



**Fundamental Report**  
**22 April 2020**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	19.0390	18.9559	-0.0831	-0.44%
Euro/Rand	20.6283	20.5743	-0.0540	-0.26%
GBPound/Rand	23.4921	23.3124	-0.1797	-0.76%
AusDollar/Rand	11.9641	11.9725	0.0084	0.07%
Euro/USDollar	1.0832	1.0851	0.0019	0.18%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2339	1.2294	-0.0045	-0.36%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6284	0.6316	0.0032	0.51%
JpyYen/USDollar	107.4300	107.7400	0.3100	0.29%

BDLive - Embattled chemicals group Sasol's share price recovered most of its losses after falling by almost a quarter on Tuesday morning, as global energy stocks felt the effect of US crude prices falling below zero, as the world continues to battle the coronavirus pandemic.

As Covid-19 lockdowns remain in place in many countries, the oil industry is facing a glut in supply in an environment of low demand, with space running out fast to store the oil being produced.

On Monday, the price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) fell into negative territory for the first time since 1946.

"Global [oil] demand will take some months to recover and, consequently, we will have surplus inventory and weak Brent prices for some months to come. Unfortunately, this is bad news for Sasol, despite them hedging the current year's oil production," said Kagiso Asset Management head of research Abdul Davids.



### Commodities

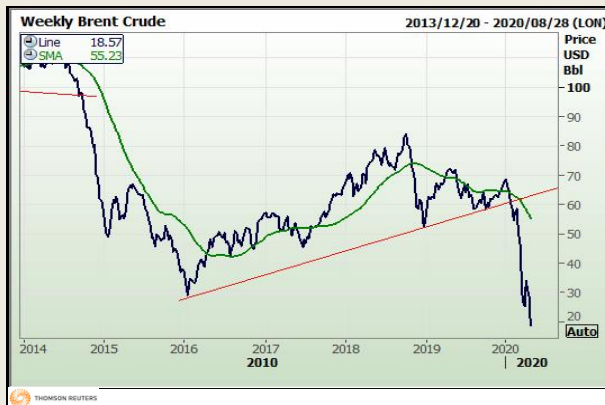
	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	749.91	3.42	0.46%
Gold	1683.55	-2.17	-0.13%
Silver	14.78	-0.15	-1.00%
Copper	2.23	0.00	0.00%
Gasoil	215.00	-1.00	-0.47%
Brent Oil	18.66	-0.67	-3.59%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices fell on Tuesday due to a stronger dollar, but losses were capped by reduced appetite for risk after US crude oil futures plunged below zero for the first time in history in the previous session.

Spot gold eased 0.3% to \$1,687.17 an ounce by 3.32am GMT, having risen as much as 1% on Monday as the oil market crash drove demand for safe havens. US gold futures fell 0.4% to \$1,703.90.

"There's a bit of a tug of war between gold and the dollar at the moment," IG Markets analyst Kyle Rodda said.

"Gold started to decouple from equities again. We've seen a pullback in stocks and it has provided that support for safe havens and a part of that is leading to higher gold and bond prices, and a higher dollar." Bullion has on occasion moved in tandem with stock markets this year, with recent sharp sell-offs prompting investors to sell precious metals to cover their losses elsewhere.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	43737.55	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	43867.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2823.16	-86.60	-3.07%
FTSE	5812.83	-171.80	-2.96%
CAC	4357.46	0.00	0.00%
DAX	10249.85	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	23793.55	-147.10	-0.62%



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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
MAY 2020	310.00	309.25	-0.50	-0.75	310.25	1.00	0.25
JUL 2020	318.00	317.25	-0.25	-0.75	317.75	0.50	-0.25
SEP 2020	323.00	321.50	-0.50	-1.50	322.50	1.00	-0.50
DEC 2020	335.00	332.00	-0.75	-3.00	332.75	0.75	-2.25
MAR 2021	347.00	345.25	-0.50	-1.75	346.25	1.00	-0.75

FarmFutures - Corn prices continue to crumble, following ethanol prices lower amid severe production cuts. That prompted another session plagued by technical selling, with May and July futures falling another 5 cents each to close at \$3.0925 and \$3.1725, respectively.

