



Fundamental Report
17 December 2019

Financial Markets

Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.3947	14.4045	0.0098	0.07%
Euro/Rand	16.0939	16.0486	-0.0453	-0.28%
GBPound/Rand	19.3051	19.0959	-0.2092	-1.08%
AusDollar/Rand	9.9544	9.8815	-0.0729	-0.73%
Euro/USDollar	1.1179	1.1141	-0.0038	-0.34%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3416	1.3259	-0.0157	-1.17%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6916	0.6860	-0.0056	-0.81%
JpyYen/USDollar	109.6300	109.5600	-0.0700	-0.06%

BDLive - The JSE capped its best day in more than six months on Friday after US President Donald Trump said the US and China are close to signing the first phase of a trade deal.

Trump tweeted earlier that both countries were pushing to finalise the phase-one deal, giving investors hope that the uncertainty around the year-and-a-half-long trade war would be put to rest.

Global markets were mostly positive on Friday, reacting favourably to the outcome of the UK elections in which Boris Johnson's Conservative Party won a bigger majority than expected.

"The outcome of the snap UK general election provides a strong political mandate for the now re-elected Conservative Party government to pass the necessary legislation through parliament in time to leave the EU formally on January 31 and to initiate the first phase of Brexit," said North West University professor Raymond Parsons. "Britain will then move into transition, during which its EU membership will, nevertheless, in effect continue in terms of the negotiated withdrawal agreement."



Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	931.13	1.99	0.21%
Gold	1476.91	0.91	0.06%
Silver	17.06	0.03	0.16%
Copper	2.82	0.00	0.16%
Gasoil	606.00	-0.75	-0.12%
Brent Oil	65.35	0.01	0.02%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices were steady on Friday as a weaker dollar helped offset pressures from an increased appetite for riskier assets after reports of a breakthrough in Sino-US trade negotiations, while palladium scaled a fresh peak.

Spot gold fell 0.1% to \$1,467.20/oz by 4.52am GMT, but was up about 0.5% so far this week. US gold futures were down 0.1% at \$1,471.60/oz. Sources said on Thursday US negotiators were offering to cut existing tariffs on Chinese goods by as much as 50% and suspend the new tariffs scheduled to go into effect on Sunday in an attempt to secure a "Phase 1" deal first promised in October.

"The market remains cautious ... until we see a little bit more data around what has been agreed to, investors aren't going to take any aggressive positioning in the gold market," ANZ analyst Daniel Hynes said. "Gold has been driven by other issues, including central bank easing and low inflation, and that is helping support underlying investors appetite despite headwinds in the shorter term," he said.



Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	50499.02	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	50595.00	541.00	1.07%
S&P 500	3168.80	22.65	0.71%
FTSE	7353.44	165.61	2.25%
CAC	5991.66	0.00	0.00%
DAX	13407.66	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	27508.09	294.35	1.07%



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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
MAR 2010	375.00	388.00	7.00	13.00	388.00	0.00	13.00
MAY 2020	384.00	394.75	6.75	10.75	395.00	0.25	11.00
JUL 2020	390.00	400.25	6.50	10.25	400.50	0.25	10.50
SEP 2020	395.00	398.50	5.50	3.50	398.75	0.25	3.75
DEC 2020	394.00	400.25	5.00	6.25	400.75	0.50	6.75

FarmFutures - Corn prices moved more than 1.5% higher Monday after general trade optimism and healthy export inspection data triggered another round of technical buying. March futures gained 7 cents to \$3.88, with May futures up 6.75 cents to \$3.9475.

Corn basis bids moved 1 to 4 cents higher at three Midwestern locations Monday but were otherwise mostly steady across the central U.S. today. Farmer sales continue to be seasonally slow for now.

Corn export inspections climbed to 27.0 million bushels last week, moderately besting the prior week's tally of 20.7 million and trade estimates of 18.9 million. Marketing year-to-date totals for 2019/20 are still severely behind last year's pace of 630.1 million bushels, however, reaching a cumulative total of just 284.5 million bushels last week. Mexico was the No. 1 destination, with 10.5 million bushels.

