



Fundamental Report
07 January 2020

Financial Markets

Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.2695	14.1819	-0.0876	-0.61%
Euro/Rand	15.9707	15.8824	-0.0883	-0.55%
GBPound/Rand	18.7491	18.6848	-0.0643	-0.34%
AusDollar/Rand	9.9216	9.8366	-0.0850	-0.86%
Euro/USDollar	1.1192	1.1193	0.0001	0.01%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3143	1.3172	0.0029	0.22%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6953	0.6936	-0.0017	-0.24%
JpyYen/USDollar	107.9700	108.4500	0.4800	0.44%

BDLive - The JSE remained lower on Monday as pressures mount over intensifying tension in the Middle East following the US-ordered assassination of Iranian general Qassem Soleimani.

On Sunday, Iraq's parliament recommended that all foreign troops be ordered out of the country following the US drone attack which killed Soleimani. US president Donald Trump threatened sanctions on Iraq, the second-largest producing member of oil cartel Opec, if US troops are forced to withdraw from the country. He also threatened to strike back if Iran attacked any American person or target.

The escalation in US-Iran tension has had a large effect on markets since the news broke on Friday, leaving investors uncertain as to how Iran may retaliate to the US attack.

"Gold is the obvious beneficiary of these kinds of events, although there are others — treasuries, the yen and Swiss franc among them. Gold flew through last year's highs in early trade and now finds itself at near-six year highs and pushing



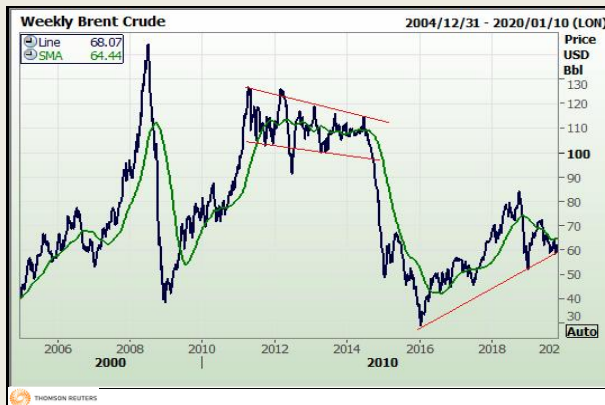
Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	964.91	1.91	0.20%
Gold	1558.97	-6.89	-0.44%
Silver	18.01	-0.13	-0.74%
Copper	2.80	0.01	0.25%
Gasoil	614.00	-6.00	-0.98%
Brent Oil	68.07	-0.84	-1.23%

BDLive - Singapore/London — Gold surged to its highest since 2013 as rising tension in the Middle East stoked demand for havens, with Goldman Sachs seeing more room to run. Palladium extended gains to a new record.

Bullion neared \$1,600/oz after Tehran said it would no longer abide by any limits on its enrichment of uranium following the killing of Qassem Soleimani. US President Donald Trump said he was prepared to strike Iran "in a disproportionate manner" if it retaliated against any US target. Gold may prove a better bet than oil amid rising tension, according to Goldman analysts.

"History shows that under most outcomes gold will likely rally to well beyond current levels," analysts including Jeffrey Currie and Damien Courvalin said in a note. That's "consistent with our previous research, which shows that being long gold is a better hedge to such geopolitical risks".



Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	50999.61	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	51252.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3234.85	11.43	0.35%
FTSE	7622.40	-47.06	-0.62%
CAC	6013.59	0.00	0.00%
DAX	13219.14	-92.15	-0.70%
Hang Seng	28226.19	155.59	0.55%



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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	387.00	384.75	-1.75	-2.25	385.00	0.25	-2.00
MAY 2020	393.00	391.50	-1.50	-1.50	391.50	0.00	-1.50
JUL 2020	400.00	398.00	-1.25	-2.00	397.75	-0.25	-2.25
SEP 2020	399.00	397.50	-0.75	-1.50	397.00	-0.50	-2.00
DEC 2020	401.00	400.00	-0.75	-1.00	399.50	-0.50	-1.50

FarmFutures - Corn prices faded slightly on a round of technical selling Monday, with a decent batch of export inspection data from USDA minimizing losses today. March futures dropped 1.75 cents to \$3.8475, with May futures down 1.5 cents to \$3.9150.

