



**Fundamental Report**  
**03 February 2020**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.8775	14.9682	0.0907	0.61%
Euro/Rand	16.4049	16.5864	0.1815	1.11%
GBPound/Rand	19.5117	19.6926	0.1809	0.93%
AusDollar/Rand	9.9476	10.0152	0.0676	0.68%
Euro/USDollar	1.1027	1.1082	0.0055	0.50%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3116	1.3159	0.0043	0.33%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6688	0.6691	0.0003	0.04%
JpyYen/USDollar	108.9500	108.5300	-0.4200	-0.39%

BDLive - January saw the rand record its biggest monthly drop since August 2018 as the global risk-off environment and investor anxiety about SA's economic growth prospects saw it fall by degrees last seen during the Turkey and Argentina currency crisis.

The rand dropped more than 7% against the dollar in January, making it the worst performing among emerging-market currencies polled by Bloomberg over the past month, followed by the Chilean peso, which fell close to 6%.

The coronavirus outbreak that started in China has raised fears about the effect it could have on the world's second-largest economy, with the rand taking a battering as China is the biggest buyer of the products SA mines. Some countries, including the US, have now restricted travel after the World Health Organisation (WHO) deemed the virus, which had claimed 213 lives by Friday, a global health emergency.



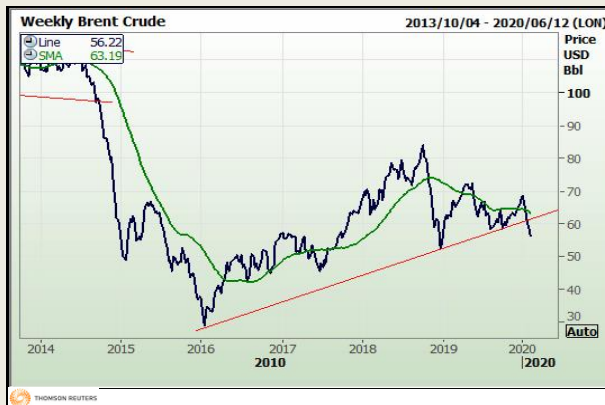
### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	958.06	-1.56	-0.16%
Gold	1579.97	-9.84	-0.62%
Silver	17.82	-0.21	-1.17%
Copper	2.54	0.03	1.04%
Gasoil	495.50	-5.50	-1.11%
Brent Oil	56.24	-0.38	-0.68%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices inched lower on Friday after surveys showed Chinese manufacturing activity held steady in January and services firmed, though concern over the coronavirus and its economic effect kept the metal on track for a second monthly gain.

Spot gold fell 0.1% to \$1,571.77/oz by 1.24am GMT. For the month, prices were up 3.6%. US gold futures declined 0.8% to \$1,570.70. Factory activity in China stalled in January, with the outbreak of the new virus adding to risks facing the economy despite easing trade tension, while growth in the services sector activity quickened.

This came after the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the coronavirus a global emergency, as the death toll in China reached 213 and cases spread to at least 18 countries. Director-general Tedros Ghebreyesus said the WHO "doesn't recommend — and actually opposes" restrictions on travel or trade with China, and that measures taken by Beijing can "reverse the tide".



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	50072.61	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	50037.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3283.66	-58.14	-1.77%
FTSE	7381.96	-95.95	-1.30%
CAC	5806.34	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12981.97	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	26312.63	47.54	0.18%



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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	381.25	-0.50	1.25	379.75	-1.50	-0.25
MAY 2020	386.00	386.50	-0.25	0.50	385.25	-1.25	-0.75
JUL 2020	390.00	391.00	-0.50	1.00	390.00	-1.00	0.00
SEP 2020	388.00	387.75	-0.75	-0.25	387.00	-0.75	-1.00
DEC 2020	391.00	390.75	-0.50	-0.25	390.00	-0.75	-1.00

FarmFutures - Corn prices firmed slightly Friday on some technical buying, but it wasn't enough to pare this week's losses, with March futures down 1.4% since Monday's open. March and May futures each climbed 1.75 cents higher to close at \$3.8125 and \$3.8650, respectively.

