



Fundamental Report

15 July 2020

Financial Markets

Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand		16.7018	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Euro/Rand		19.0327	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
GBPound/Rand		20.9900	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
AusDollar/Rand		11.6780	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Euro/USDollar		1.1396	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
GBPound/USDollar		1.2567	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
AusDollar/USDollar		0.6992	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
JpyYen/USDollar		107.2900	#VALUE!	#VALUE!

BDLive - The JSE tracked weaker global markets on Tuesday as investor risk sentiment took a hit as a number of areas have had to roll back on easing lockdowns as Covid-19 cases surge, while local mining data gave a bit of hope regarding a local economic recovery.

Stats SA data revealed on Tuesday that annual mining production fell 29.8% year on year in May, as SA moved into lockdown level 4 and more operations returned to production. This is an improvement from April's data that showed a drop of 50.3%, the worst on record since the agency began the series in 1980. A Bloomberg consensus forecast was for a drop of 32.5% in May.

"While the mining production figures are still weak, the slight improvement is welcome as it signals that local production is starting to recover after the hard lockdown," said Nedbank Group senior economist Nicky Weimar.



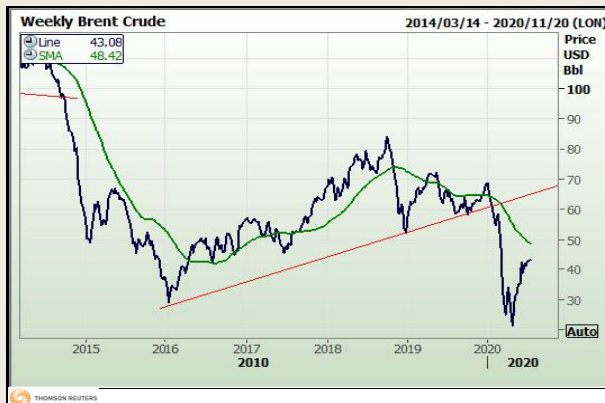
Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	826.18	0.05	0.01%
Gold	1808.42	0.89	0.05%
Silver	19.20	0.00	0.01%
Copper	2.94	0.00	0.12%
Gasoil	365.50	-1.00	-0.27%
Brent Oil	43.08	0.18	0.42%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices slipped below the key \$1,800 level on Tuesday, as the US dollar strengthened, though worries over surging coronavirus cases globally and Sino-US tensions put a floor under bullion prices. Spot gold was down 0.3% at \$1,797.45 an ounce by 2.32am GMT. US gold futures fell 0.8% to \$1,799.60.

"We are seeing pressure on risk assets given the sentiment and concerns, particularly about China and US relations. We would have expected gold to find more support than currently is," said Michael McCarthy, chief strategist at CMC Markets.

"The reversal of dollar weakness is knocking gold around a little at the moment, particularly given that prices are around nine-year highs." The dollar index rose 0.1% against its rivals, making gold more expensive for holders of other currencies.



Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	51235.09	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	51449.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3155.22	42.30	1.34%
FTSE	6176.19	3.56	0.06%
CAC	5007.46	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12697.36	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	25477.89	-153.71	-0.60%



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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
JUL 2020		334.75	-0.50	#VALUE!	0.00	-334.75	#VALUE!
SEP 2020		326.00	-0.25	#VALUE!	326.25	0.25	#VALUE!
DEC 2020		333.75	-0.50	#VALUE!	333.75	0.00	#VALUE!
MAR 2021		344.50	-0.75	#VALUE!	344.75	0.25	#VALUE!
MAY 2021		351.75	-0.50	#VALUE!	352.00	0.25	#VALUE!

FarmFutures - Corn prices were narrowly mixed on an uneven round of technical maneuvering today, after traders mostly ignored a massive sale to China this morning and are still largely preoccupied with how much yield-replenishing rains the Midwest will see later this week. July futures inched ahead 0.75 cents to \$3.3475, while September futures retreated 3 cents lower to \$3.2575.