European Union corn imports reached 381.9 million bushels as of December 15, ticking 4% higher from last year's pace.

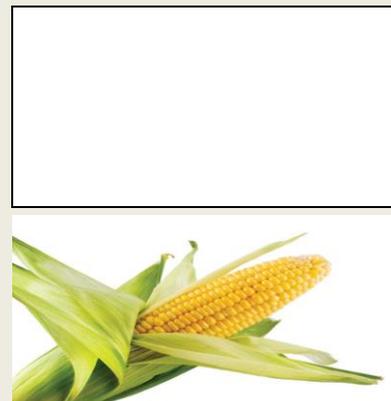
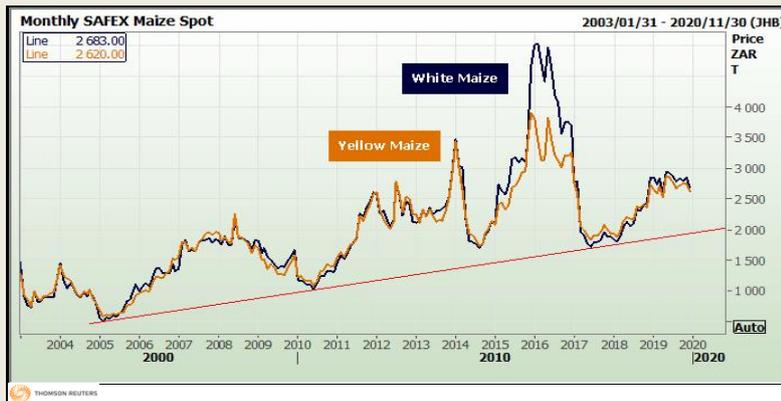
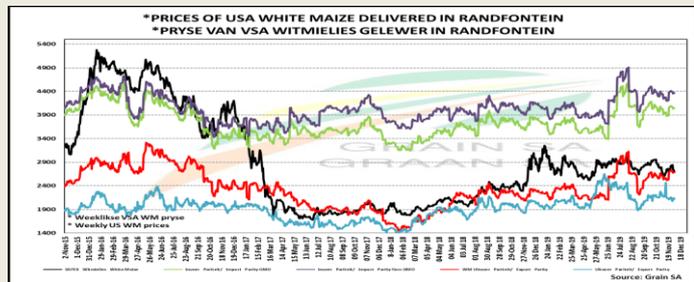
Preliminary volume estimates were for 248,789 contracts, sliding 25% below Friday's final count of 329,766.



South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
White Maize Future				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 2 683.00	0%		R 2 683.00
Mar 2020	R 2 692.00	28.25%		R 2 692.00
May 2020	R 2 607.00	0%	R 63.86	R 2 670.86
Jul 2020	R 2 593.00	26.5%	R 61.05	R 2 654.05
Sep 2020	R 2 630.00	0%	R 22.79	R 2 652.79
Dec 2020	R 2 710.00	29%	R 39.80	R 2 749.80
Yellow Maize Future				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 2 620.00	0%		R 2 620.00
Mar 2020	R 2 620.00	24%		R 2 620.00
May 2020	R 2 571.00	0%	R 63.86	R 2 634.86
Jul 2020	R 2 530.00	19.5%	R 61.05	R 2 591.05
Sep 2020	R 2 561.00	0%	R 22.79	R 2 583.79
Dec 2020	R 2 646.00	0%	R 39.80	R 2 685.80

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The Dec'19 WMAZ contract ended R52.00 up and Dec'19 YMAZ closed R45.00 higher. The Mar'20 WMAZ closed higher by R46.00 and Mar'20 YMAZ ended R32.00 up. The parity move for the Dec'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R23.00 positive.