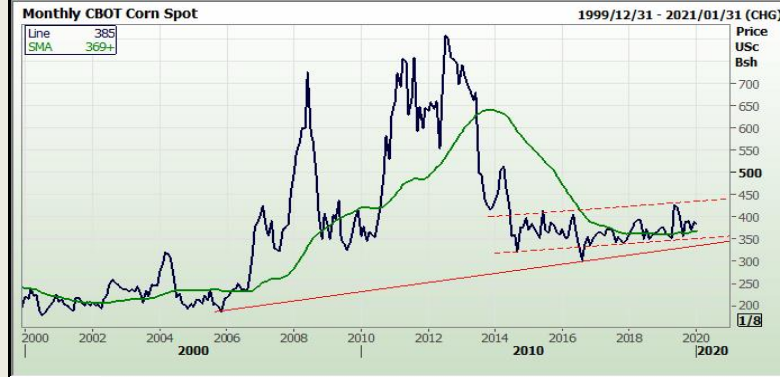
Corn basis bids firmed 2 cents at an Indiana ethanol plant but slipped 2 to 3 cents lower at three other Midwestern locations Monday.

Corn export inspections improved 35% week-over-week after reaching 21.7 million bushels. That total also bested the average trade guess of 19.7 million bushels. Still, the 2019/20 marketing year is still off to a dismal start compared to a year ago, with just 338.6 million bushels since the start of September.

Mexico (10.1 million) and Colombia (6.1 million) were the top two destinations by far, accounting for more than three-fourths of the total last week. Japan, Honduras and Guatemala rounded out the top five.

January's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report, out this Friday morning, is one of the agency's most anticipated data dumps in the past several months. Will it manage to shake up grain prices (for better or worse), or will it be a nonstarter? Chris Barron and Duane Lowry take a closer look in the duo's latest Ag View Pitch podcast. Click here to listen and learn more.

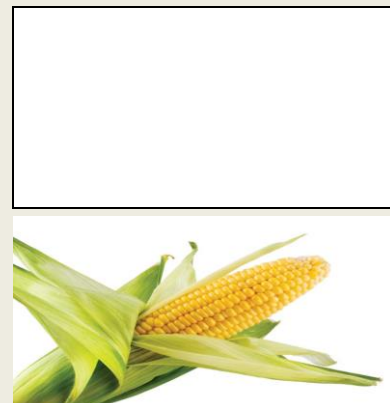
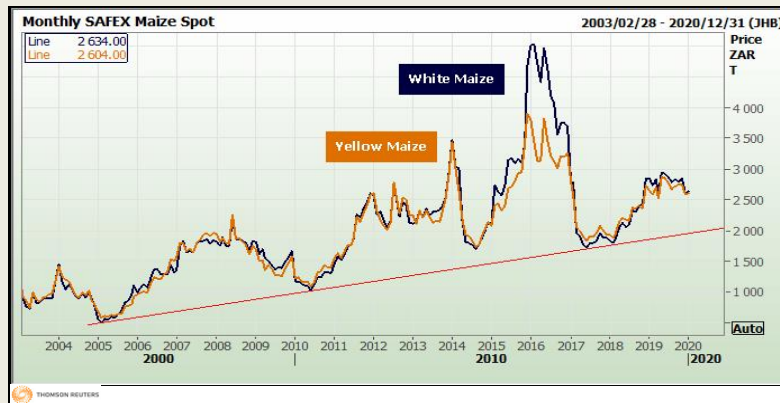
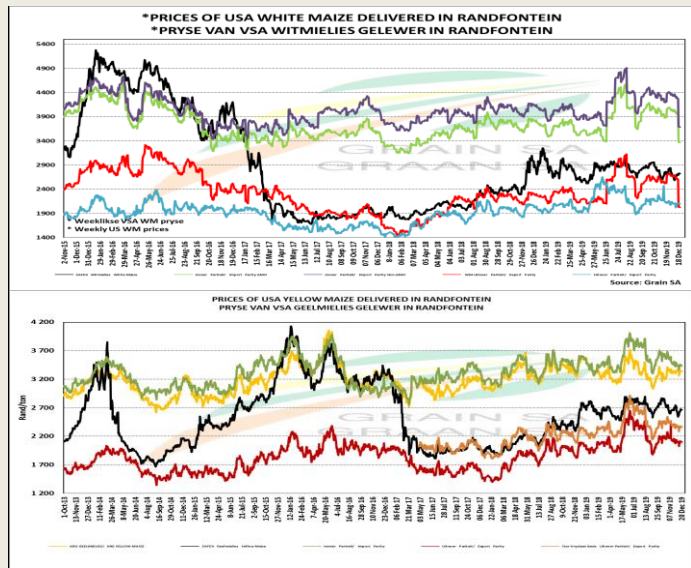
Preliminary volume estimates were for 122,815 contracts, dropping about 37% below Friday's final count of 194,432.