Corn basis bids moved 2 cents higher at an Illinois river terminal and two Midwestern processors while holding steady elsewhere across the central U.S. Tuesday. Sales have been generally slow so far this week after futures prices took a major step back yesterday.

Corn crop quality fell another two points last week, moving from 71% of the crop rated in good-to-excellent condition down to 69%. Analysts only expected USDA to dock quality one point. Another 23% of the crop is rated fair (unchanged from last week), with the remaining 8% rated poor or very poor (up two points from last week).

Physiologically, 29% of the crop is now silking, which is well above 2019's pace of 14% but slightly behind the prior five-year average of 32%. And 3% of the crop has made it to dough stage, which is in line with the prior five-year average or 415,259 contracts, falling slightly short of Friday's final count of 442,343. With increasing confidence, weather forecasters are expecting a return to La Niña conditions, notes grain market analyst Bryce Knorr in the latest Ag Marketing IQ blog. "The event, however, isn't expected to hang around into the 2021 summer, when it might threaten U.S. corn and soybean crops, since La Niña is associated with some of the biggest droughts historically," he adds. "And odds are only a little better than 50-50 the episode will occur at all." Click here to learn more about how the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) can affect grain production around the world.

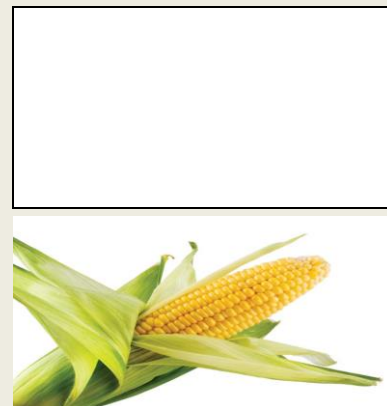
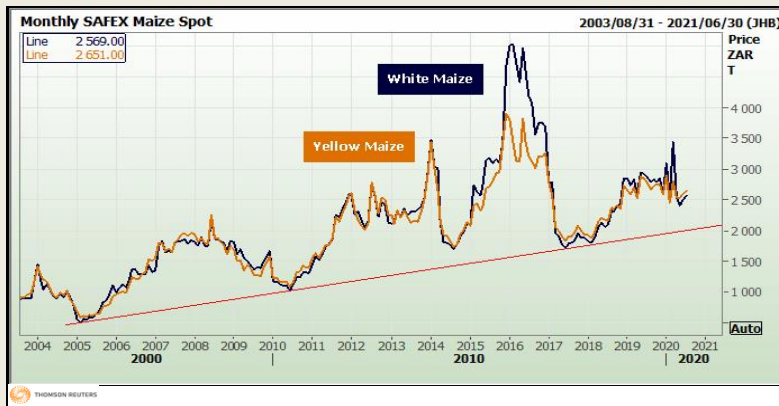
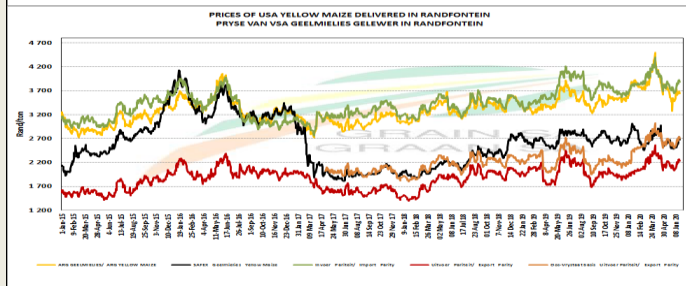
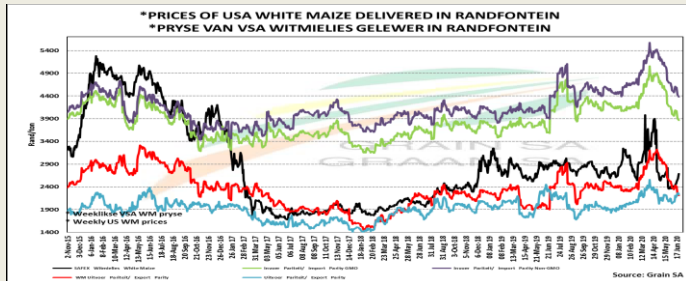
Preliminary volume estimates were for 241,245 contracts, falling significantly below Monday's final count of 415,235.