Corn basis bids were largely steady but slightly mixed Friday, moving as much as 3 cents lower at a Nebraska processor while firming as much as a penny at an Ohio elevator today.

Private exporters reported to USDA the sale of 5.3 million bushels of corn for delivery to South Korea during the 2019/20 marketing year, which began September 1. A flurry of other large corn sales has been reported to USDA throughout the month of January, headed for Japan, Mexico, Guatemala and other destinations.

Two South Korean groups also purchased another 5.2 million bushels of corn from optional origins earlier this week. That grain is for arrival in early May.

India was thought to turn down all offers for its international tender to purchase 6.9 million bushels of GMO-free corn, meantime, with traders speculating that offers came in too high to draw sufficient interest.

The European Commission raised its monthly forecast for 2019/20 EU corn exports by 5.3% to 78.4 million bushels.

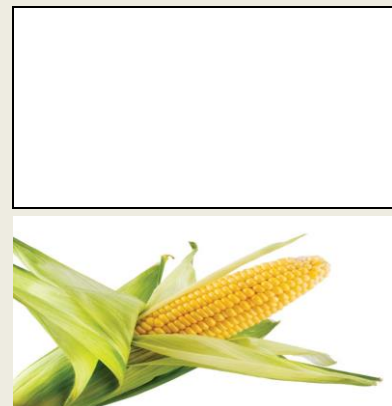
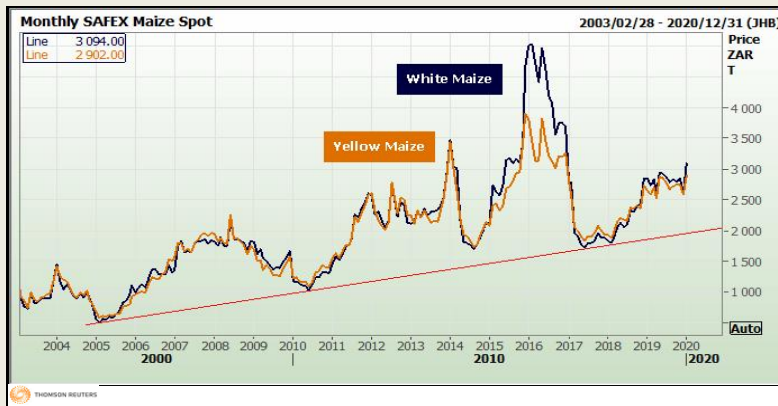
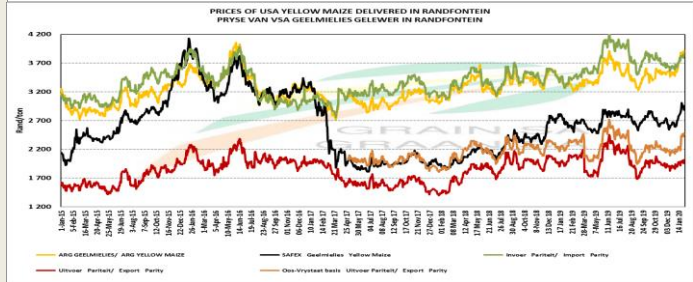
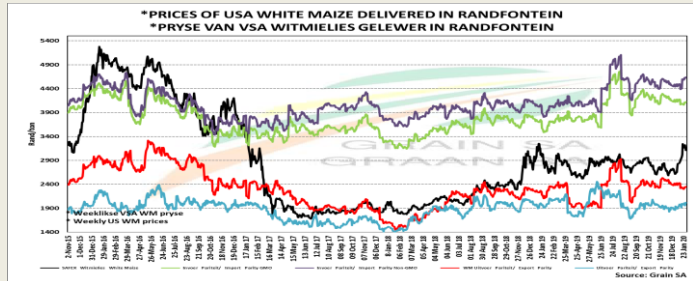
Preliminary volume estimates were for 266,764 contracts, climbing just above Thursday's final count of 259,796.



### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Mar 2020	R 3 021.00	34%	R 12.10	R 3 033.10
May 2020	R 2 565.00	22.5%	R 9.36	R 2 574.36
Jul 2020	R 2 428.00	22%	R 13.93	R 2 441.93
Sep 2020	R 2 476.00	0%	R 7.96	R 2 483.96
Dec 2020	R 2 573.00	29%	R 8.07	R 2 581.07
Mar 2021				
May 2021				
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Mar 2020	R 2 896.00	23%	R 12.10	R 2 908.10
May 2020	R 2 567.00	0%	R 9.36	R 2 576.36
Jul 2020	R 2 509.00	20.25%	R 13.93	R 2 522.93
Sep 2020	R 2 554.00	0%	R 7.96	R 2 561.96
Dec 2020	R 2 632.00	20.25%	R 8.07	R 2 640.07
Mar 2021	R 2 652.00	0%		R 2 652.00
May 2021				

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The Mar'20 WMAZ contract ended R53.00 up and Mar'20 YMAZ closed R71.00 higher. The Jul'20 WMAZ closed higher by R5.00 and Jul'20 YMAZ ended R16.00 up. The parity move for the Mar'20 Maize contract for yesterday was R16.00 positive.

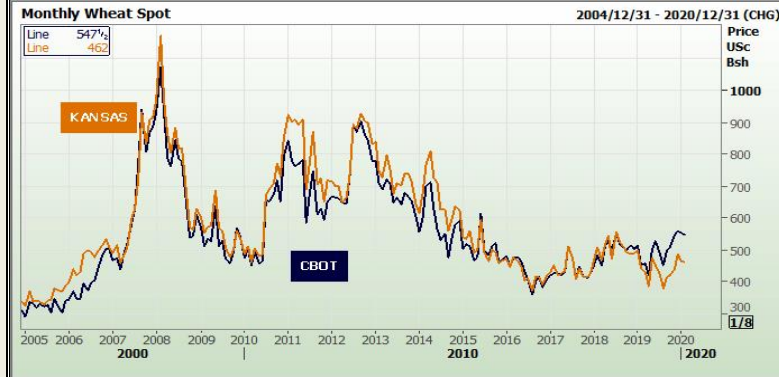


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## Wheat Market

### 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 2020	561.00	553.75	6.25	-7.25	547.50	-6.25	-13.50		MAR 2010	471.00	465.50	4.25	-5.50	462.00	-3.50	-9.00
MAY 2020	559.00	552.50	5.50	-6.50	546.25	-6.25	-12.75		MAY 2010	478.00	472.50	4.00	-5.50	469.00	-3.50	-9.00
JUL 2020	557.00	552.50	5.00	-4.50	547.00	-5.50	-10.00		JUL 2010	486.00	480.00	4.00	-6.00	476.75	-3.25	-9.25
SEP 2020	563.00	559.00	3.75	-4.00	553.50	-5.50	-9.50		SEP 2010	494.00	488.75	4.25	-5.25	485.50	-3.25	-8.50
DEC 2020	572.00	568.00	3.00	-4.00	529.00	-39.00	-43.00		DEC 2010	506.00	500.25	4.25	-5.75	497.75	-2.50	-8.25



FarmFutures - Wheat prices moved lower again Friday, amid a mix of export concerns and spillover weakness from other commodities. March Chicago SRW futures fell 6.75 cents to \$5.5375, March Kansas City HRW futures lost 5 cents to \$4.66, and March MGEX spring wheat futures dropped 2.75 cents to \$5.34.

North African nations have significant wheat purchasing needs this year, which could be a boon to French exports moving forward, according to traders. Algeria could be in the market to buy another 55 million bushels later this spring, with Morocco's needs likely at 22 million bushels.