Corn basis bids were mixed at Midwestern ethanol plants but were steady to firm elsewhere across the central U.S., rising 1 to 5 cents across a handful of locations today.

USDA reported yesterday afternoon that corn planting progress reached 7% by April 19, which was in line with analyst expectations and up from 3% a week ago. Progress so far is ahead of 2019's historically wet spring, when 5% of the crop had been planted by this time. However, this year's pace is slightly behind the five-year average of 9%.

South Korea feed group purchased another 2.3 million bushels of corn in a private deal earlier today. The grain, expected to be sourced from South America, is for arrival in October. South Korea has made a flurry of grain purchases in recent weeks on the heels of falling prices.

Another South Korean group purchased another 8.1 million bushels of corn, also expected to be sourced from South America, in an international tender that closed earlier today. The grain is for arrival in September and October.

Taiwan issued an international tender to purchase up to 2.6 million bushels of corn from the U.S., Brazil, Argentina or South Africa. The tender closes tomorrow, and the grain is for arrival in August.

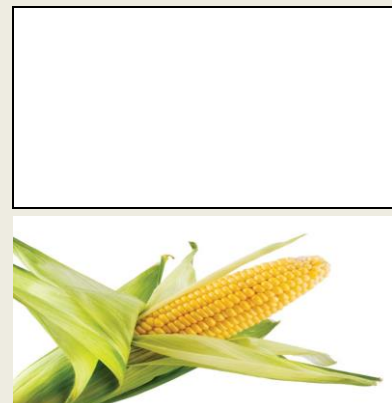
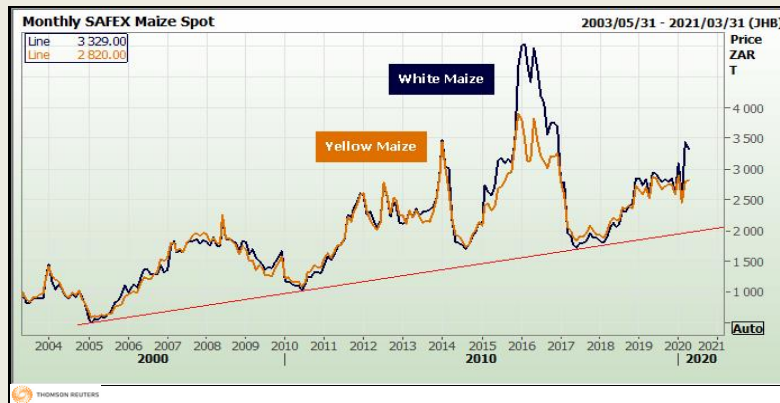
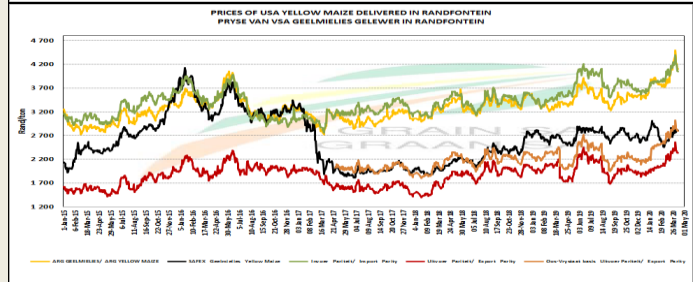
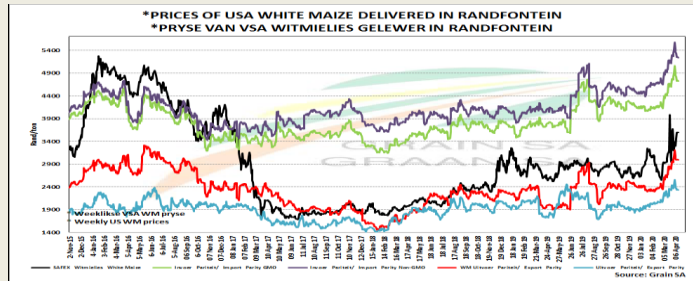
Preliminary volume estimates were for 534,198 contracts, jumping significantly above Monday's final count of 375,157.



### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Mar 2020				
May 2020	R 2 743.00	32%	R -8.28	R 2 734.72
Jul 2020	R 2 546.00	27.5%	R -12.27	R 2 533.73
Sep 2020	R 2 602.00	20%	R -14.30	R 2 587.70
Dec 2020	R 2 686.00	21.75%	R -27.75	R 2 658.25
Mar 2021	R 2 725.00	20%	R -16.95	R 2 708.05
May 2021				
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Mar 2020				
May 2020	R 2 682.00	26%	R -8.28	R 2 673.72
Jul 2020	R 2 686.00	25%	R -12.27	R 2 673.73
Sep 2020	R 2 735.00	18%	R -14.30	R 2 720.70
Dec 2020	R 2 815.00	20%	R -27.75	R 2 787.25
Mar 2021	R 2 846.00	0%	R -16.95	R 2 829.05
May 2021	R 2 850.00	0%		R 2 850.00

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The May'20 WMAZ contract ended R52.00 down and May'20 YMAZ closed R25.00 lower. The Jul'20 WMAZ closed lower by R39.00 and Jul'20 YMAZ ended R36.00 down. The parity move for the May'20 Maize contract for yesterday was R3.00 negative.

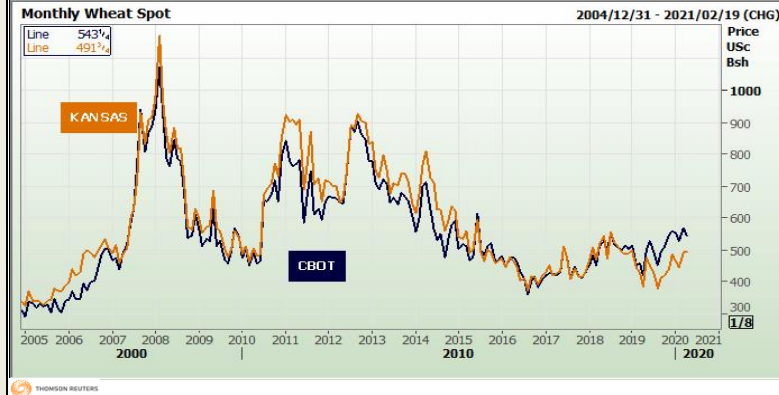


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## Wheat Market

### 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
MAY 2020	546.00	546.75	6.25	0.75	543.25	-3.50	-2.75		MAY 2010	491.00	496.75	4.25	5.75	491.75	-5.00	0.75
JUL 2020	544.00	546.25	5.50	2.25	541.75	-4.50	-2.25		JUL 2010	498.00	504.00	4.00	6.00	498.50	-5.50	0.50
SEP 2020	547.00	548.75	5.00	1.75	543.75	-5.00	-3.25		SEP 2010	504.00	509.50	4.00	5.50	504.00	-5.50	0.00
DEC 2020	554.00	555.75	3.75	1.75	551.25	-4.50	-2.75		DEC 2010	514.00	519.00	4.25	5.00	514.50	-4.50	0.50
MAR 2021	561.00	562.50	3.00	1.50	529.00	-33.50	-32.00		MAR 2011	524.00	528.00	4.25	4.00	522.75	-5.25	-1.25



