



Fundamental Report
17 February 2020

Financial Markets

Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.8432	14.8510	0.0078	0.05%
Euro/Rand	16.0949	16.1016	0.0067	0.04%
GBPound/Rand	19.3420	19.3705	0.0285	0.15%
AusDollar/Rand	9.9806	9.9873	0.0067	0.07%
Euro/USDollar	1.0844	1.0838	-0.0006	-0.06%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3033	1.3046	0.0013	0.10%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6723	0.6725	0.0002	0.03%
JpyYen/USDollar	109.7800	109.8100	0.0300	0.03%

BDLive - The JSE capped its second week of gains on Friday with riskier assets still in favour even as the markets consider a sharp rise in coronavirus cases this week.

The number of cases for the virus surged this week after Chinese authorities changed their reporting methodology, leading to a 50% rise in the numbers in the province of Hubei — the epicentre of the outbreak. "Fridays in 2020 have not been the best for stocks and we could see investors fall out of love of their bullish bets as everyone waits to have a clearer picture with the spreading of the coronavirus," said Oanda senior market analyst Edward Moya.

"On the second day of the new methodology of confirming new cases, which included imaging scans, Hubei reported 4,283 new cases, down from yesterday's shocking jump of 14,840 cases, which included prior days and weeks of cases. China reported the total number of cases has reached 63,851 and that the death toll rose by 121 to 1,380," said Moya.



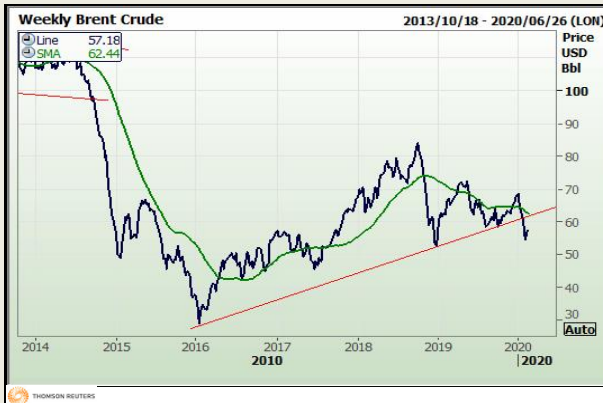
Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	968.23	5.12	0.53%
Gold	1581.90	-2.42	-0.15%
Silver	17.81	0.08	0.44%
Copper	2.63	0.03	1.01%
Gasoil	516.25	1.75	0.34%
Brent Oil	57.17	-0.15	-0.26%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices held steady on Friday after easing from a more than one-week high as investors assessed the risks to the global economy from the coronavirus epidemic.

Spot gold was unchanged at \$1,575.69 an ounce at 10.36am GMT, having earlier touched its highest since February 4 at \$1,577.89. For the week, bullion has so far gained about 0.3%. US gold futures were flat at \$1,578.90.

On Thursday, Chinese authorities reported 121 new deaths and 5,000 new coronavirus cases in mainland China with economists scaling back growth expectations for the world's second-largest economy as they assess the impact of the outbreak. "The economic impact of the measures taken [by China] should not be underestimated; the workers are returning very slowly to their factories, supply chains are probably disrupted ... we see quite a drag on the Chinese growth in the first-quarter," said Julius Bär analyst Carsten Menke.



Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	52049.98	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	52017.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3373.94	6.22	0.18%
FTSE	7452.03	-42.90	-0.58%
CAC	6069.35	0.00	0.00%
DAX	13745.43	-1.22	-0.01%
Hang Seng	27815.60	189.07	0.68%



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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	377.75	-0.50	-2.25	0.00	-377.75	-380.00
MAY 2020	385.00	382.00	-0.25	-3.00	0.00	-382.00	-385.00
JUL 2020	389.00	385.50	-0.50	-3.50	0.00	-385.50	-389.00
SEP 2020	387.00	384.25	-0.75	-2.75	0.00	-384.25	-387.00
DEC 2020	392.00	388.75	-0.50	-3.25	0.00	-388.75	-392.00

