	R 27.32	R 2502.32						
Sep 2020	R 2 528.00	0%	R 24.41	R 2552.41						
Dec 2020	R 2 613.00	0%		R 2 613.00						

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The Dec'19 WMAZ contract ended R21.00 down and Dec'19 YMAZ closed R25.00 lower. The Mar'20 WMAZ closed lower by R16.00 and Mar'20 YMAZ ended R18.00 down. The parity move for the Dec'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R11.00 positive.







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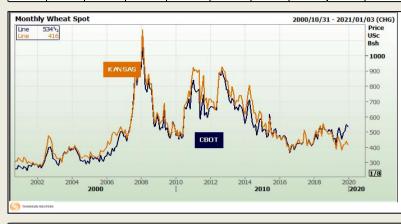
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### Wheat Market

#### **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	533.00	534.75	2.75	1.75	534.50	-0.25	1.50	DEC 2019	408.00	416.00	4.50	8.00	0.00	-416.00	-408.00
MAR 2020	522.00	523.75	1.00	1.75	522.50	-1.25	0.50	MAR 2010	425.00	431.25	5.25	6.25	430.75	-0.50	5.75
MAY 2020	524.00	526.75	0.75	2.75	525.75	-1.00	1.75	MAY 2010	433.00	439.00	5.00	6.00	438.25	-0.75	5.25
JUL 2020	527.00	529.75	1.00	2.75	528.75	-1.00	1.75	JUL 2010	441.00	447.00	4.50	6.00	446.50	-0.50	5.50
SEP 2020	533.00	536.50	1.00	3.50	529.00	-7.50	-4.00	SEP 2010	450.00	456.00	4.00	6.00	0.00	-456.00	-450.00

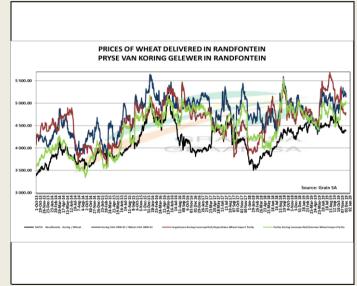


FarmFutures - Wheat prices picked up modest gains after USDA released some supportive supply and demand data this morning, which prompted some technical buying. March Chicago SRW futures added a penny to \$5.2375, March Kansas City HRW futures rose 4.75 cents to \$4.3075, and March MGEX spring wheat futures also gained 4.75 cents to \$5.1550. USDA's supply and demand data for wheat showed the most alterations from its November WASDE report after factoring in lower domestic supplies, higher exports and lower ending stocks. USDA added 25 million bushels to its wheat export estimates, bringing the total up to 975 million bushels this marketing year based on the decent pace of exports over the past month.

And with domestic wheat stocks falling from 1.014 billion in November down to 974 million bushels, that marks the lowest level in five years. Brazil's Conab expects the country's 2019 wheat imports to reach 249.9 million bushels, which is 5.6% lower than its November projection. France's farm ministry expects the country's winter wheat acreage to drop 4.8% year-over-year to 11.688 million acres after heavy rains disrupted planting earlier this fall. South Korea purchased 2.2 million bushels of feed wheat from optional origins in an international tender that closed earlier today. The grain could be sourced from a variety of countries, including the U.S., and is for arrival by May 1, 2020.

#### **South African Futures Exchange**

	мтм	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
Bread Milling Wheat			Change	
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 4 394.00	0%	R 32.10	R 4 426.10
Mar 2020	R 4 475.00	8.5%	R 26.17	R 4 501.17
May 2020	R 4 540.00	15.5%	R 33.06	R 4 573.06
Jul 2020	R 4 591.00	0%	R 33.19	R 4 624.19
Sep 2020	R 4 601.00	0%	R 2.22	R 4 603.22
Dec 2020				
Cape Wheat				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019				
Mar 2020				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				





