



**Fundamental Report**  
**15 May 2020**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	18.5112	18.4517	-0.0595	-0.32%
Euro/Rand	20.0011	19.9370	-0.0641	-0.32%
GBPound/Rand	22.6162	22.5203	-0.0959	-0.42%
AusDollar/Rand	11.9397	11.9083	-0.0314	-0.26%
Euro/USDollar	1.0807	1.0805	-0.0002	-0.02%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2221	1.2205	-0.0016	-0.13%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6450	0.6454	0.0004	0.06%
JpyYen/USDollar	106.8500	107.1900	0.3400	0.32%

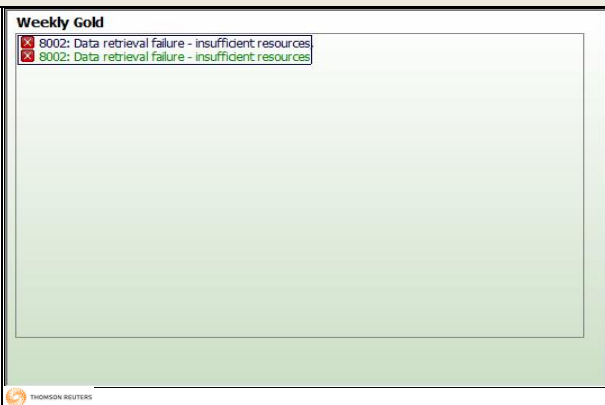
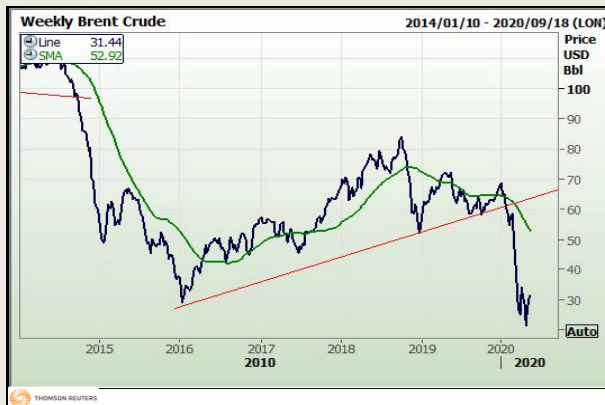
BDLive - The JSE had its worst day in more than a week on Thursday amid global risk aversion as concern about a slow economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic weighed on global market sentiment. Global equities remained in negative territory on the day after US Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell warned of a lengthy period of economic weakness as Covid-19 and the shutting down of businesses weighed on the US economy. Powell added that the Fed could introduce more stimulus measures if required. "There's already unprecedented amounts of stimulus flowing around the financial system in a bid to avert a global depression, but we are already in a severe recession. Any hope of a V-shaped recovery is long gone and we're in full damage limitation mode. Perhaps the reality is finally setting in, though who would be surprised to see equities marching higher again tomorrow?" said Oanda senior market analyst Craig Erlam. Shortly after the JSE closed, the Dow was down 0.66% to 23,095.07 points. In Europe, the FTSE 100 dropped 2.86%, France's CAC 40 1.85% and Germany's DAX 30 2.09%.



### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	767.87	-0.16	-0.02%
Gold	1732.70	3.42	0.20%
Silver	16.05	0.18	1.11%
Copper	2.37	0.02	0.80%
Gasoil	266.00	10.75	4.04%
Brent Oil	31.40	0.27	0.86%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold eased on Thursday as US Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell downplayed the possibility of negative interest rates, but his warning of an extended period of weak economic growth capped the metal's losses. Spot gold was down 0.2% to \$1,712.58/oz by 3.36am GMT, having jumped 0.8% in the previous session on Powell's dour view on the recovery of an economy battered by the coronavirus pandemic. US gold futures rose 0.3% to \$1,721.60. "Powell's comments that he is not keen on negative interest rates have put a damper on (gold's) rally," said Avtar Sandu, a senior commodities manager at Phillip Futures. However, Sandu said the overall speech was bullish for gold, adding that: "Prices rallied after Powell said economies are not doing well because of the virus and you can expect further stimulus. He's expecting more from the fiscal side." On Wednesday, Powell vowed to use the central bank's power as needed, and called for additional fiscal spending to help the virus-hit economy. All eyes are now on the weekly US jobless claims data due at 12.30pm GMT for more clues about the economic outlook.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	45445.10	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	45574.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	2820.00	32.50	1.15%
FTSE	5904.05	-162.51	-2.75%
CAC	4273.13	0.00	0.00%
DAX	10337.02	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	23829.74	-14.26	-0.06%