South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
White Maize Future				
Mar 2020	R 2 629.00	29%		R 2 629.00
May 2020	R 2 468.00	0%	R -21.93	R 2 446.07
Jul 2020	R 2 420.00	25%	R -26.36	R 2 393.64
Sep 2020	R 2 471.00	0%	R -24.93	R 2 446.07
Dec 2020	R 2 543.00	29%	R -22.20	R 2 520.80
Mar 2021				
May 2021				
Yellow Maize Future				
Mar 2020	R 2 608.00	24%		R 2 608.00
May 2020	R 2 487.00	0%	R -21.93	R 2 465.07
Jul 2020	R 2 460.00	19.5%	R -26.36	R 2 433.64
Sep 2020	R 2 514.00	0%	R -24.93	R 2 489.07
Dec 2020	R 2 595.00	0%	R -22.20	R 2 572.80
Mar 2021				
May 2021				

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The Jan'20 WMAZ contract ended R15.00 up and Jan'20 YMAZ closed R17.00 higher. The Mar'20 WMAZ closed higher by R16.00 and Mar'20 YMAZ ended R12.00 up. The parity move for the Jan'20 Maize contract for yesterday was R22.00 negative.

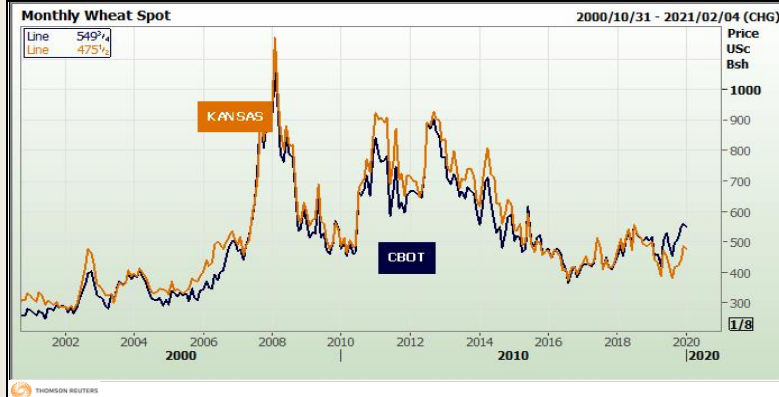


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Wheat Market

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
MAR 2010	551.00	550.00	-4.50	-1.00	549.75	-0.25	-1.25		MAR 2010	472.00	477.25	2.25	5.25	475.50	-1.75	3.50
MAY 2010	554.00	553.75	-4.00	-0.25	553.00	-0.75	-1.00		MAY 2010	480.00	485.25	2.50	5.25	483.00	-2.25	3.00
JUL 2010	557.00	557.00	-3.50	0.00	556.00	-1.00	-1.00		JUL 2010	487.00	492.50	2.25	5.50	490.50	-2.00	3.50
SEP 2010	564.00	563.75	-3.50	-0.25	563.00	-0.75	-1.00		SEP 2010	495.00	499.75	1.75	4.75	498.25	-1.50	3.25
DEC 2010	573.00	573.50	-3.00	0.50	529.00	-44.50	-44.00		DEC 2010	505.00	510.50	1.75	5.50	0.00	-510.50	-505.00