The local Weat market closed mixed yesterday. The Dec'19 Weat contract closed R6.00 up while Mar'20 Weat closed R2.00 lower. The parity move for the Dec'19 Weat contract for yesterday was R35.00 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	Overnight Change from 12pm		
JAN 2010	898.00	901.25	4.00	3.25	902.00	0.75	4.00		
MAR 2020	912.00	915.50	3.75	3.50	912.75	-2.75	0.75		
MAY 2020	927.00	929.00	3.50	2.00	926.75	-2.25	-0.25		
JUL 2020	940.00	942.00	3.25	2.00	939.25	-2.75	-0.75		
AUG 2020	944.00	946.25	3.25	2.25	944.25	-2.00	0.25		



CBOT Soybean Meal							
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight					
DEC 2019	296.9	296.00					
JAN 2010	298.7	297.50					
MAR 2010	302.4	301.50					
MAY 2010	305.6	305.00					
JUL 2010	308.8	308.40					

СВ	CBOT Soybean Oil						
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight					
DEC 2019	31.47	0.00					
JAN 2010	31.68	31.53					
MAR 2010	31.95	31.79					
MAY 2010	32.23	32.08					
JUL 2010	32.54	32.37					

FarmFutures - Soybean prices found moderate gains again Tuesday after USDA's supply and demand data failed to throw any bad surprises at traders, who are still generally optimistic a partial U.S.-China trade deal is nearing completion. January futures closed back above \$9 per bushel for the first time in nearly three weeks, picking up 4 cents to \$9.0125. March futures added 3.75 cents to \$9.1550.

Soybean basis bids were mixed but mostly higher across the central U.S. Tuesday, moving 7 cents higher at an Ilhio elevator and 6 cents higher at an Ilhio is river terminal today. As with corn, USDA left its soybean production data alone in its monthly WASDE report this morning, calling for a 2019 harvest of 3.550 billion bushels, based on average yields of 46.9 bpa across 75.9 million harvested acres. Ending domestic stocks were also unaffected, at 475 million bushels. The agency did offer a downward revision to the average farm price for 2019/20, moving that number 15 cents lower to \$8.85 per bushel. Brazil's Conab now estimates the country's 2019/20 soybean production at 4.449 billion bushels, which is fractionally higher than its November estimates and 5.3% higher year-over-year, if realized. Conab's latest soybean export estimates are steady from a month ago, at 2.646 billion bushels. Investors are expecting the U.S. to delay or suspend 15% tariffs on \$160 billion in Chinese imports ahead of the December 15 deadline when they are currently set to go into effect. That move would be seen as a major goodwill gesture as the two countries continue to build toward a partial trade agreement. Preliminary volume estimates were for 185,849 contracts, down significantly from Monday's final count of 346,995.

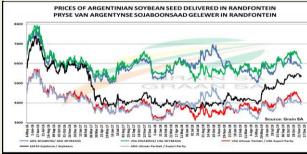
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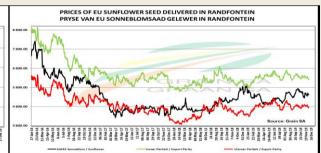
	Soybean Future								
	МТМ	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price					
Sep 2019									
Dec 2019	R 6 218.00	0%		R 6 218.00					
Mar 2020	R 6 176.00	17%	R 45.06	R 6 221.06					
May 2020	R 5 882.00	17%	R 40.30	R 5 922.30					
Jul 2020	R 5 960.00	20.5%	R 38.17	R 5 998.17					
Sep 2020	R 6 020.00	0%		R 6 020.00					
Dec 2020	R 6 045.00	0%		R 6 045.00					



The local Soya market traded higher yesterday. The Dec'19 Soya contract ended R18.00 up and Mar'20 Soya closed R26.00 higher. The parity move for the Dec'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R50.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The Dec'19 Suns contract closed R70.00 up and Mar'20 Suns closed R77.00 higher.







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