FarmFutures - Corn prices slid moderately lower Friday on some technical selling, with March futures down a total of 1.4% this week. Today, March futures lost 1.75 cents to \$3.7775, with May futures down 2.75 cents to \$3.82. Corn basis bids firmed 2 cents higher at two Midwestern processors Friday, holding steady across other locations in the central U.S. today. Chinese buyers were thought to have purchased between 7.9 million and 19.7 million bushels of corn from Ukraine earlier this week. "Sales of Ukrainian corn to China take place regularly but it is raising eyebrows that China continues to buy in Europe, despite the coronavirus, instead of in the U.S. despite the Phase 1 trade deal," according to one European trader.



Meantime, China has sold nearly 52 million bushels of corn to feed processing firms in its southern provinces to shore up supplies and keep production moving forward in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak. Algeria purchased 1.4 million bushels of corn from optional origins (but likely sourced from the European Union or Ukraine) in a tender that closed yesterday. The grain is for shipment in late March.

Canada's Parliament still has to approve the USMCA trade agreement, and its bill to approve is still likely weeks away from being signed into law. Click here to catch up on the latest updates to this crucial trade deal. In case you missed it earlier this week, Farm Futures released the results of its latest grower survey, with more than 700 respondents sharing their opinions on a variety of topics ranging from agricultural economics to politics. Click here to dig through the results.

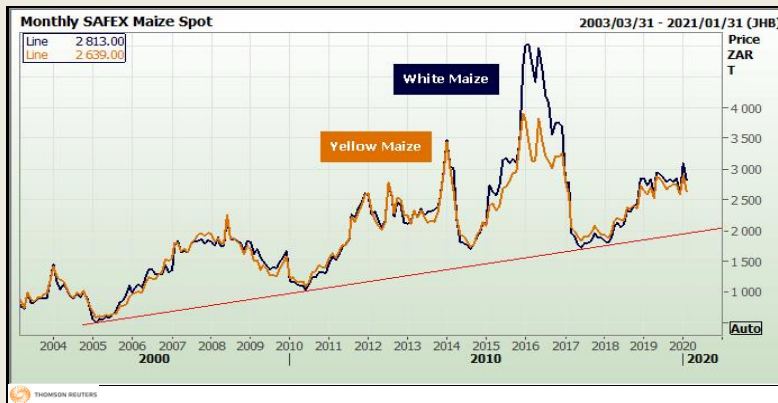
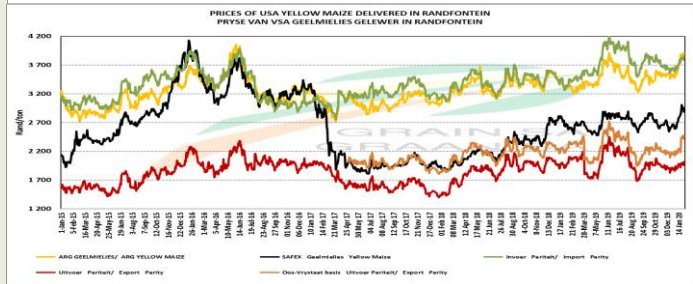
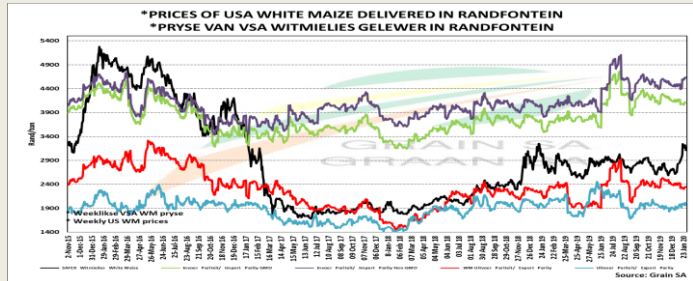
Corn speculators increased their net short position by another 14,761 contracts to reach 117,187 for the week ending February 11.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 444,346 contracts, climbing slightly ahead of Thursday's final count of 415,094.