South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
White Maize Future				
May 2020				
Jul 2020	R 2 569.00	21.75%		R 2 569.00
Sep 2020	R 2 599.00	20%		R 2 599.00
Dec 2020	R 2 681.00	24.5%		R 2 681.00
Mar 2021	R 2 697.00	25.5%		R 2 697.00
May 2021	R 2 690.00	0%		R 2 690.00
Jul 2021	R 2 651.00	25%		R 2 651.00
Yellow Maize Future				
May 2020				
Jul 2020	R 2 651.00	22%		R 2 651.00
Sep 2020	R 2 693.00	19.75%		R 2 693.00
Dec 2020	R 2 772.00	19%		R 2 772.00
Mar 2021	R 2 785.00	19.5%		R 2 785.00
May 2021	R 2 727.00	0%		R 2 727.00
Jul 2021	R 2 675.00	18%		R 2 675.00

The local Maize market traded mixed yesterday. The Jul'20 WMAZ contract ended R4.00 up while Jul'20 YMAZ closed R1.00 lower. The Sep'20 WMAZ closed higher by R5.00 while Sep'20 YMAZ ended R6.00 down. The parity move for the Jul'20 Maize contract for yesterday was R21.00 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
SEP 2020		526.75	6.25	#VALUE!	528.25	1.50	#VALUE!	SEP 2010		442.25	4.25	#VALUE!	443.25	1.00	#VALUE!
DEC 2020		532.75	5.50	#VALUE!	533.75	1.00	#VALUE!	DEC 2010		454.25	4.00	#VALUE!	455.25	1.00	#VALUE!
MAR 2021		539.00	5.00	#VALUE!	539.50	0.50	#VALUE!	MAR 2011		466.00	4.00	#VALUE!	468.25	2.25	#VALUE!
MAY 2021		542.00	3.75	#VALUE!	542.25	0.25	#VALUE!	MAY 2011		473.50	4.25	#VALUE!	476.00	2.50	#VALUE!
JUL 2021		538.25	3.00	#VALUE!	529.00	-9.25	#VALUE!	JUL 2011		479.25	4.25	#VALUE!	482.50	3.25	#VALUE!



FarmFutures - Wheat prices were mixed but mostly higher on a round of short-covering amid expectations of a smaller crop coming out of Russia. September Chicago SRW futures rose 2.75 cents to \$5.2750, September Kansas City HRW futures dropped 6 cents to \$4.43, and September MGEX spring wheat futures picked up a penny to reach \$5.1975.

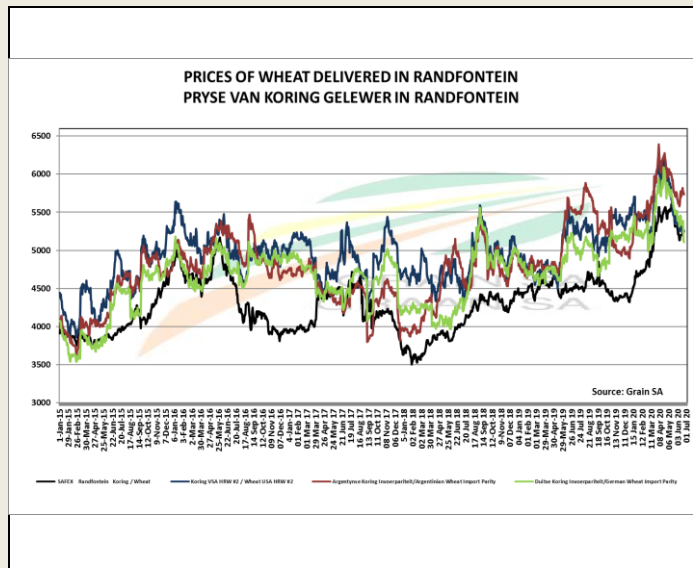
The winter wheat harvest continues to move a bit closer to the finish line, moving from 56% complete a week ago up to 68% through July 12. Analysts expected a bit quicker pace, with an average trade guess of 70%. This year's progress remains slightly faster than the prior five-year average of 66%.