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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	320.25	-0.50	2.25	0.00	-320.25	-318.00
JUL 2020	318.00	317.50	-0.25	-0.50	317.25	-0.25	-0.75
SEP 2020	322.00	322.00	-0.50	0.00	321.50	-0.50	-0.50
DEC 2020	332.00	331.75	-0.75	-0.25	331.00	-0.75	-1.00
MAR 2021	345.00	344.75	-0.50	-0.25	344.00	-0.75	-1.00

FarmFutures - Corn prices continued to fade slightly Thursday, with traders shrugging off another solid round of export data from USDA this morning. Planting pressure and expectations for possible record production continues to apply headwinds for any potential rally. May futures held steady at \$3.2025, with July futures dipping a penny to \$3.1725. Corn basis bids were steady to mixed across the Midwest Thursday, moving as much as 7 cents lower at an Illinois river terminal and as much as 6 cents higher at an Illinois processor today. Corn export sales were up 39% from a week ago and stayed 14% above the prior four-week average after notching 42.3 million bushels in old crop sales and 21.8 million bushels in new crop sales for a total tally of 64.1 million bushels. Sales were in the middle of trade guesses, which ranged between 43.3 million and 82.7 million bushels. China was the top buyer, snapping up 27 million bushels.

Corn export shipments slipped 6% lower week-over-week but stayed 16% above the prior four-week average, with 51.6 million bushels. Mexico (15.2 million) and Japan (12.0 million) were the top two destinations. IEG Vantage estimates the 2020 corn crop at 94.160 million planted acres, versus USDA projections of 97 million acres (although it's worth noting that the agency's estimate is more than a month old). USDA is estimating Ukraine's 2020/21 corn production at 1.535 billion bushels. Ukraine exports the bulk of its corn crop, and USDA projects the country's corn exports will total 1.299 billion bushels in the upcoming marketing year. Turkey has received some offers for its tender to purchase 9.8 million bushels of animal feed corn, although no purchases have been announced at this time. The grain would be for shipment between late May and early June.

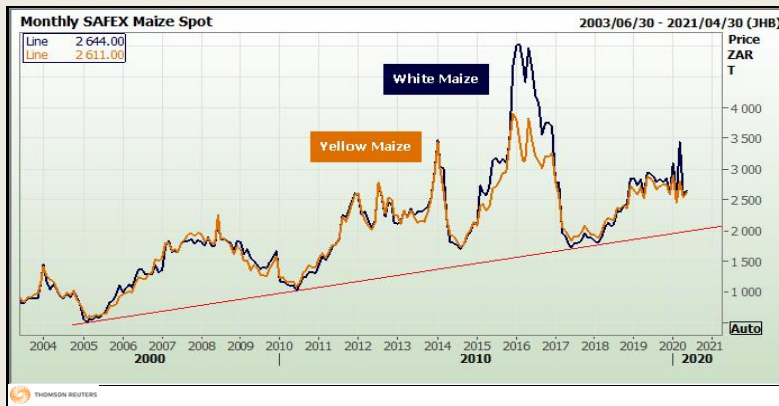
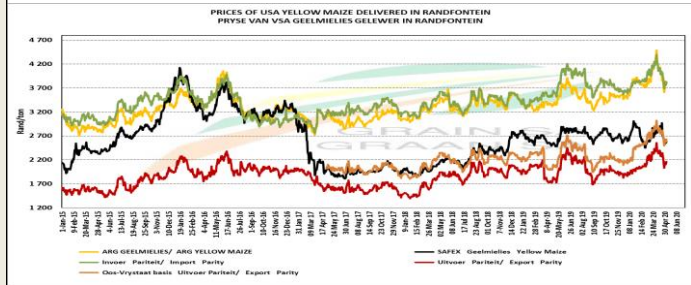
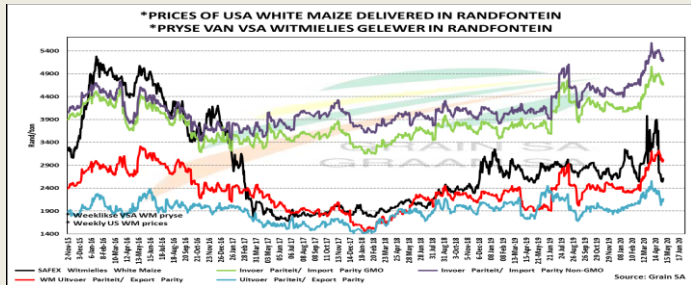
Preliminary volume estimates were for 193,150 contracts, tracking slightly below Wednesday's final count of 201,698.