South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
White Maize Future				
Mar 2020	R 2 768.00	34%	R -2 220.52	R 547.48
May 2020	R 2 440.00	22.5%	R -2 249.74	R 190.26
Jul 2020	R 2 340.00	20.5%	R -2 273.11	R 66.89
Sep 2020	R 2 389.00	0%	R -2 261.42	R 127.58
Dec 2020	R 2 488.00	25%	R -2 290.64	R 197.36
Mar 2021				
May 2021				
Yellow Maize Future				
Mar 2020	R 2 638.00	29%	R -2 220.52	R 417.48
May 2020	R 2 499.00	0%	R -2 249.74	R 249.26
Jul 2020	R 2 464.00	20%	R -2 273.11	R 190.89
Sep 2020	R 2 511.00	0%	R -2 261.42	R 249.58
Dec 2020	R 2 585.00	20.25%	R -2 290.64	R 294.36
Mar 2021	R 2 604.00	0%		R 2 604.00
May 2021				

The local Maize market traded mixed yesterday. The Mar'20 WMAZ contract ended R82.00 down and Mar'20 YMAZ closed R43.00 lower. The Jul'20 WMAZ closed higher by R7.00 and Jul'20 YMAZ ended R7.00 up. The parity move for the Mar'20 Maize contract for yesterday was R9.00 negative.

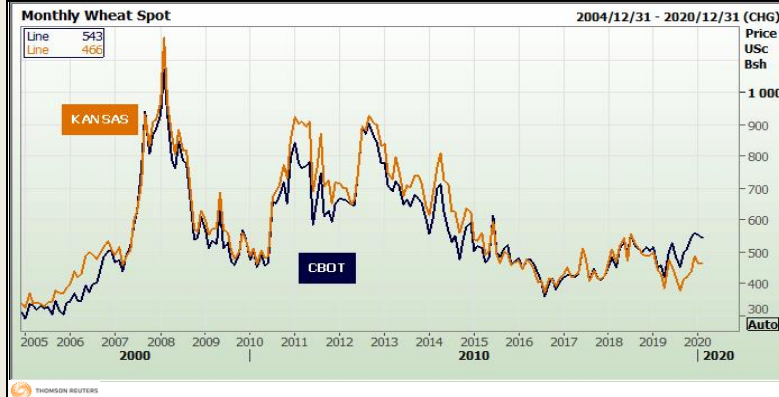


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Wheat Market

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 2020	545.00	542.75	6.25	-2.25	0.00	-542.75	-545.00	MAR 2010	467.00	465.50	4.25	-1.50	0.00	-465.50	-467.00
MAY 2020	545.00	541.50	5.50	-3.50	0.00	-541.50	-545.00	MAY 2010	474.00	472.25	4.00	-1.75	0.00	-472.25	-474.00
JUL 2020	544.00	541.00	5.00	-3.00	0.00	-541.00	-544.00	JUL 2010	480.00	478.75	4.00	-1.25	0.00	-478.75	-480.00
SEP 2020	550.00	547.25	3.75	-2.75	0.00	-547.25	-550.00	SEP 2010	488.00	486.50	4.25	-1.50	0.00	-486.50	-488.00
DEC 2020	559.00	556.50	3.00	-2.50	529.00	-27.50	-30.00	DEC 2010	500.00	497.75	4.25	-2.25	0.00	-497.75	-500.00



FarmFutures - Wheat prices took a small dip Friday on some technical selling, following corn and soybeans lower today. March Chicago SRW futures fell 1.5 cents to \$5.4275, March Kansas City HRW futures held steady at \$4.66, and March MGEX spring wheat futures dropped 1.25 cents to \$5.2525.

