

# Fundamental Report 11 February 2020



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## **Financial Markets**

#### **Currencies**

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	15.0563	14.9436	-0.1127	-0.75%
Euro/Rand	16.4840	16.3158	-0.1682	-1.02%
GBPound/Rand	19.4379	19.3059	-0.1320	-0.68%
AusDollar/Rand	10.0772	10.0197	-0.0575	-0.57%
Euro/USDollar	1.0949	1.0914	-0.0035	-0.32%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2913	1.2917	0.0004	0.03%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6693	0.6705	0.0012	0.18%
JpyYen/USDollar	109.7300	109.8600	0.1300	0.12%

BDLive - The JSE closed lower on Monday, tracking most global markets as risk sentiment waned amid concern about the spread of the coronavirus.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has said that the small number of cases reported outside China could just be the "tip of the iceberg", suggesting there could be widespread transmission in other countries, Reuters reported. The death toll had surpassed 900 on Monday, with more that 40,000 cases reported.

"Global infection rates and resumption of Chinese economic activity are unknowns and trade in both equities and FX is likely to be cautious as traders watch the coronavirus story with focus. Despite the flood of risk-off news equities remain virtually at all-time highs, but if the news does not improve soon investors may lose patience and the buy-the-dip mentality could finally give way," said Boris Schlossberg, MD of forex strategy at BK Asset Management.



#### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	963.58	3.19	0.33%
Gold	1568.01	-3.89	-0.25%
Silver	17.74	-0.01	-0.07%
Copper	2.58	0.03	1.18%
Gasoil	496.00	3.50	0.71%
Brent Oil	54.01	0.74	1.37%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices held steady on Monday, as rising concerns over the severity of the coronavirus outbreak and its effect on global markets offset slight pressure from positive economic data from China and the US. Spot gold was little changed at \$1,569.05/oz by 0313 GMT. US gold futures were flat at \$1,572.70.

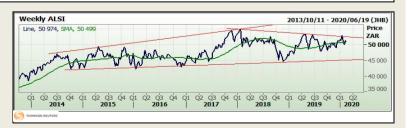
A team of international experts led by the World Health Organisation left for Beijing to help investigate the epidemic that has claimed more than 900 lives in mainland China, surpassing the death toll from the SARS epidemic.

Asian shares fell on market fears over the fallout from the epidemic. "There's still a great deal of uncertainty around the (virus) impact and we're seeing rising deaths and infections. The economic impacts are still unclear. If that's the case, we'll continue seeing reasonable support for gold," said Michael McCarthy, chief market strategist at CMC Markets.



#### **Financials**

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	51007.05	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	50974.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3327.71	24.38	0.73%
FTSE	7466.70	-19.82	-0.27%
CAC	6015.67	0.00	0.00%
DAX	13494.03	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	27241.34	330.42	1.21%



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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 2020	380.00	381.75	-0.50	1.75	381.00	-0.75	1.00
MAY 2020	385.00	386.50	-0.25	1.50	386.00	-0.50	1.00
JUL 2020	389.00	390.75	-0.50	1.75	390.00	-0.75	1.00
SEP 2020	386.00	389.00	-0.75	3.00	388.00	-1.00	2.00
DEC 2020	391.00	393.50	-0.50	2.50	392.50	-1.00	1.50



FarmFutures - Corn prices faced a moderate decline Monday on some technical selling as traders made final preparations ahead of Tuesday's WASDE report from USDA. March futures slid 1.75 cents lower to \$3.8175, with May futures down 2 cents to \$3.8650.

Corn basis bids were steady to mixed to start the week, moving as much as 2 cents higher at an Illinois river terminal and as much as 3 cents lower at an low ethanol plant Monday. Farmers are likely holding off on many sales before USDA issues its monthly WASDE report tomorrow morning.

Corn export inspections reached 30.3 million bushels last week, firming 37% above the prior week's total and besting the average trade guess of 25.6 million bushels. Cumulative totals for the 2019/20 marketing year still remain significantly below last year's pace, however, after reaching 452.5 million bushels. Mexico was the No 1 destination, with 8.5 million bushels.

European Union corn imports are down 9% year-over-year, reaching 527. million bushels as of February 9.

It's natural to worry about the immediate fallout from China's coronavirus or Tuesday's WASDE report from USDA, but Chris Barron and Duane Lowry implor farmers to look at the bigger market picture. Click here to learn more and listen to their latest Ag View Pitch podcast.

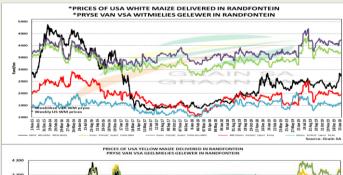
Matt Bennett, commodity analyst with AgMarket.net, thinks corn futures could trend back closer to \$4 later this month. Click here to learn more in the latest Ag Marketing IQ blog and find out some of the factors currently in play.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 413,066 contracts, sliding 15% below Friday's final count of 484.505.