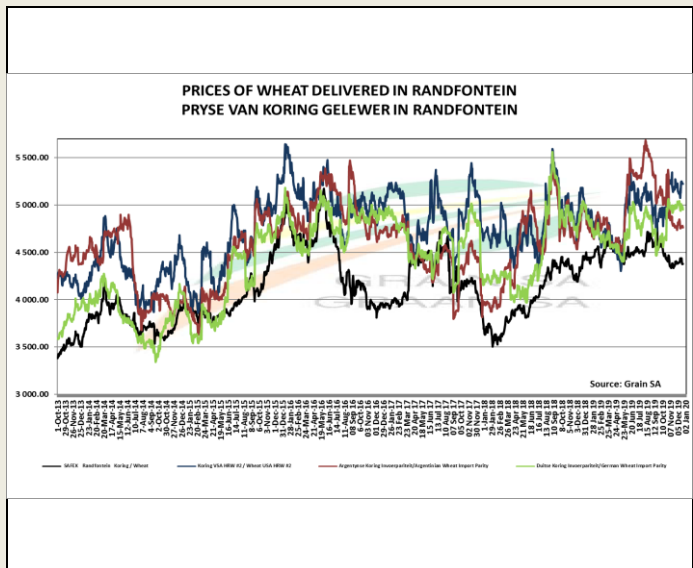


FarmFutures - Wheat prices were mixed in an uneven round of technical maneuvering Monday. Some profit-taking was expected after prices reached the highest levels in 16 months late last week, but Kansas City HRW and MGEX spring wheat contracts fought to tack on small gains today. March Chicago SRW futures dropped 4.5 cents to \$5.50, while March Kansas City HRW futures gained 2.25 cents to \$4.7725 and March MGEX spring wheat futures inched up half a penny to \$5.4675. Wheat export inspections improved week-over-week after reaching 12.7 million bushels. That tally wasn't good enough to match analyst estimates, with the average trade guess at 14.7 million bushels. Cumulative totals for the 2019/20 marketing year are now at 545.5 million bushels, versus 475.5 million bushels the same time a year ago. Nigeria topped all destinations for U.S. wheat export inspections last week, with 2.7 million bushels. No one else accounted for more than a single cargo load, with the Philippines, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Panama rounding out the top five. Favorable weather has pushed wheat acres up 9.3% in India this year, to 77.344 million acres, as ministry officials have noted better soil moisture versus a year ago. India's wheat harvest should commence starting in March.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 67,834 CBOT contracts, falling short of Friday's final count of 88,965.

South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
Bread Milling Wheat				
Mar 2020	R 4 433.00	8.5%		R 4 433.00
May 2020	R 4 480.00	12.5%	R -23.04	R 4 456.96
Jul 2020	R 4 504.00	0%	R -23.14	R 4 480.86
Sep 2020	R 4 481.00	0%	R -23.36	R 4 457.64
Dec 2020				
Mar 2021				
May 2021				
Cape Wheat				
Mar 2020				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				
Mar 2021				
May 2021				



The local Wheat market closed higher yesterday. The Jan'20 Wheat contract closed R10.00 up and Mar'20 Wheat closed R19.00 higher. The parity move for the Jan'20 Wheat contract for yesterday was R23.00 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
JAN 2010	930.00	932.75	2.25	2.75	902.00	-30.75
MAR 2020	940.00	944.75	3.25	4.75	945.25	0.50
MAY 2020	953.00	958.25	3.00	5.25	959.00	0.75
JUL 2020	966.00	970.50	2.75	4.50	970.75	0.25
AUG 2020	970.00	974.50	2.75	4.50	974.75	0.25

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JAN 2010	297.7	297.70
MAR 2010	302.9	303.00
MAY 2010	306.9	307.00
JUL 2010	310.8	310.90
AUG 2010	312.2	0.00

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JAN 2010	34.24	34.31
MAR 2010	34.52	34.68
MAY 2010	34.83	35.01
JUL 2010	35.15	35.31
AUG 2010	35.21	35.39



FarmFutures - Soybean prices firmed slightly, as optimism over the current status of U.S.-China trade negotiations, which should see a phase-one deal signed next week, outweighed worries over the latest batch of tensions in the Middle East. January futures picked up 2.25 cents to \$8.3275, with March futures gaining 3.25 cents to \$9.4475. Soybean basis bids were mostly unchanged Monday but tumbled 8 cents lower at a Nebraska processor today.