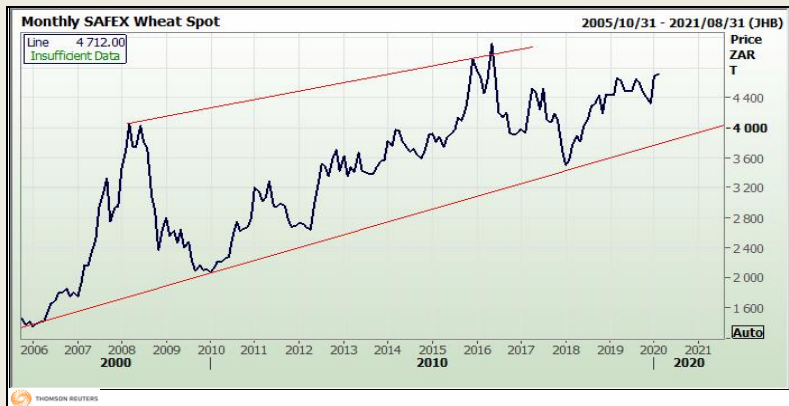
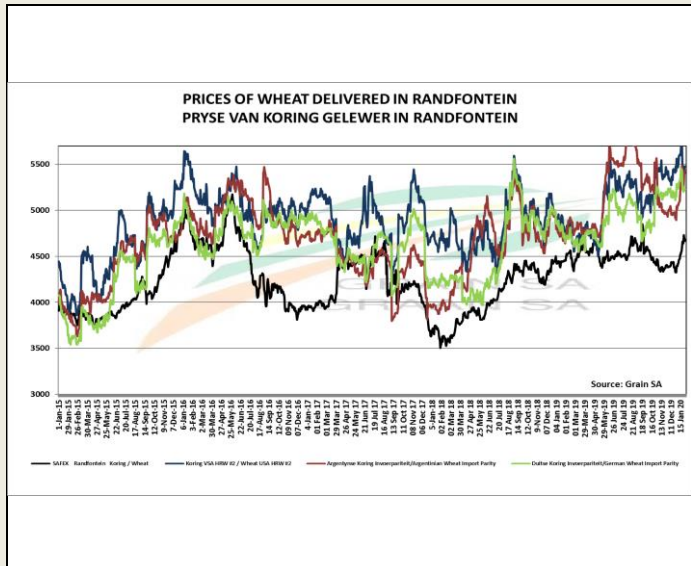
French consultancy FranceAgriMer reported that 65% of the country's soft wheat crop is in good-to-excellent condition through February 10, steady from a week ago but significantly lower than 85% at this time a year ago.

CBOT wheat speculators shed 7,867 contracts for the week ending February 11 but still hold a net long position of 13,784 contracts.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 143,974 CBOT contracts, falling moderately below Thursday's final count of 171,766.

South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
Bread Milling Wheat				
Mar 2020	R 4 705.00	9%	R -2 972.40	R 1 732.60
May 2020	R 4 743.00	12.5%	R -2 972.40	R 1 770.60
Jul 2020	R 4 755.00	8%	R -2 966.94	R 1 788.06
Sep 2020	R 4 520.00	0%	R -2 999.67	R 1 520.33
Dec 2020	R 4 434.00	0%	R -162.10	R 4 271.90
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 mixed yesterday. The Mar'20 Wheat contract closed R45.00 down while Jul'20 Wheat closed R13.00 higher. The parity move for the Mar'20 Wheat contract for yesterday was R1.00 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
MAR 2020	896.00	893.75	0.00	-2.25	902.00	8.25	6.00
MAY 2020	905.00	903.25	0.00	-1.75	0.00	-903.25	-905.00
JUL 2020	918.00	915.50	0.00	-2.50	0.00	-915.50	-918.00
AUG 2020	921.00	919.25	-0.50	-1.75	0.00	-919.25	-921.00
SEP 2020	920.00	919.00	-0.25	-1.00	0.00	-919.00	-920.00

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2010	291.1	0.00
MAY 2010	296.6	0.00
JUL 2010	302.4	0.00
AUG 2010	304.2	0.00
SEP 2010	305.2	0.00

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2010	30.57	0.00
MAY 2010	30.94	0.00
JUL 2010	31.33	0.00
AUG 2010	31.46	0.00
SEP 2010	31.6	0.00



FarmFutures - Soybean prices followed corn lower on a round of technical selling Friday, giving up small overnight gains heading into today's session. March futures dropped 2.5 cents to \$8.9375, while May futures fell 2.75 cents to \$9.0325. For the week, March futures still hung on for fractional gains after opening at \$8.93 Monday morning. Soybean basis bids were mostly steady across the central U.S. Friday but saw a boost of between 4 and 10 cents at three Midwestern locations today. Big estimates for Brazil's 2019/20 soybean crop continue to pour in, the latest being from Abiove, which predicts a total production of 4.545 billion bushels – trending 0.7% above its January forecast and reaching record-breaking levels, if realized. Abiove cut its forecast for Brazilian soybean exports by 2% last month, however, to 2.701 billion bushels.