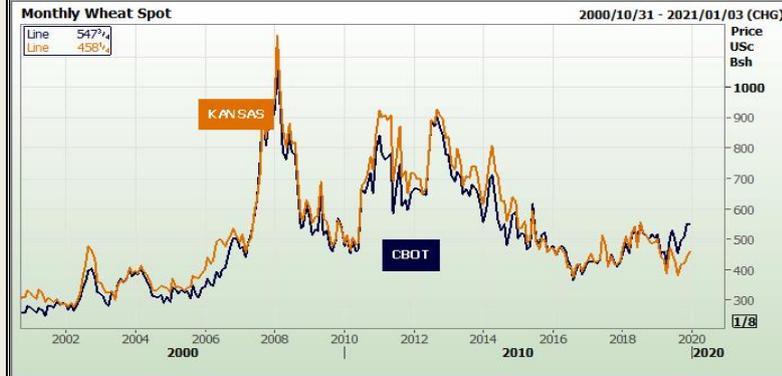


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Wheat Market

Chicago Board of Trade and Kansas Board of Trade

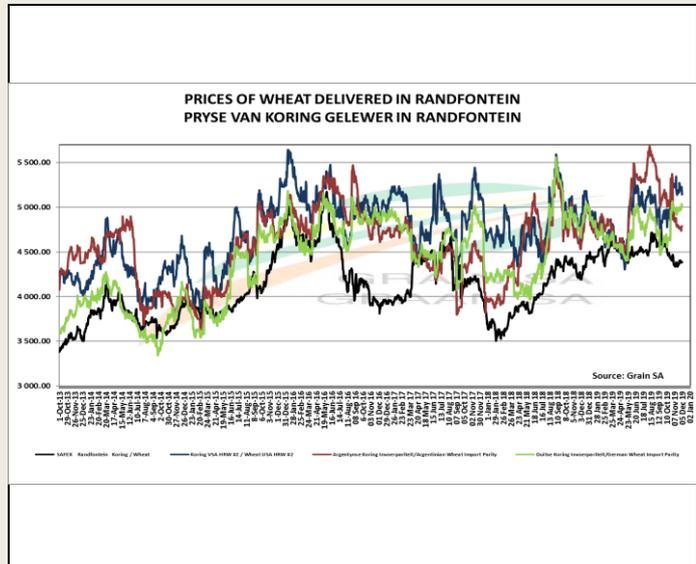
CBOT Wheat								KBOT Wheat							
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
MAR 2010	533.50	549.75	17.25	16.25	547.75	-2.00	14.25	MAR 2010	430.00	462.00	19.25	32.00	458.25	-3.75	28.25
MAY 2010	533.00	551.25	16.50	18.25	549.75	-1.50	16.75	MAY 2010	447.00	469.75	19.25	22.75	466.25	-3.50	19.25
JUL 2010	535.00	551.25	13.50	16.25	549.75	-1.50	14.75	JUL 2010	454.00	476.25	19.00	22.25	472.50	-3.75	18.50
SEP 2010	538.00	555.50	12.00	17.50	554.50	-1.00	16.50	SEP 2010	462.00	483.75	18.25	21.75	479.75	-4.00	17.75
DEC 2010	543.00	564.25	10.50	21.25	529.00	-35.25	-14.00	DEC 2010	470.00	494.50	16.75	24.50	490.50	-4.00	20.50



FarmFutures - Wheat prices found significant gains Monday on a blend of trade optimism, concerns over dry weather in some key production regions overseas and a solid round of export inspection data from USDA. March Chicago SRW futures climbed 17.25 cents to \$5.4975, March Kansas City HRW futures gained 17.25 cents to \$4.60, and March MGEX spring wheat futures added 11.25 cents to \$5.3525. Wheat export inspections also came in ahead of analyst expectations after reaching 18.6 million bushels. The average trade guess was 11.5 million bushels. This week's tally also beat out the prior week's total of 14.7 million bushels. Marketing year-to-date totals of 498.8 million bushels remain nearly 16% ahead of last year's pace. Mexico topped all destinations, with 2.5 million bushels. Dry fall weather across the Ukraine led to a nearly 10% drop in winter wheat acres, according to analyst APK-Inform. So far, about half of the country's crop is in good condition, with 38% rated fair and 14% rated poor. European Union soft wheat exports for 2019/20 have reached 470.3 million bushels as of December 15, trending more than 60% ahead of last year's pace. EU barley exports are also up 50% year-over-year. Russian wheat exports are estimated at 80.8 million bushels in December – the lowest monthly total since June, if realized. Preliminary volume estimates were for 144,985 CBOT contracts, moving 49% higher than Friday's final count of 97,223.