A Chinese trade delegation is set to arrive in Washington, D.C. a week from today to sign its phase one trade deal with the U.S. President Donald Trump indicated he will sign the deal on January 15. Hopes remain high that the trade deal will accelerate Chinese purchases of soybeans and other U.S. agricultural goods.

Soybeans led the way in total volume again for grain export inspections last week, with 35.4 million bushels. That was a 3% decline from a week ago but still moderately bested the average trade guess of 27.6 million bushels. Cumulative totals for the 2019/20 marketing year are now at 799 million bushels, outpacing last year's tally by more than 25% so far. China was the No. 1 destination for U.S. soybean export inspections last week, with 13.5 million bushels, but there were plenty of other buyers of the commodity from a variety of geographies. Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan and the Netherlands rounded out the top five. ADM's investments in Brazil includes soybeans, corn, wheat and cotton. But the company just sold its palm oil business there to a local company, according to Brazilian antitrust watchdog Cade. Additional details were not immediately disclosed. Preliminary volume estimates were for 127,264 contracts, down moderately from Friday's final count of 172,787.

South African Futures Exchange

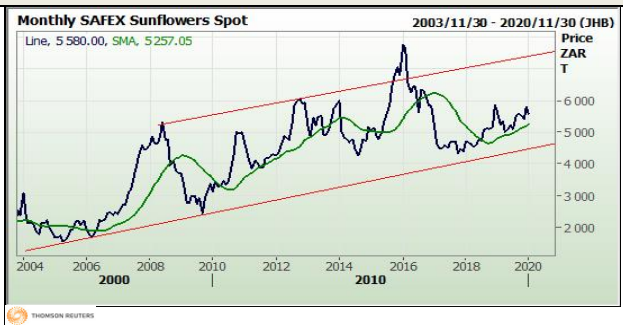
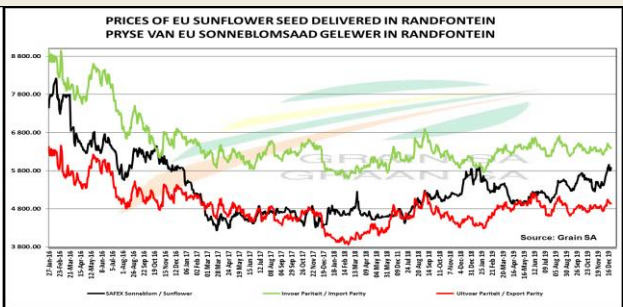
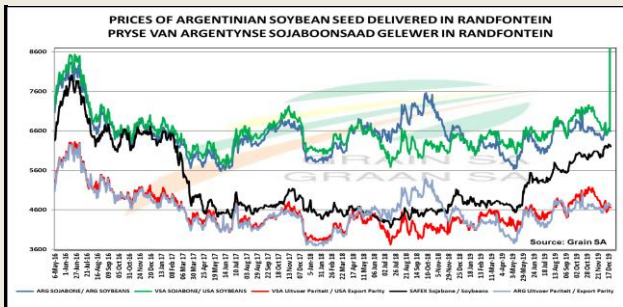
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Mar 2020	R 6 261.00	17%	R -2.90	R 6 258.10
May 2020	R 5 810.00	17.5%	R 0.59	R 5 810.59
Jul 2020	R 5 880.00	20.5%	R -6.34	R 5 873.66
Sep 2020	R 5 924.00	0%		R 5 924.00
Dec 2020	R 5 949.00	0%		R 5 949.00
Mar 2021				
May 2021				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Mar 2020	R 5 600.00	13%
May 2020	R 5 385.00	13.5%
Jul 2020	R 5 425.00	0%
Sep 2020	R 5 550.00	0%
Dec 2020	R 5 645.00	0%
Mar 2021		
May 2021		



The local Soya market traded mixed yesterday. The Jan'20 Soya contract ended R58.00 up while Mar'20 Soya closed R17.00 lower. The parity move for the Jan'20 Soya contract for yesterday was R4.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The Jan'20 Suns contract closed R120.00 down and Mar'20 Suns closed R149.00 lower.



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