President Donald Trump released his administration's proposed fiscal budget for 2021, which would "cut both mandatory and discretionary funding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies while boosting spending on infrastructure and defense initiatives," according to Farm Futures policy editor Jacqui Fatka. That includes slicing crop insurance funds by almost \$25 billion. Click here to learn what else could be on the chopping block.

Soybean speculators increased their net short position by 5,488 contracts to reach 101,189 for the week ending February 11. Preliminary volume estimates were for 268,987 contracts, spilling significantly below Thursday's final count of 397,373.

South African Futures Exchange

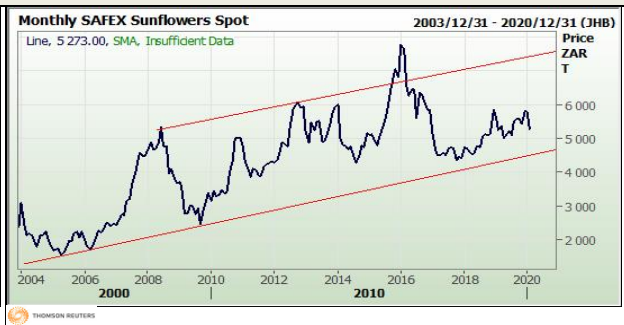
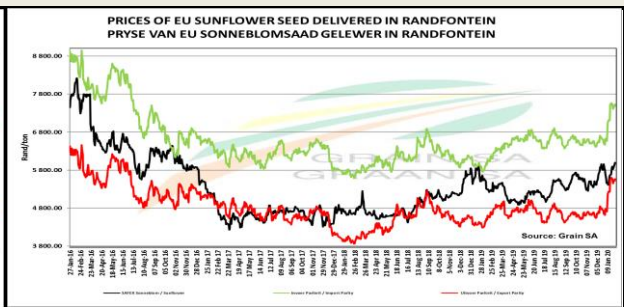
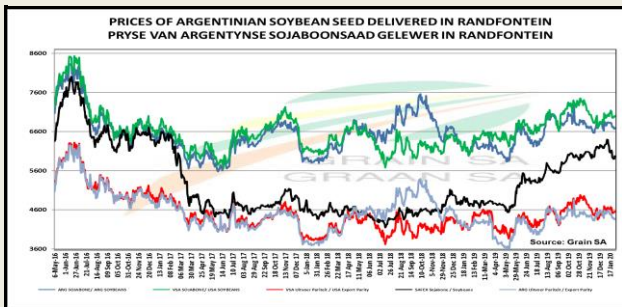
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Mar 2020	R 5 862.00	17%	R 35.31	R 5 897.31
May 2020	R 5 740.00	17.5%	#####	R 804.18
Jul 2020	R 5 830.00	20.5%	#####	R 823.28
Sep 2020	R 5 899.00	0%	#####	R 881.37
Dec 2020	R 5 985.00	0%		R 5 985.00
Mar 2021				
May 2021				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Mar 2020	R 5 268.00	14%
May 2020	R 5 202.00	13.5%
Jul 2020	R 5 256.00	18%
Sep 2020	R 5 403.00	0%
Dec 2020	R 5 585.00	0%
Mar 2021		
May 2021		



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The Mar'20 Soya contract ended R8.00 down and Jul'20 Soya closed R10.00 lower. The parity move for the Mar'20 Soya contract for yesterday was R10.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The Mar'20 Suns contract closed R72.00 down and Jul'20 Suns closed R44.00 lower.



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