



**Fundamental Report**  
**11 May 2020**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	18.4536	18.2477	-0.2059	-1.12%
Euro/Rand	19.9994	19.7933	-0.2061	-1.03%
GBPound/Rand	22.8501	22.6961	-0.1540	-0.67%
AusDollar/Rand	12.0373	11.9624	-0.0749	-0.62%
Euro/USDollar	1.0838	1.0846	0.0008	0.07%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2386	1.2432	0.0046	0.37%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6523	0.6554	0.0031	0.48%
JpyYen/USDollar	106.3500	106.9300	0.5800	0.55%

BDLive - The JSE had its best day in two weeks on Friday as investors brushed off dismal jobs data from the US as progress in the US-China trade deal aided risk sentiment.

Negotiators from the US and China discussed the first phase of the trade deal in a phone call on Friday, with both countries agreeing to meet their obligations from the initial trade deal.

"The last thing global investors need right now amid the global coronavirus pandemic is a one-two punch from spiking trade-war risks. However, the fact that investors are being compelled to monitor these uncertainties on two major fronts set against a backdrop of a deep global recession, means safe-haven assets, such as gold and treasuries, remain well bid." said FXTM market analyst Han Tan.



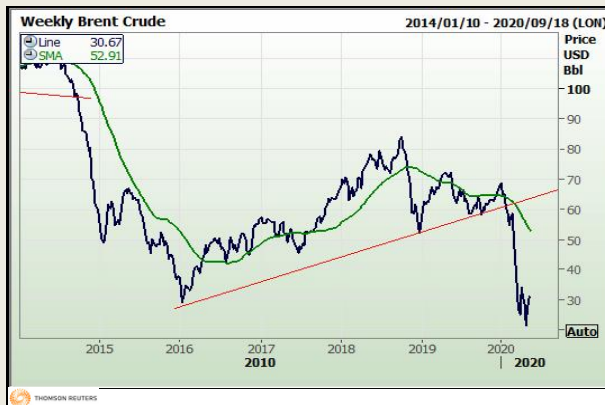
### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	771.79	6.54	0.85%
Gold	1707.98	7.33	0.43%
Silver	15.54	0.09	0.60%
Copper	2.42	0.01	0.58%
Gasoil	249.50	7.25	2.91%
Brent Oil	30.63	-0.34	-1.11%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold on Friday was hovering near a two-week high hit in the previous session as investors awaited the US jobs report to gauge the health of the economy after grim economic indicators raised the prospects of more rate cuts by the Federal Reserve. Lower interest rates would further weigh on bond yields and boost demand for non-yielding bullion, which hit a near two-week peak in the last session.

Spot gold was steady at \$1,715.23/oz, as of 3.15am GMT, having hit its highest since April 27 at \$1,721.76 in the previous session. US gold futures added 0.1% to \$1,727.

The metal gained about 2% on Thursday on the back of bleak US economic data, which along with uncertainties over global economic recovery and US-China relations, lifted bullion higher by about 0.9% so far this week.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	47061.57	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	47211.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2881.19	48.61	1.69%
FTSE	5853.76	82.22	1.40%
CAC	4549.64	0.00	0.00%
DAX	10904.48	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	24230.17	457.38	1.89%



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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	318.00	319.00	-0.50	1.00	322.25	3.25	4.25
JUL 2020	319.00	319.25	-0.25	0.25	321.75	2.50	2.75
SEP 2020	325.00	324.75	-0.50	-0.25	327.50	2.75	2.50
DEC 2020	335.00	335.75	-0.75	0.75	338.00	2.25	3.00
MAR 2021	348.00	349.00	-0.50	1.00	351.00	2.00	3.00

FarmFutures - Corn prices moved moderately higher again Friday after export optimism and frost concerns triggered some more technical buying and short-covering today. May futures added 3 cents to \$3.19, with July futures picking up 1.75 cents to \$3.1975.

Corn basis bids were steady to mixed across the Midwest Friday, signaling some uneven demand needs. Bids moved as much as 5 cents higher at an Iowa river terminal and as much as 2 cents lower at an Iowa processor today.

Next Tuesday morning brings the May World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report from USDA. Ahead of the data dump, analysts expect the agency to estimate 2019/20 ending stocks at 2.224 billion bushels and 2020/21 corn ending stocks at 3.389 billion bushels.

Ukraine's spring plantings are now 86% complete, according to a statement from the country's economy ministry. That includes 11.367 million acres of corn planted so far. Ukraine is a major global corn exporter, along with some other commodities (most notably wheat).

South Korea remains an active buyer of corn this spring, purchasing another 5.4 million bushels in a private deal yesterday, likely from South America. The grain is for arrival in early October.