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

	мтм	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price			
White Maize Future							
Mar 2020	R 3 021.00	32.25%	R -10.98	R 3 010.02			
May 2020	R 2 460.00	22.5%	R -11.20	R 2 448.80			
Jul 2020	R 2 340.00	20.75%	R -11.38	R 2 328.62			
Sep 2020	R 2 398.00	0%	R -5.36	R 2 392.64			
Dec 2020	R 2 490.00	25.5%	R -8.52	R 2 481.48			
Mar 2021							
May 2021							
Yellow Maize Futu	ire						
Mar 2020	R 2842.00	23%	R -10.98	R 2831.02			
May 2020	R 2 499.00	0%	R -11.20	R 2 487.80			
Jul 2020	R 2 447.00	20.25%	R -11.38	R 2 435.62			
Sep 2020	R 2 490.00	0%	R -5.36	R 2 484.64			
Dec 2020	R 2 583.00	20.25%	R -8.52	R 2 574.48			
Mar 2021	R 2 609.00	0%		R 2 609.00			
May 2021							

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The Mar'20 WMAZ contract ended R39.00 down and Mar'20 YMAZ closed R24.00 lower. The Jul'20 WMAZ closed lower by R23.00 and Jul'20 YMAZ ended R18.00 down. The parity move for the Mar'20 Maize contract for yesterday was R7.00 negative.











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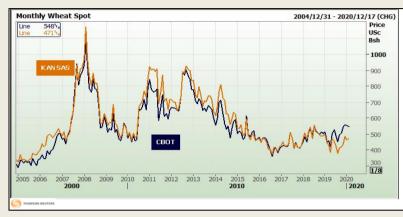
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### **Wheat Market**

#### **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
MAR 2020	556.00	552.00	6.25	-4.00	548.25	-3.75	-7.75	MAR 2010	471.00	472.50	4.25	1.50	471.25	-1.25	0.25
MAY 2020	555.00	551.50	5.50	-3.50	549.00	-2.50	-6.00	MAY 2010	476.00	478.50	4.00	2.50	477.75	-0.75	1.75
JUL 2020	555.00	552.50	5.00	-2.50	550.25	-2.25	-4.75	JUL 2010	484.00	485.25	4.00	1.25	484.50	-0.75	0.50
SEP 2020	560.00	558.75	3.75	-1.25	557.00	-1.75	-3.00	SEP 2010	491.00	493.00	4.25	2.00	491.50	-1.50	0.50
DEC 2020	569.00	568.25	3.00	-0.75	529.00	-39.25	-40.00	DEC 2010	502.00	504.50	4.25	2.50	503.25	-1.25	1.25



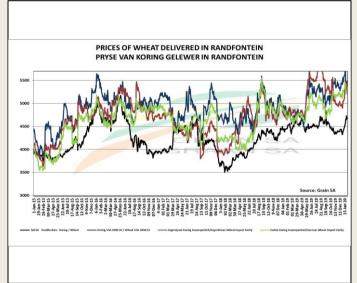
FarmFutures - Wheat prices floundered amid a round of technical selling ahead of tomorrow's WASDE report from USDA. Chicago SRW contract saw the steepest cuts, with March futures dropping 6.75 cents to \$5.52. March Kansas City HRW futures eased a penny to \$4.7150, meantime, with March MGEX spring wheat futures dropping 2 cents to \$5.3350. Wheat export inspections improved from a week ago, reaching 19.2 million bushels. That tally was also above most trade estimates, which ranged between 11.0 million and 22.0 million bushels. Cumulative totals for the 2019/20 marketing year remain around 12% ahead of last year's pace, now at 631.4 million bushels. Bangladesh (3.2 million) and Nigeria (2.9 million) ted all destinations. European Union soft wheat exports for 2019/20 have reached 644.5 million bushels as of February 9, which is 73% higher than last year's pace so far. EU barley exports are also up significantly year-over-year, climbing 49% to 205.3 million bushels

Russian consultancy SovEcon estimates the country will export 62.5 million bushels of wheat in February, making it the lowest monthly tally since last June if realized.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 185,778 CBOT contracts, climbing nearly 50% above Friday's final count of 124,016.

