



Fundamental Report
02 March 2020

Financial Markets

Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	15.6309	15.6176	-0.0133	-0.09%
Euro/Rand	17.2620	17.2687	0.0067	0.04%
GBPound/Rand	20.1596	20.0352	-0.1244	-0.62%
AusDollar/Rand	10.1976	10.2045	0.0069	0.07%
Euro/USDollar	1.1035	1.1056	0.0021	0.19%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2895	1.2832	-0.0063	-0.49%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6524	0.6534	0.0010	0.15%
JpyYen/USDollar	108.7100	108.3200	-0.3900	-0.36%

BDLive - The JSE tracked substantially weaker global markets on Friday as further outbreaks of the coronavirus around the world weighed on risk appetite, with this week's sell-off escalating.

The number of confirmed cases outside China began to grow at a faster pace than the number of those within that country this week, raising concerns over its effect on the global economy. The epicentre of the virus, that began in December in China's city of Wuhan, was declared a "public health emergency of international concern" by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on January 30.

The JSE all share had fallen to its lowest level in 15 months on Friday, with the all share ending the day down 4.5% to 51,038.18 points and the top 40 slumping 4.54%. The platinum index plummeted 12.68%, gold miners 14.98%, resources 6.37%, industrials 3.76%, banks 2.64%, financials 3.37% and retailers 4.54%.



Commodities

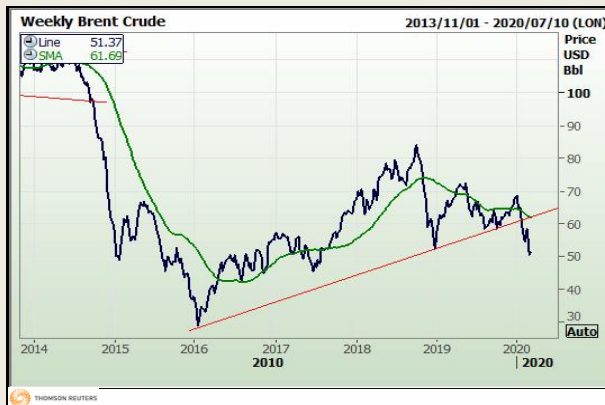
	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	880.38	16.79	1.91%
Gold	1598.29	13.55	0.85%
Silver	16.94	0.28	1.66%
Copper	2.57	0.03	1.26%
Gasoil	455.00	14.00	3.08%
Brent Oil	51.39	1.72	3.35%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold slid 1% on Friday as traders took profits, but the metal was on track for a third consecutive monthly gain as the spread of coronavirus gathered pace.

Spot gold was down 1% to \$1,626.40 an ounce at 11.34am GMT. US gold futures slipped 0.9% to \$1,628 an ounce.

"There's a bit of profit-taking in gold," Bank of China International analyst Xiao Fu said, adding she was "not surprised to see some correction from time to time especially when you have excessive build-ups. The market is pricing in three cuts [in US interest rates] by the end of this year and that's increased from one cut [expected] earlier. So, the sentiment has shifted, and with lower US yields, we should see gold prices to be very supported."

Lower interest rates reduce the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding bullion.



Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	45851.76	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	45648.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2978.76	-24.54	-0.82%
FTSE	6796.40	-215.79	-3.18%
CAC	5309.90	0.00	0.00%
DAX	11890.35	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	26129.93	184.20	0.70%



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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	363.00	366.50	-0.50	3.50	370.75	4.25	7.75
MAY 2020	366.00	368.25	-0.25	2.25	371.50	3.25	5.50
JUL 2020	371.00	372.50	-0.50	1.50	375.25	2.75	4.25
SEP 2020	371.00	372.50	-0.75	1.50	374.00	1.50	3.00
DEC 2020	376.00	377.00	-0.50	1.00	378.50	1.50	2.50

FarmFutures - Corn prices overcame moderate overnight losses to finish Friday's session with small gains on some bargain buying, although traders remain concerned over the spreading coronavirus's impact on the global economy. March futures added 2 cents to \$3.6650, with May futures inching ahead 0.25 cents to \$3.6825. But May futures opened Monday's session at \$3.80, suffering a 3.1% drop this week.