Is your operation looking for new employees during these uncertain times? Here are some best practices to consider when "hiring for farm jobs in a COVID-19 world," spelled out in our latest Managing Talent blog. Click here for details.

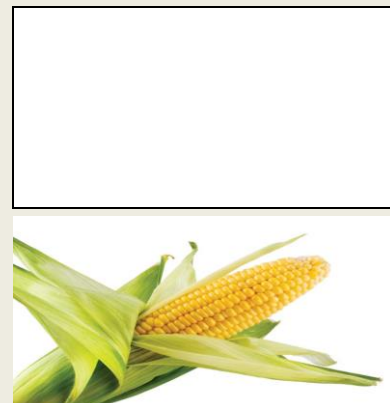
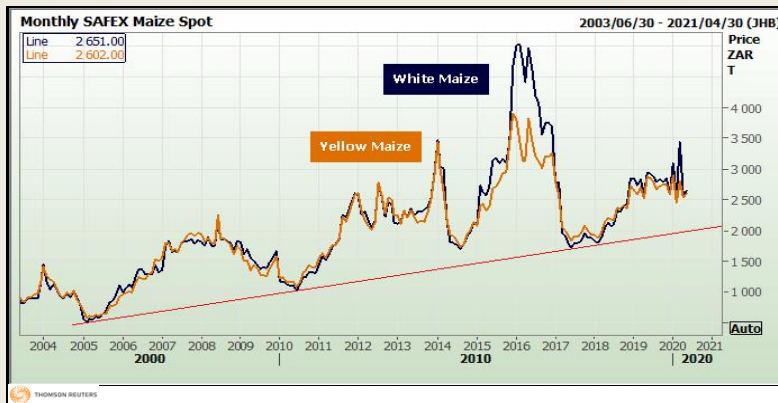
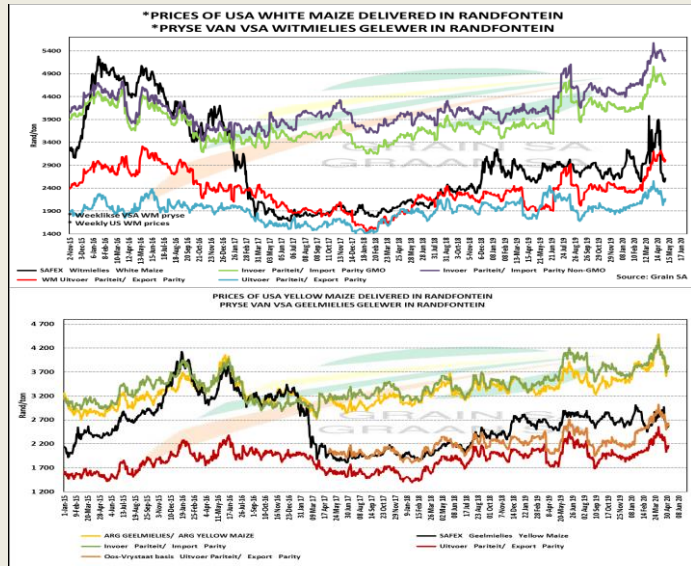
Preliminary volume estimates were for 186,736 contracts, moving moderately below Thursday's final count of 270,862.



### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
May 2020	R 2 651.00	32%	R 4.75	R 2 655.75
Jul 2020	R 2 489.00	25%	R -6.10	R 2 482.90
Sep 2020	R 2 535.00	20%	R -8.38	R 2 526.62
Dec 2020	R 2 625.00	21.75%	R -5.60	R 2 619.40
Mar 2021	R 2 658.00	20%	R -6.66	R 2 651.34
May 2021				
Jul 2021	R 2 715.00	27%		R 2 715.00
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
May 2020	R 2 602.00	26%	R 4.75	R 2 606.75
Jul 2020	R 2 610.00	23.25%	R -6.10	R 2 603.90
Sep 2020	R 2 656.00	18%	R -8.38	R 2 647.62
Dec 2020	R 2 737.00	20%	R -5.60	R 2 731.40
Mar 2021	R 2 764.00	19.5%	R -6.66	R 2 757.34
May 2021	R 2 748.00	0%		R 2 748.00
Jul 2021	R 2 778.00	18%		R 2 778.00

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The May'20 WMAZ contract ended R14.00 up and May'20 YMAZ closed R12.00 higher. The Jul'20 WMAZ closed higher by R14.00 and Jul'20 YMAZ ended R12.00 up. The parity move for the May'20 Maize contract for yesterday was R9.00 positive.