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

	мтм	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price			
Bread Milling Wheat							
Mar 2020	R 4 743.00	9%	R -65.58	R 4 677.42			
May 2020	R 4 747.00	12.5%	R -55.93	R 4 691.07			
Jul 2020	R 4 745.00	8%	R -49.06	R 4 695.94			
Sep 2020	R 4 515.00	0%	R -39.66	R 4 475.34			
Dec 2020							
Mar 2021							
May 2021							
Cape Wheat							
Mar 2020							
May 2020							
Jul 2020							
Sep 2020							
Dec 2020							
Mar 2021							
May 2021							





The local Weat market closed mixed yesterday. The Mar'20 Weat contract closed R7.00 up while Jul'20 Weat closed R3.00 lower. The parity move for the Mar'20 Weat contract for yesterday was R64.00 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	Overnight Change from 12pm			
MAR 2020	883.00	884.25	0.00	1.25	902.00	17.75	19.00			
MAY 2020	896.00	897.25	0.00	1.25	901.00	3.75	5.00			
JUL 2020	909.00	910.25	0.00	1.25	913.50	3.25	4.50			
AUG 2020	914.00	914.75	-0.50	0.75	917.25	2.50	3.25			
SEP 2020	915.00	914.75	-0.25	-0.25	917.50	2.75	2.50			



CBOT Soybean Meal							
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight					
MAR 2010	291.4	292.30					
MAY 2010	297.1	297.90					
JUL 2010	302.2	302.80					
AUG 2010	303.8	304.30					
SEP 2010	305	305.00					

CBOT Soybean Oil							
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight					
MAR 2010	30.62	30.77					
MAY 2010	30.99	31.16					
JUL 2010	31.37	31.54					
AUG 2010	31.51	31.67					
SEP 2010	31.63	31.82					

FarmFutures - Soybean prices found moderate gains Monday as optimism over Chinese trade outweighed worries over the country's coronavirus outbreak, which has now caused more deaths than the SARS outbreak in the early 2000s. March and May futures each picked up 2.25 cents to close at \$8.8425 and \$8.9725, respectively. Soybean basis bids were largely steady Monday but did tick a penny higher at an Ohio elevator today. Chinese President Xi Jinping told President Donald Trump last week that the country still plans to meet aggressive purchase promises for agricultural goods in 2020 and 2021, despite current disruptions from the deadly coronavirus outbreak. Traders are eager for updates and proof of purchases, meantline, especially on the heels of a tepid round of export inspection data out this morning. But the coronavirus is making a definite mark on Chinese agriculture right now, with reports of road blockages that are disrupting the ability to transport some animal feed and farm products. And the country's consumer prices jumped 5.4% higher in January – the largest monthly increase in more than a decade. Click here to learn more. Soybean export inspections severely underperformed last week, falling beneath the trade's range of guesses to 22.2 million bushels. Trade estimates varied between 25.7 million and 49.6 million bushels, in contrast. The total was also less than half of the prior week's tally of 50.5 million bushels. Cumulative totals for the 2019/20 marketing year are holding 20% above last year's pace for now. China was the top destination for U.S. soybean inspections last week but only accounted for about 5.0 million bushels. Other top destination included Bangladesh, Mexico, the Netherlands and Vietnam.

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

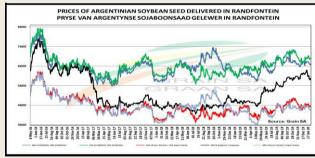
	Soybean Future								
	мтм	Vols	Parity	Market					
	1011101	VUIS	Change	Price					
Mar 2020	R 5 865.00	17%	R 67.76	R 5 932.76					
May 2020	R 5 780.00	17.5%	R -9.65	R 5 770.35					
Jul 2020	R 5872.00	20.5%	R -12.93	R 5 859.07					
Sep 2020	R 5 958.00	0%	R -24.16	R 5 933.84					
Dec 2020	R 6 014.00	0%		R 6 014.00					
Mar 2021									
May 2021									

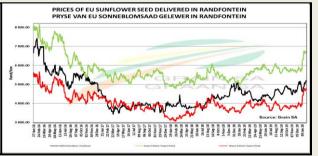
мтм Vols Mar 2020 R 5 506 00 149 May 2020 R 5 440.00 13.5% lul 2020 R 5 465.00 18% Sep 2020 Dec 2020 R 5 695.00 0% Mar 2021

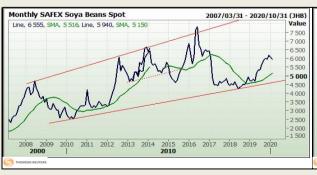


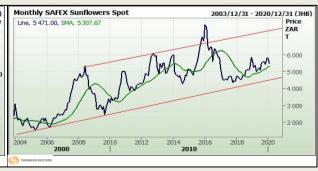
The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The Mar'20 Soya contract ended R55.00 down and Jul'20 Soya closed R23.00 lower. The parity move for the Mar'20 Soya contract for yesterday was R8.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The Mar'20 Suns contract closed R22.00 down and Jul'20 Suns closed R25.00 lower.









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