Corn basis bids held steady across most Midwestern locations Friday, with farmer sales remaining relatively slow this week as they await a stop to falling futures prices. According to the newest Farm Futures grower survey out earlier this week, U.S. farmers could plant as much as 96.6 million acres of corn. If realized, that total moved 7.7% ahead of last year and would become the second-largest corn planting on record. Assuming a return to the five-year average of 173.4 bushels per acre, the U.S. could be looking at a total production of 15.3 billion bushels, which would be a record-breaking haul if it can reach that benchmark. USDA announced earlier today it will provide up to \$100 million in grants for renewable fuel infrastructure, including ethanol. "The goal is to increase significantly the sale and use of higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel by expanding the infrastructure for renewable fuels derived from U.S. agricultural products," the agency noted in a press release this morning. Not surprisingly, biofuel associations applauded the move in multiple statements soon after, while drawing criticism from oil industry advocates.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue spoke to attendees of this year's Commodity Classic on a variety of subjects this morning, including trade, technology, markets, sustainability and more. Click here to learn more about what was discussed.

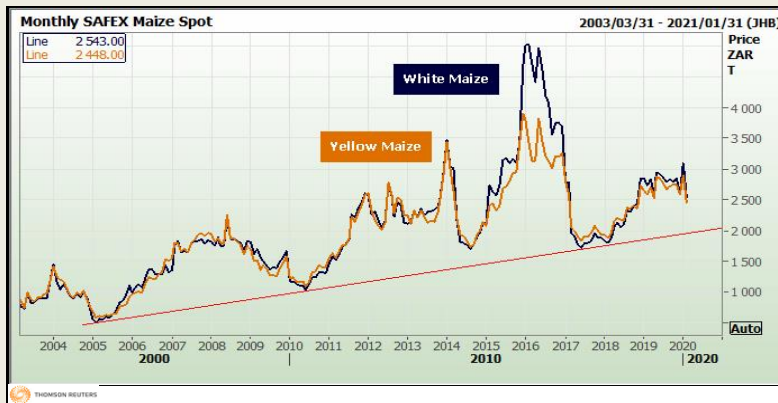
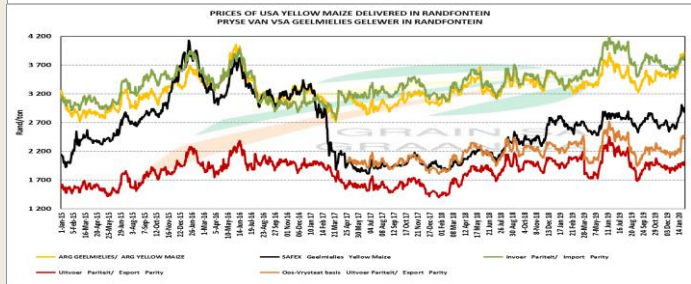
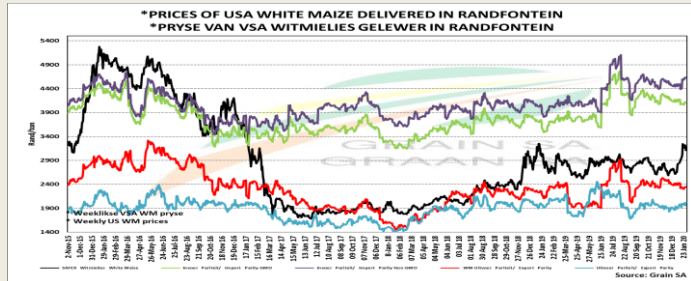
Preliminary volume estimates were for 329,709 contracts, falling substantially lower than Thursday's final count of 612,629.



South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
White Maize Future				
Mar 2020	R 2 543.00	34%	R 45.75	R 2 588.75
May 2020	R 2 383.00	23%	R 31.90	R 2 414.90
Jul 2020	R 2 242.00	20.25%	R 24.19	R 2 266.19
Sep 2020	R 2 299.00	18.5%	R 16.50	R 2 315.50
Dec 2020	R 2 391.00	20%	R 13.40	R 2 404.40
Mar 2021	R 2 431.00	0%		R 2 431.00
May 2021				
Yellow Maize Future				
Mar 2020	R 2 448.00	33%	R 45.75	R 2 493.75
May 2020	R 2 425.00	26%	R 31.90	R 2 456.90
Jul 2020	R 2 380.00	19.5%	R 24.19	R 2 404.19
Sep 2020	R 2 431.00	18%	R 16.50	R 2 447.50
Dec 2020	R 2 507.00	20%	R 13.40	R 2 520.40
Mar 2021	R 2 542.00	0%		R 2 542.00
May 2021				

The local Maize market traded mixed yesterday. The Mar'20 WMAZ contract ended R40.00 down and Mar'20 YMAZ closed R9.00 lower. The Jul'20 WMAZ closed higher by R47.00 and Jul'20 YMAZ ended R39.00 up. The parity move for the Mar'20 Maize contract for yesterday was R45.00 positive.