South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
Bread Milling Wheat				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 4 424.00	0%		R 4 424.00
Mar 2020	R 4 465.00	8.5%		R 4 465.00
May 2020	R 4 524.00	15.5%	R 90.57	R 4 614.57
Jul 2020	R 4 586.00	0%	R 79.99	R 4 665.99
Sep 2020	R 4 586.00	0%	R 89.27	R 4 675.27
Dec 2020				
Cape Wheat				
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 R11.00 down and Mar'20 Wheat closed R9.00 lower. The parity move for the Dec'19 Wheat contract for yesterday was R80.00 positive.



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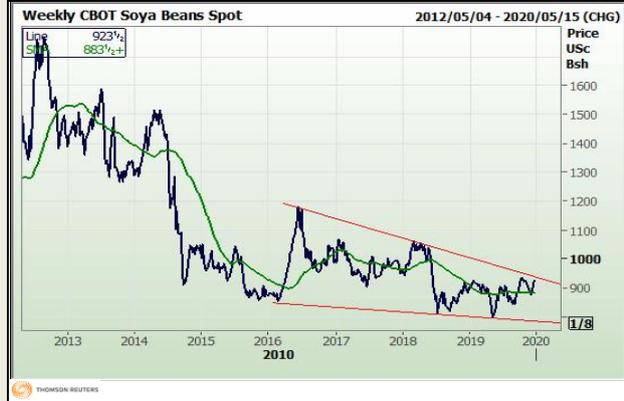
Oil Seed Market

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	911.00	922.00	14.50	11.00	902.00	-20.00	-9.00
MAR 2020	925.00	936.00	14.50	11.00	937.50	1.50	12.50
MAY 2020	939.00	950.00	14.75	11.00	951.25	1.25	12.25
JUL 2020	951.00	962.00	14.50	11.00	963.50	1.50	12.50
AUG 2020	955.00	965.50	13.75	10.50	966.75	1.25	11.75

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JAN 2010	301.3	300.10
MAR 2010	305.8	304.50
MAY 2010	308.9	307.60
JUL 2010	312.1	310.60
AUG 2010	313.3	311.80

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JAN 2010	33.14	33.62
MAR 2010	33.43	33.91
MAY 2010	33.7	34.19
JUL 2010	33.95	34.42
AUG 2010	34.01	34.57



FarmFutures - Soybean prices continued to climb Monday on sustained U.S.-China trade optimism, further supported by more good export inspection data from USDA this morning. Prices started to climb late this morning and held onto gains of nearly 1.5% by the close. January and March futures each finished up 14.5 cents to reach \$9.22 and \$9.36, respectively.

Soybean basis bids were largely steady Monday but did rise 5 cents higher at an Illinois processor while picking up 2 cents at an Ohio elevator today. Soybean export inspections reached 46.3 million bushels last week. That was slightly ahead of the prior week's tally of 45.9 million bushels but a bit behind the average trade guess of 48.8 million bushels. China was the No. 1 destination, with 25.2 million bushels.

The National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA) reported a lower-than-expected soybean crush for November, totaling 164.909 million bushels. Analysts were expecting a more robust total of 172.032 million bushels. November's total also failed to approach October's record crush of 175.397 million bushels. In Europe, soybean imports for 2019/20 reached 231.5 million bushels as of December 15, holding mostly steady with last year's pace. EU soybean imports are up 12% from a year ago, meantime, with EU palm oil imports down 18%. Preliminary volume estimates were for 240,550 contracts, down moderately from Friday's final count of 330,364.