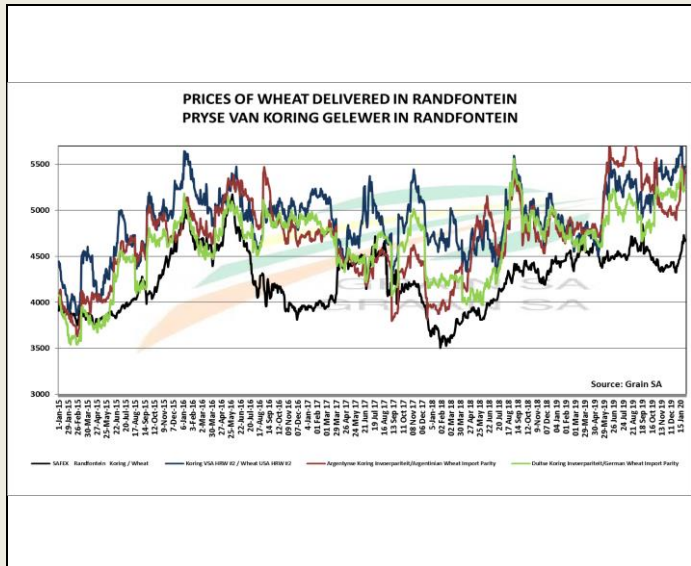
Russia's IKAR consultancy is expecting one of the biggest wheat production years on record, now at an estimated 2.921 billion bushels, coming on the heels of record winter wheat plantings.

The European Commission kept its 2019/20 wheat production and export estimates unchanged from a month ago, at 5.409 billion bushels and 1.029 billion bushels, respectively.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 120,665 CBOT contracts, drifting moderately below Thursday's final count of 148,986.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Mar 2020	R 4 675.00	9%	R -55.55	R 4 619.45
May 2020	R 4 690.00	12.5%	R -51.49	R 4 638.51
Jul 2020	R 4 710.00	8%	R -36.44	R 4 673.56
Sep 2020	R 4 495.00	0%	R -33.49	R 4 461.51
Dec 2020				
Mar 2021				
May 2021				
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
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 R5.00 up while Jul'20 Wheat closed R11.00 lower. The parity move for the Mar'20 Wheat contract for yesterday was R47.00 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
MAR 2020	878.00	872.50	0.00	-5.50	902.00	29.50
MAY 2020	892.00	886.75	0.00	-5.25	886.75	0.00
JUL 2020	905.00	900.50	0.00	-4.50	900.75	0.25
AUG 2020	910.00	905.50	-0.50	-4.50	906.75	1.25
SEP 2020	912.00	906.50	-0.25	-5.50	906.75	0.25

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2010	291	290.50
MAY 2010	296.3	295.90
JUL 2010	301.4	301.00
AUG 2010	303.3	302.70
SEP 2010	304.6	304.10

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2010	29.94	30.00
MAY 2010	30.3	30.35
JUL 2010	30.69	30.71
AUG 2010	30.81	30.85
SEP 2010	30.92	30.96



FarmFutures - Soybean prices followed a broad range of commodities lower Friday, as fears about China's coronavirus have stubbornly persisted. Futures prices drifted about 0.4% lower today in a somewhat choppy session. March and May futures each lost 3.75 cents to close at \$8.7250 and \$8.8675, respectively. For January, March futures faced the biggest monthly drop since October 2018 after losing 8.7% since the start of 2020.

Soybean basis bids were steady across the central U.S. Friday as falling futures prices have slowed farmer sales this week.

Customs data confirmed Chinese purchases of U.S. soybeans were up significantly year-over-year in December, with a monthly tally of 113.5 million bushels. Arrivals from Brazil, meantime, fell 13% from 2018 to 2019, although Chinese imports of Brazilian imports still commands the lion's share of the total.

For nearly a decade, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) has grappled with setting limits on speculative positions in agricultural and energy futures markets. Yesterday, CFTC voted to approve a proposed rule on speculative position limits in futures and derivatives markets. Farm Futures policy editor Jacqui Fatka has the details - click here to learn more.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 166,156 contracts, falling moderately below Thursday's final count of 218,441.