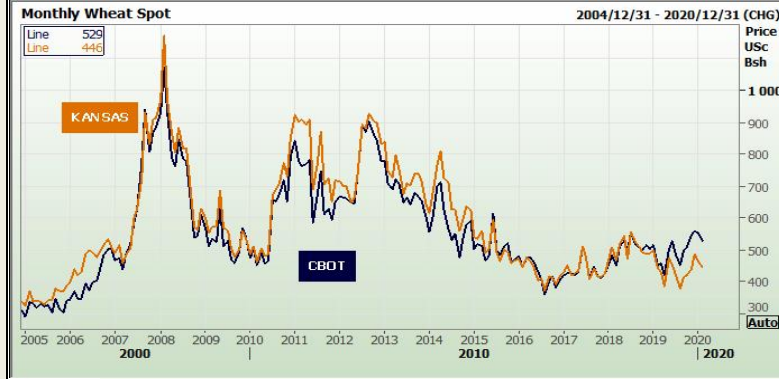


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Wheat Market

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	526.00	529.00	6.25	3.00	0.00	-529.00	-526.00	MAR 2010	439.00	445.50	4.25	6.50	0.00	-445.50	-439.00
MAY 2020	523.00	525.00	5.50	2.00	524.50	-0.50	1.50	MAY 2010	448.00	453.25	4.00	5.25	452.00	-1.25	4.00
JUL 2020	524.00	526.25	5.00	2.25	525.50	-0.75	1.50	JUL 2010	455.00	460.25	4.00	5.25	459.00	-1.25	4.00
SEP 2020	531.00	533.00	3.75	2.00	531.75	-1.25	0.75	SEP 2010	465.00	469.25	4.25	4.25	467.75	-1.50	2.75
DEC 2020	541.00	543.50	3.00	2.50	529.00	-14.50	-12.00	DEC 2010	478.00	482.75	4.25	4.75	481.75	-1.00	3.75



FarmFutures - Wheat prices suffered heavy losses earlier this week, but bargain buyers emerged late Friday to push some contracts back into the green today. March Chicago SRW futures slipped 0.25 cents lower to \$5.29, while March Kansas City HRW futures added 2.75 cents to \$4.46 and March MGEX spring wheat futures gained 3.5 cents to \$5.1075. For the week, March CBOT futures lost nearly 3.9%.

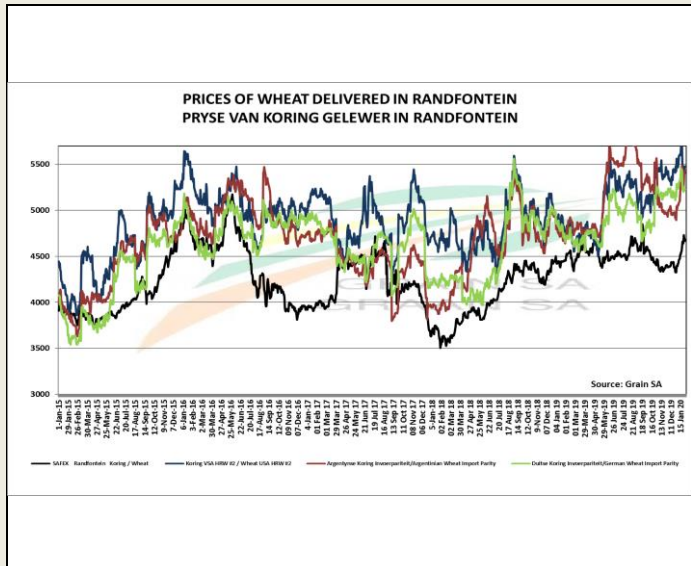
French consultancy FranceAgriMer slightly lowered its assessment of the country's soft wheat crop, moving from 65% in good-to-excellent condition down to 64%. That remains significantly below last year's pace of 85%.

The Philippines purchased 10.1 million bushels of feed wheat from optional origins (but likely from the Black Sea region) in a series of tenders yesterday. The grain is expected to be shipped between May and July.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 134,974 CBOT contracts, sliding just below Thursday's final count of 140,550.