South African Futures Exchange

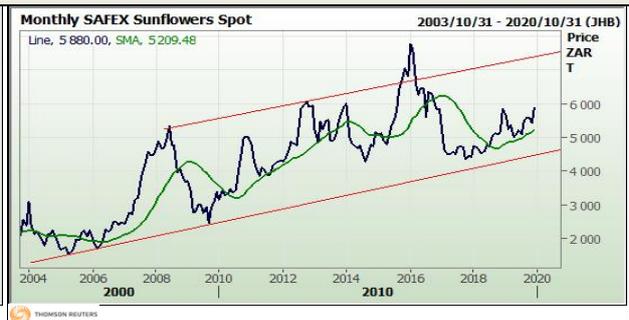
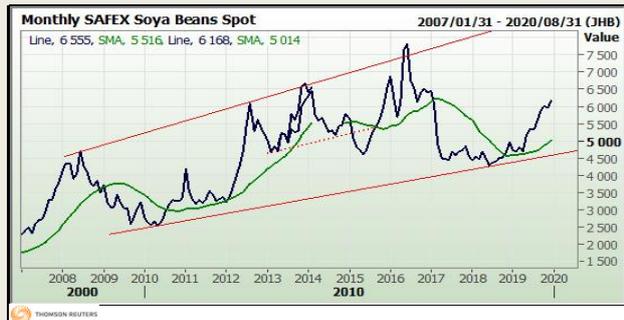
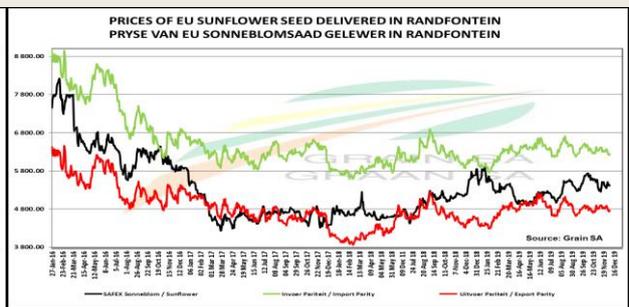
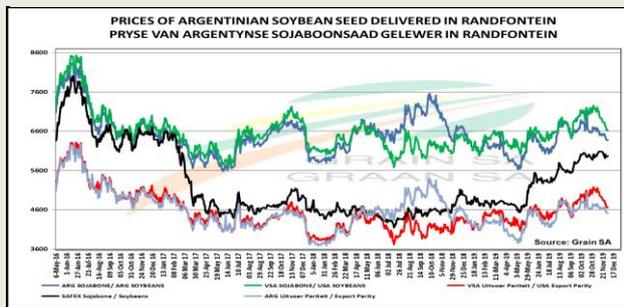
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 6 168.00	0%		R 6 168.00
Mar 2020	R 6 131.00	17%	R 69.49	R 6 200.49
May 2020	R 5 844.00	17.5%	R 68.22	R 5 912.22
Jul 2020	R 5 907.00	20.5%	R 69.58	R 5 976.58
Sep 2020	R 5 999.00	0%		R 5 999.00
Dec 2020	R 6 045.00	0%		R 6 045.00

Sunflower Seeds Future			
	MTM	Vols	
Sep 2019			
Dec 2019	R 5 880.00	0%	
Mar 2020	R 5 984.00	13%	
May 2020	R 5 610.00	13.5%	
Jul 2020	R 5 490.00	0%	
Sep 2020			
Dec 2020	R 5 606.00	0%	



The local Soya market traded higher yesterday. The Dec'19 Soya contract ended R28.00 up and Mar'20 Soya closed R56.00 higher. The parity move for the Dec'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R67.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The Dec'19 Suns contract closed R100.00 up and Mar'20 Suns closed R118.00 higher.



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