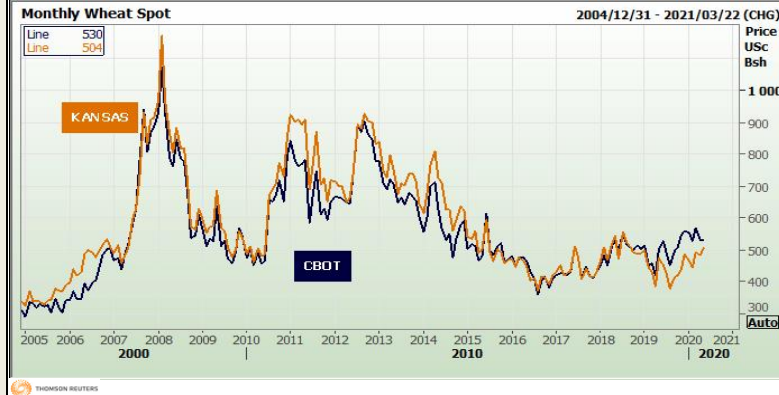


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## Wheat Market

### Chicago Board of Trade and Kansas Board of Trade

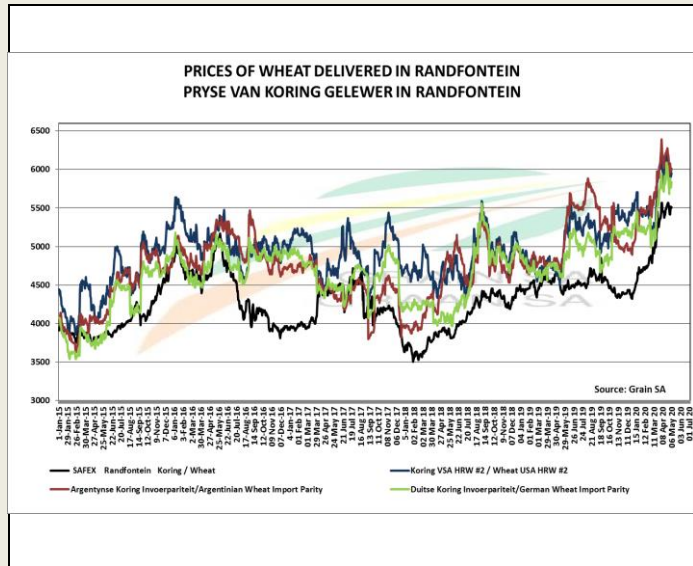
CBOT Wheat							KBOT Wheat								
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
MAY 2020	525.25	529.50	6.25	4.25	0.00	-529.50	-525.25	MAY 2010	475.00	504.00	4.25	29.00	0.00	-504.00	-475.00
JUL 2020	520.00	522.00	5.50	2.00	524.75	2.75	4.75	JUL 2010	476.00	480.00	4.00	4.00	484.00	4.00	8.00
SEP 2020	523.00	525.25	5.00	2.25	527.50	2.25	4.50	SEP 2010	483.00	487.25	4.00	4.25	491.25	4.00	8.25
DEC 2020	531.00	533.75	3.75	2.75	536.00	2.25	5.00	DEC 2010	494.00	498.50	4.25	4.50	502.50	4.00	8.50
MAR 2021	538.00	541.50	3.00	3.50	529.00	-12.50	-9.00	MAR 2011	505.00	508.75	4.25	3.75	512.75	4.00	7.75



FarmFutures - Wheat prices saw a moderate jump amid a round of technical buying Friday, which was partly fueled by export optimism, along with frost damage potential this weekend. Rising energy futures lent additional support. July Chicago SRW futures picked up half a penny to \$5.23, July Kansas City HRW futures added 2.5 cents to \$4.8125, and May MGEX spring wheat futures rose 5 cents to \$5.1525. Ahead of USDA's May WASDE report, our next Tuesday, analysts expect the agency to show 2019/20 wheat ending stocks at 969 million bushels, with 2020/21 ending stocks at 814 million bushels. In her latest Wheat Outlook column, Farm Futures grain market analyst Jacquie Holland notes that wheat has weathered the COVID-19 pandemic better than other grains so far. But will that trend continue? Holland walks through some of the factors currently in play - click here to learn more. Dry conditions have created some winter crop losses in Ukraine, according to the country's economic ministry. That includes winter wheat losses of around 3% and winter barley losses of around 12%. Russia's wheat exports in April reached an estimated 127.1 million bushels, climbing 13% above March totals. The country's wheat exports will butt up against quotas soon, with allowances of just an additional 80.8 million bushels through the end of this marketing year. Preliminary volume estimates were for 57,098 CBOT contracts, drifting moderately below Thursday's final count of 78,189.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
May 2020	R 5 520.00	12.5%	R -3 561.48	R 1 958.52
Jul 2020	R 5 420.00	18%	R -7.49	R 5 412.51
Sep 2020	R 5 225.00	0%	R -9.40	R 5 215.60
Dec 2020	R 4 885.00	11%	R -6.65	R 4 878.35
Mar 2021	R 4 998.00	0%	R -101.05	R 4 896.95
May 2021				
Jul 2021				
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				
Mar 2021				
May 2021				
Jul 2021				