South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
Bread Milling Wheat				
Mar 2020	R 4 862.00	9%	R -3 021.01	R 1 840.99
May 2020	R 4 920.00	12.5%	R 6.05	R 4 926.05
Jul 2020	R 4 920.00	9%	R 6.05	R 4 926.05
Sep 2020	R 4 680.00	0%	R 1.71	R 4 681.71
Dec 2020	R 4 450.00	0%	R -71.51	R 4 378.49
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 Mar'20 Wheat contract closed R32.00 up and Jul'20 Wheat closed R41.00 higher. The parity move for the Mar'20 Wheat contract for yesterday was R19.00 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	875.00	883.50	0.00	8.50	902.00	18.50	27.00
MAY 2020	882.00	892.75	0.00	10.75	897.75	5.00	15.75
JUL 2020	892.00	901.50	0.00	9.50	906.50	5.00	14.50
AUG 2020	895.00	904.00	-0.50	9.00	908.50	4.50	13.50
SEP 2020	895.00	904.25	-0.25	9.25	908.75	4.50	13.75

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2010	298.6	298.80
MAY 2010	305.6	305.90
JUL 2010	310.1	310.10
AUG 2010	311.1	311.10
SEP 2010	311.4	311.40

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2010	28.31	28.70
MAY 2010	28.68	29.12
JUL 2010	29.04	29.49
AUG 2010	29.2	29.65
SEP 2010	29.39	29.82

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FarmFutures - Soybean prices were caught by spillover weakness in financial and energy markets today, although traders are still monitoring the situation in Argentina, where grain sales have ground to a halt ahead of an expected announcement from its government that it will increase export taxes to counteract its fiscal deficit. Futures moved briefly higher today but finished the session with small losses. March futures dropped 2.75 cents to \$8.8350, with May futures down 2.25 cents to \$8.9275 – finishing the week 0.4% lower.

Soybean basis bids remained largely unsteady across the central U.S. but did tick a penny higher at an Illinois river terminal today. Private exporters reported to USDA the sale of 135,000 metric tons of soymeal to the Philippines for delivery during the 2019/20 marketing year, which began October 1. According to this week's Farm Futures grower survey, U.S. farmers intend to plant 4.5 more million acres of soybeans this spring, compared to the overly wet spring of 2019 that featured nearly 16 million prevent plant acres. Total plantings could exceed last year's tally by 5.6% to reach 80.6 million acres. Worth noting: the survey data was collected the last week of January, before the latest coronavirus outbreak threw China's ability to snap up more soybeans into question. Ahead of USDA's next soybean crush report, out Monday afternoon, analysts expect the agency to report January's soybean crush total at 187.3 million bushels, which would be the largest monthly tally on record, if realized, breaking December's mark of 184.7 million bushels.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 257,419 contracts, falling moderately below Thursday's final count of 339,292.

South African Futures Exchange

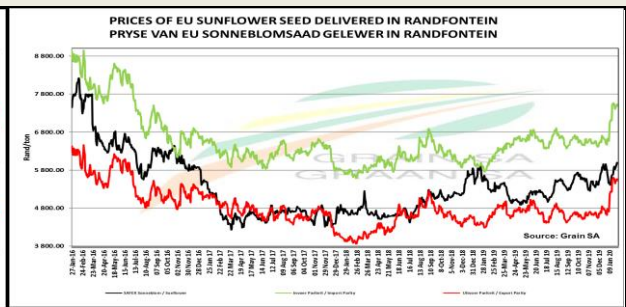
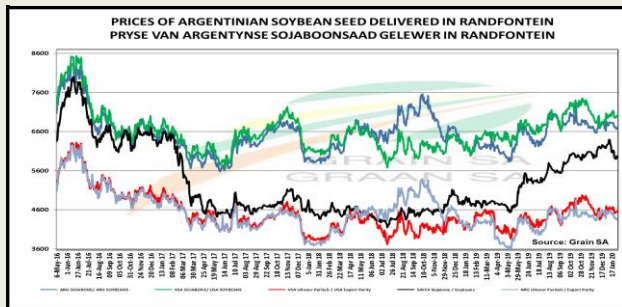
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Mar 2020	R 6 122.00	17%	R 150.66	R 6 272.66
May 2020	R 5 998.00	17.5%	R 86.07	R 6 084.07
Jul 2020	R 6 084.00	20.5%	R 78.85	R 6 162.85
Sep 2020	R 6 150.00	0%	R 74.53	R 6 224.53
Dec 2020	R 6 201.00	0%		R 6 201.00
Mar 2021				
May 2021				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Mar 2020	R 5 350.00	14%
May 2020	R 5 450.00	14%
Jul 2020	R 5 540.00	18%
Sep 2020	R 5 645.00	0%
Dec 2020	R 5 811.00	0%
Mar 2021		
May 2021		



The local Soya market traded higher yesterday. The Mar'20 Soya contract ended R127.00 up and Jul'20 Soya closed R150.00 higher. The parity move for the Mar'20 Soya contract for yesterday was R100.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The Mar'20 Suns contract closed R90.00 up and Jul'20 Suns closed R99.00 higher.



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