## South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
May 2020	R 2 644.00	32%	R -2 317.42	R 326.58
Jul 2020	R 2 488.00	24%	R -12.90	R 2 475.10
Sep 2020	R 2 535.00	20%	R -11.17	R 2 523.83
Dec 2020	R 2 626.00	21.75%	R -15.04	R 2 610.96
Mar 2021	R 2 652.00	21%	R -15.35	R 2 636.65
May 2021				
Jul 2021	R 2 700.00	27%		R 2 700.00
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
May 2020	R 2 611.00	26%	R -2 317.42	R 293.58
Jul 2020	R 2 617.00	22.5%	R -12.90	R 2 604.10
Sep 2020	R 2 668.00	18%	R -11.17	R 2 656.83
Dec 2020	R 2 745.00	20%	R -15.04	R 2 729.96
Mar 2021	R 2 766.00	19.5%	R -15.35	R 2 750.65
May 2021	R 2 745.00	0%		R 2 745.00
Jul 2021	R 2 775.00	18%		R 2 775.00

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The May'20 WMAZ contract ended R32.00 up and May'20 YMAZ closed R16.00 higher. The Jul'20 WMAZ closed higher by R13.00 and Jul'20 YMAZ ended R12.00 up. The parity move for the May'20 Maize contract for yesterday was R7.00 negative.

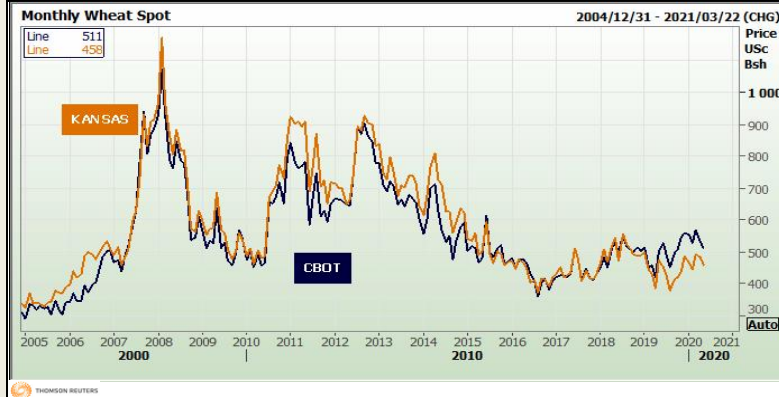


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## Wheat Market

### 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	501.25	510.50	6.25	9.25	0.00	-510.50	-501.25	MAY 2010	442.00	458.00	4.25	16.00	0.00	-458.00	-442.00
JUL 2020	498.00	502.25	5.50	4.25	502.50	0.25	4.50	JUL 2010	450.00	451.75	4.00	1.75	451.75	0.00	1.75
SEP 2020	502.00	505.25	5.00	3.25	505.25	0.00	3.25	SEP 2010	457.00	458.50	4.00	1.50	458.25	-0.25	1.25
DEC 2020	512.00	515.25	3.75	3.25	515.25	0.00	3.25	DEC 2010	470.00	470.50	4.25	0.50	469.50	-1.00	-0.50
MAR 2021	522.00	524.50	3.00	2.50	529.00	4.50	7.00	MAR 2011	482.00	481.75	4.25	-0.25	481.00	-0.75	-1.00