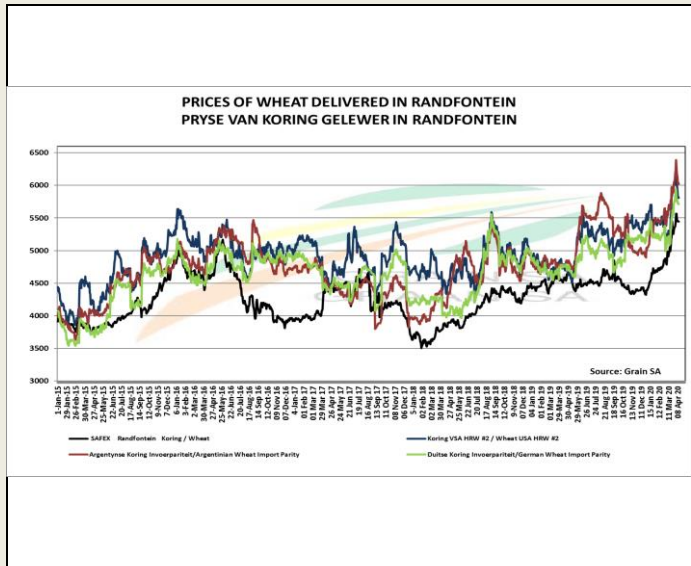
FarmFutures - Wheat prices were mixed Tuesday after a round of uneven technical maneuvering. Some technical selling pushed some contracts lower, although Kansas City HRW contracts grabbed modest gains on lower-than-expected quality ratings released by USDA Monday afternoon. May Chicago SRW futures dipped 2 cents to \$5.4675, May Kansas City HRW futures firmed 2 cents to \$4.9725, and May MGEX spring wheat futures dropped 5.75 cents to \$5.0475.

USDA reported yesterday afternoon that 7% of this year's spring wheat crop is now planted, versus an average analyst estimate of 11%. Planting pace remains ahead of last year's tally of 4% but well behind the prior five-year average of 18%. Of the top 6 production states, Washington (78%) and Idaho (54%) are the furthest along for now. The 2019/20 winter wheat crop has made some physiological strides last week, with 14% of the crop now headed. That's up from 8% a week ago and just behind the prior five-year average of 15%. Of the total, 58% is expected to be sourced from the U.S. Kyrgyzstan purchased 1.2 million bushels of wheat from Russia, which will be delivered by rail starting later this week. At least some of the grain will be distributed to low-income families as the country weathers a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 108,890 CBOT contracts, drifting moderately lower than Monday's final count of 157,145.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Mar 2020				
May 2020	R 5 500.00	12.5%	R -35.83	R 5 464.17
Jul 2020	R 5 511.00	18%	R -32.28	R 5 478.72
Sep 2020	R 5 217.00	0%	R -39.34	R 5 177.66
Dec 2020	R 4 960.00	0%	R -36.07	R 4 923.93
Mar 2021	R 5 020.00	0%	R -240.01	R 4 779.99
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 higher yesterday. The May'20 Wheat contract closed R18.00 up and Jul'20 Wheat closed R3.00 higher. The parity move for the May'20 Wheat contract for yesterday was R32.00 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
MAY 2020	816.00	830.75	0.00	14.75	902.00	71.25
JUL 2020	827.00	840.75	0.00	13.75	840.75	0.00
AUG 2020	829.00	842.50	0.00	13.50	840.50	-2.00
SEP 2020	832.00	843.75	-0.50	11.75	842.75	-1.00
NOV 2020	838.00	848.00	-0.25	10.00	847.50	-0.50

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAY 2010	289.1	288.00
JUL 2010	294.5	293.70
AUG 2010	295.1	294.20
SEP 2010	296	295.30
OCT 2010	296.2	0.00

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAY 2010	25.35	25.44
JUL 2010	25.76	25.85
AUG 2010	25.96	26.06
SEP 2010	26.14	26.24
OCT 2010	26.31	26.26



FarmFutures -Soybean prices dropped to 11-month lows yesterday, which prompted a round of bargain buying Tuesday that led to moderate gains. May futures gained 4.25 cents to \$8.3075, with July futures up 4.5 cents to \$8.4075.

Soybean basis bids held steady across the central U.S. today. This was the first week that USDA reported on soybean planting progress, with the agency showing 2% of the crop is now in the ground as of April 19. That was in line with analyst expectations, and slightly ahead of last year's pace of 1%. The prior five-year average is also 1%. China has been a modest buyer of U.S. soybeans in recent weeks, but the grain that country is really after right now is sorghum. This past week, sorghum export inspections for the 2019/20 marketing year were up 85% to around 80 million bushels, with China taking a significant portion of that total. Grain market analyst Bryce Knorr takes a closer look at what else China has been buying recently in the latest Ag Marketing IQ blog. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act has the government spending "an enormous amount of money," according to ag lawyer Gary Baise. Where is some of the \$1.76 trillion going, and how much of that spending could reasonably be considered wasteful? Baise takes a closer look in the latest Defending Agriculture blog - click here to read more. "Without immediate assistance, many more family farms could be forced out of business." Click here to learn more about how the payments will be calculated.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 279,828 contracts, nearly doubling Monday's final count of 142,362.