### South African Futures Exchange

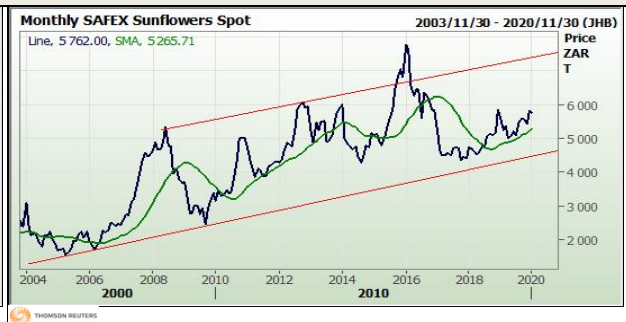
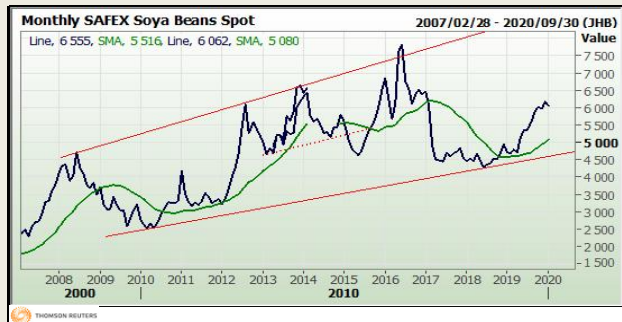
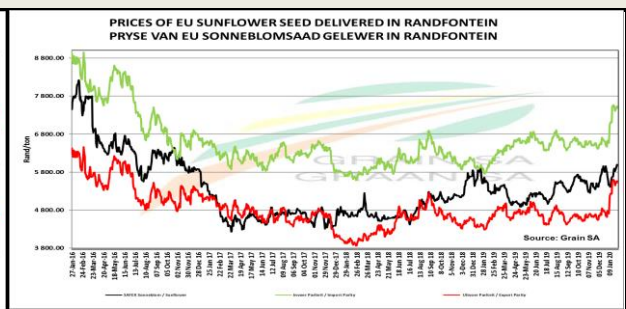
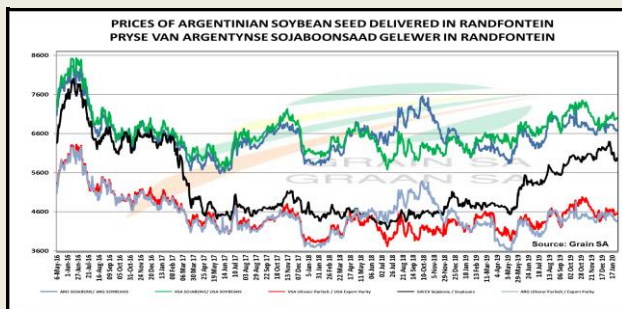
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Mar 2020	R 6 012.00	17%	R 161.26	R 6 173.26
May 2020	R 5 828.00	17.5%	R 0.85	R 5 828.85
Jul 2020	R 5 897.00	20.5%	R 6.79	R 5 903.79
Sep 2020	R 5 980.00	0%	R 1.52	R 5 981.52
Dec 2020	R 6 013.00	0%		R 6 013.00
Mar 2021				
May 2021				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Mar 2020	R 5 737.00	14%
May 2020	R 5 506.00	13.5%
Jul 2020	R 5 548.00	0%
Sep 2020		
Dec 2020	R 5 830.00	0%
Mar 2021		
May 2021		



The local Soya market traded mixed yesterday. The Mar'20 Soya contract ended R43.00 up while Jul'20 Soya closed R22.00 lower. The parity move for the Mar'20 Soya contract for yesterday was R5.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The Mar'20 Suns contract closed R150.00 down and Jul'20 Suns closed R69.00 lower.



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