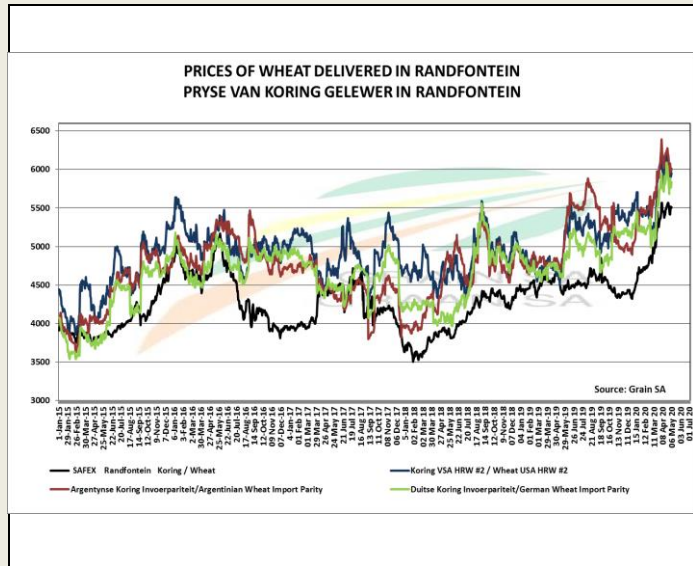


FarmFutures - Wheat prices were narrowly mixed but mostly lower following a lackluster round of export sales data this morning from USDA. July Chicago SRW futures ticked 0.75 cents higher to \$5.0250, while July Kansas City HRW futures dropped 2.75 cents to \$4.5150 and July MGEX spring wheat futures dipped 0.25 cents to \$5.07. Wheat export sales were lukewarm, spilling 17% from a week ago and 28% below the prior four-week average, with 7.5 million bushels in old crop sales plus another 5.5 million bushels in new crop sales. Analysts were expecting total sales to land between 9.2 million and 22.0 million bushels. TUSA is forecasting Ukraine's 2020/21 wheat crop to reach 1.029 billion bushels. The agency expects roughly two-thirds of that total to be exported. Tunisia purchased 2.5 million bushels of soft milling wheat from optional origins in an international tender that closed earlier today. The grain is for shipment between late June and late July. Ethiopia is said to be considering offers in two international tenders to purchase a total of 22 million bushels of wheat that closed late last month. The country seeks to shore up its domestic supplies amid an ongoing drought and a locust infestation that have dramatically lowered yields.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 76,515 CBOT contracts, falling moderately below Wednesday's final count of 104,834.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
May 2020	R 5 603.00	12.5%	R -3 409.35	R 2 193.65
Jul 2020	R 5 473.00	18%	R 19.62	R 5 492.62
Sep 2020	R 5 243.00	0%	R 11.06	R 5 254.06
Dec 2020	R 4 932.00	12.5%	R 10.84	R 4 942.84
Mar 2021	R 5 006.00	0%	R 36.05	R 5 042.05
May 2021				
Jul 2021				
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				
Mar 2021				
May 2021				
Jul 2021				



The local Wheat market closed higher yesterday. The May'20 Wheat contract closed R73.00 up and Jul'20 Wheat closed R48.00 higher. The parity move for the May'20 Wheat contract for yesterday was R11.00 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	837.00	835.25	0.00	-1.75	902.00	66.75
JUL 2020	837.00	837.00	0.00	0.00	839.00	2.00
AUG 2020	838.00	839.00	0.00	1.00	841.50	2.50
SEP 2020	839.00	839.50	-0.50	0.50	842.25	2.75
NOV 2020	843.00	843.75	-0.25	0.75	846.25	2.50

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAY 2010	285.2	0.00
JUL 2010	288.2	288.70
AUG 2010	289.2	289.90
SEP 2010	290.2	290.80
OCT 2010	290.8	291.40

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAY 2010	25.92	0.00
JUL 2010	26.18	26.36
AUG 2010	26.36	26.54
SEP 2010	26.52	26.70
OCT 2010	26.67	26.81



FarmFutures - Soybean prices slipped, even amid more evidence of China making large soybean purchases this week. Traders remain focused on what could be a massive U.S. crop this year, coupled with ongoing feed demand concerns. May futures dropped 0.75 cents to \$8.3525, with July futures down 2 cents to \$8.3750.