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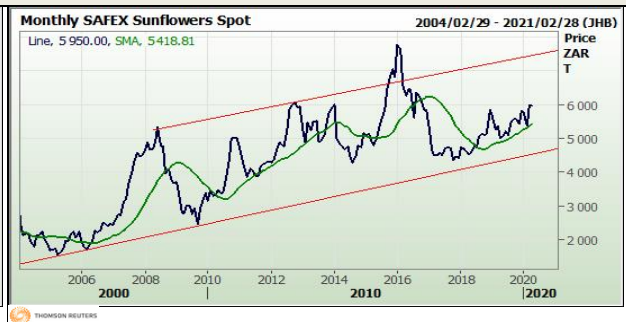
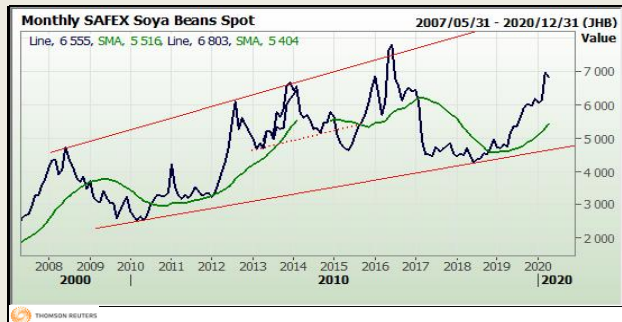
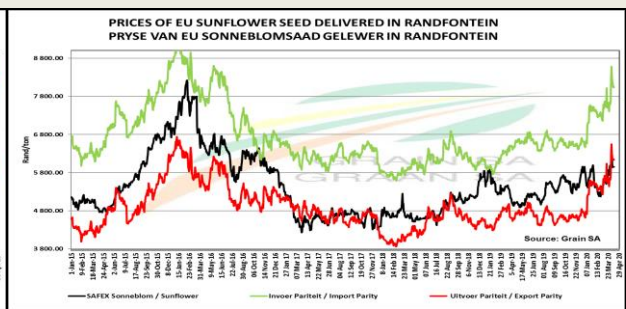
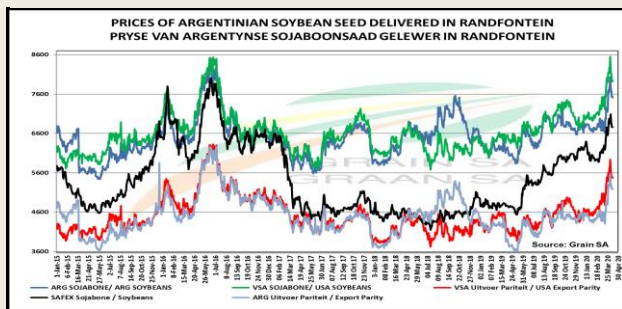
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Mar 2020				
May 2020	R 6 782.00	28.25%	R 574.08	R 7 356.08
Jul 2020	R 6 874.00	21%	R 70.52	R 6 944.52
Sep 2020	R 6 951.00	14.75%	R 49.47	R 7 000.47
Dec 2020	R 7 020.00	15%		R 7 020.00
Mar 2021				
May 2021				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Mar 2020		
May 2020	R 5 965.00	19%
Jul 2020	R 6 112.00	19%
Sep 2020	R 6 241.00	0%
Dec 2020	R 6 316.00	0%
Mar 2021		
May 2021		



The local Soya market traded higher yesterday. The May'20 Soya contract ended R15.00 up and Jul'20 Soya closed R17.00 higher. The parity move for the May'20 Soya contract for yesterday was R70.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The May'20 Suns contract closed R19.00 down and Jul'20 Suns closed R13.00 lower.



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