The local Weat market closed lower yesterday. The May'20 Weat contract closed R9.00 down and Jul'20 Weat closed R27.00 lower. The parity move for the May'20 Weat contract for yesterday was R23.00 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	842.00	848.75	0.00	6.75	902.00	53.25
JUL 2020	850.00	850.50	0.00	0.50	855.00	4.50
AUG 2020	851.00	852.00	0.00	1.00	856.00	4.00
SEP 2020	850.00	851.75	-0.50	1.75	857.50	5.75
NOV 2020	853.00	855.50	-0.25	2.50	859.50	4.00

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAY 2010	286.7	0.00
JUL 2010	290.8	291.90
AUG 2010	291.7	292.60
SEP 2010	293	294.00
OCT 2010	293.9	295.00

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAY 2010	26.23	0.00
JUL 2010	26.54	26.71
AUG 2010	26.72	26.89
SEP 2010	26.88	27.05
OCT 2010	27.04	27.26



FarmFutures - Soybean prices posted another solid rounds of gains Friday, on the heels of another large export sale reported this morning. That, along with a broad range of other commodities moving higher, helped fuel a round of technical buying. May futures rose 7.25 cents to \$8.4875, with July futures tracking 6.25 cents higher to \$8.5050. Soybean basis bids were steady to mixed Friday after moving 2 to 5 cents higher at multiple Midwestern processors while sinking 5 cents lower at an Illinois river terminal and 2 cents lower at an Ohio elevator today. Private exporters reported to USDA the sale of 4.4 million bushels of soybeans for delivery to unknown destinations during the 2019/20 marketing year, which ends August 31. Ahead of the May WASDE report from USDA, out next Tuesday, analysts estimate the agency will show 2019/20 soybean ending stocks at 488 million, with 2020/21 ending stocks at 635 million bushels.

China is still committed to its promise to buy \$200 billion in U.S. goods over the next two years, as outlined in its phase-one trade agreement. That's according to a statement from the U.S. Trade Representative. Of the total, some \$80 billion could come from U.S. soybeans, cotton, meat and other agricultural goods. On Wednesday, the two countries signed an agreement for the U.S. to cut certain tariffs in exchange for pledges to ramp up China's purchases.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 154,125 contracts, facing a moderate drop compared to Thursday's final count of 232,780.

### South African Futures Exchange

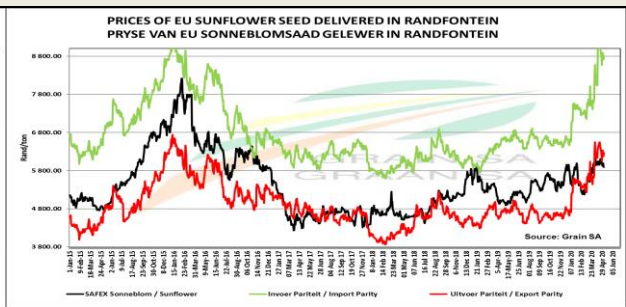
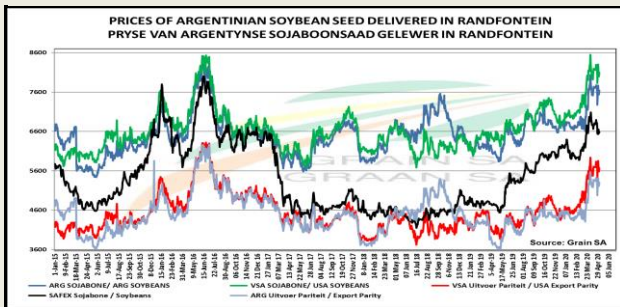
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
May 2020	R 6 633.00	28.25%	R 338.59	R 6 971.59
Jul 2020	R 6 683.00	21%	R -30.78	R 6 652.22
Sep 2020	R 6 778.00	14.75%	R -14.02	R 6 763.98
Dec 2020	R 6 863.00	15%		R 6 863.00
Mar 2021				
May 2021	R 6 320.00	0%		R 6 320.00
Jul 2021				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
May 2020	R 5 867.00	19%
Jul 2020	R 5 975.00	19%
Sep 2020	R 6 111.00	0%
Dec 2020	R 6 211.00	15%
Mar 2021		
May 2021		
Jul 2021		



The local Soya market traded mixed yesterday. The May'20 Soya contract ended R6.00 down while Jul'20 Soya closed R2.00 higher. The parity move for the May'20 Soya contract for yesterday was R11.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The May'20 Suns contract closed R63.00 down and Jul'20 Suns closed R60.00 lower.



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