Soybean basis bids tumbled 2 to 10 cents lower at two interior river terminals but held steady across most other Midwestern locations today. Soybean export sales held mostly steady from a week ago, with 24.1 million bushels in old crop sales plus another 16.2 million bushels in new crop sales. Analysts were expecting total sales to land between 25.7 million and 55.1 million bushels. China accounted for around half of the total, with 23.8 million bushels. Soybean export shipments were less robust, at 17.4 million bushels. That tally trended 8% higher than a week ago but 8% below the prior four-week average. China was the No. 1 destination, with 2.7 million bushels. For the third time this week, private exporters reported to USDA a large grain sale. Today's announcement was for 7.3 million bushels of soybeans and 44 million pounds of soyoil for delivery to China. Most of the soybeans and all of the soyoil is for delivery during the current marketing year. "China will still implement the trade deal and chances are high that China will speed up purchases," according to Zhang Hua, vice general manager of China's COFCO International. Click here to learn more about three short-term indicators worth monitoring. Preliminary volume estimates were for 129,503 contracts, down noticeably from Wednesday's final count of 188,986.

### South African Futures Exchange

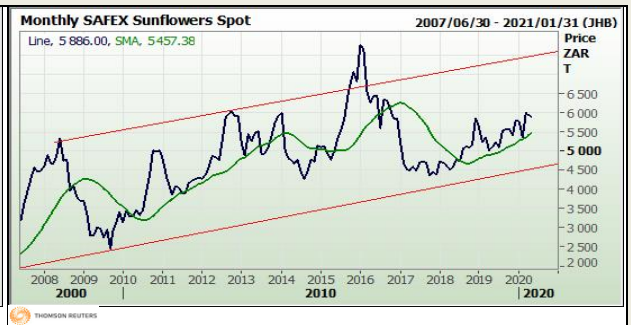
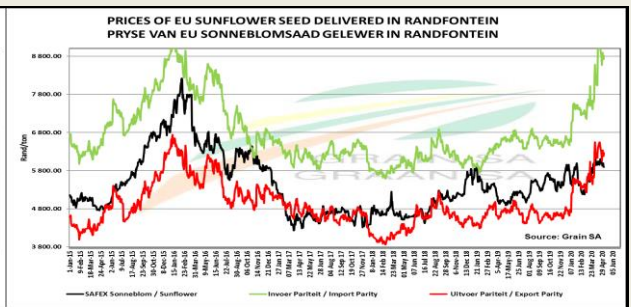
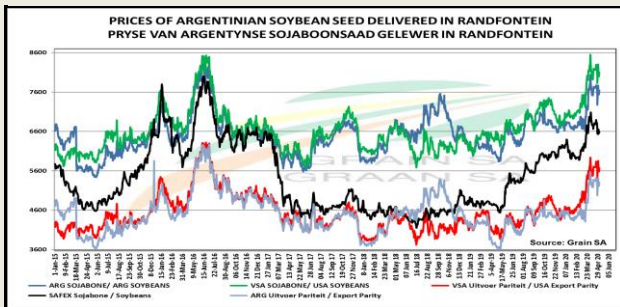
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
May 2020	R 6 558.00	28.25%	R 422.39	R 6 980.39
Jul 2020	R 6 590.00	21%	R -4.74	R 6 585.26
Sep 2020	R 6 676.00	14.75%	R 3.69	R 6 679.69
Dec 2020	R 6 764.00	15%		R 6 764.00
Mar 2021				
May 2021	R 6 310.00	0%		R 6 310.00
Jul 2021				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
May 2020	R 5 886.00	19%
Jul 2020	R 5 993.00	19%
Sep 2020	R 6 116.00	0%
Dec 2020	R 6 214.00	15%
Mar 2021		
May 2021		
Jul 2021		



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The May'20 Soya contract ended R29.00 down and Jul'20 Soya closed R38.00 lower. The parity move for the May'20 Soya contract for yesterday was R17.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The May'20 Suns contract closed R11.00 down and Jul'20 Suns closed R6.00 lower.



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