Spring wheat harvest will also kick off in a few short weeks, with 80% of the crop now headed. That's above 2019's pace of 72% but behind the prior five-year average of 85%. Quality-wise, USDA docked the crop another two points, with 69% of the crop now rated in good-to-excellent condition. Jordan purchased 2.2 million bushels of hard milling wheat from optional origins in tender that closed earlier today. The grain is for shipment in late December.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 75,322 CBOT contracts, spilling moderately below Monday's final tally of 123,210.

South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
Bread Milling Wheat				
May 2020				
Jul 2020	R 5 501.00	18%		R 5 501.00
Sep 2020	R 5 190.00	11.5%		R 5 190.00
Dec 2020	R 4 838.00	12.5%		R 4 838.00
Mar 2021	R 4 921.00	0%		R 4 921.00
May 2021				
Jul 2021				
Cape Wheat				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				
Mar 2021				
May 2021				
Jul 2021				



The local Weat market closed higher yesterday. The Jul'20 Weat contract closed R27.00 up and Sep'20 Weat closed R21.00 higher. The parity move for the Jul'20 Weat contract for yesterday was R19.00 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
JUL 2020		882.25	0.00	#VALUE!	902.00	19.75
AUG 2020		878.00	0.00	#VALUE!	881.00	3.00
SEP 2020		874.25	0.00	#VALUE!	877.25	3.00
NOV 2020		877.50	-0.50	#VALUE!	880.00	2.50
JAN 2021		883.25	-0.25	#VALUE!	886.00	2.75

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JUL 2010	283.7	0.00
AUG 2010	285.2	285.50
SEP 2010	287.6	288.20
OCT 2010	289	289.50
DEC 2010	292.3	292.70

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JUL 2010	28.48	0.00
AUG 2010	28.46	28.60
SEP 2010	28.61	28.74
OCT 2010	28.77	28.95
DEC 2010	29.09	29.22



FarmFutures - Soybean prices moved moderately higher Tuesday on a round of technical selling amid another large sale to China announced this morning, along with lower-than-expected crop quality ratings. July futures firmed 5.75 cents to \$8.8225, with August futures up 4.5 cents to \$8.7850.

Soybean basis bids dropped 5 cents at a Nebraska processor and dipped 1 to 2 cents lower at two interior river terminals Tuesday while holding steady elsewhere across the Midwest today.

Soybean crop quality took a big step down, moving from 71% rated in good-to-excellent condition a week ago down to 68% through July 12. Analysts only expected USDA to dock quality one point. Another 25% of the crop is rated fair (up one point from last week), with the remaining 7% rated poor or very poor (up two points from last week). Private exporters reported to USDA the sale of 4.7 million bushels of soybeans for delivery to China during the 2020/21 marketing year, which begins September 1.

Customs data confirmed Chinese soybean imports in June jumped 71% and topped prior records, with 410 million bushels. The bulk of last month's purchases came from Brazil

Preliminary volume estimates were for 142,350 contracts, falling moderately below Monday's final count of 226,247.

South African Futures Exchange

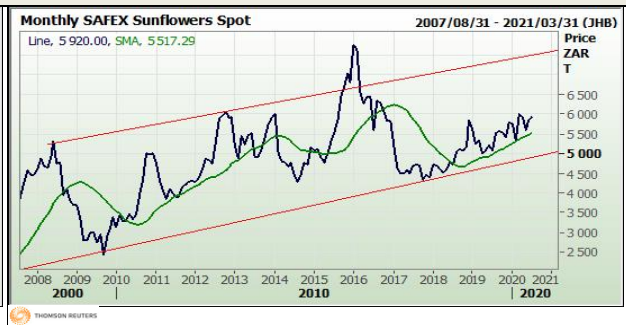
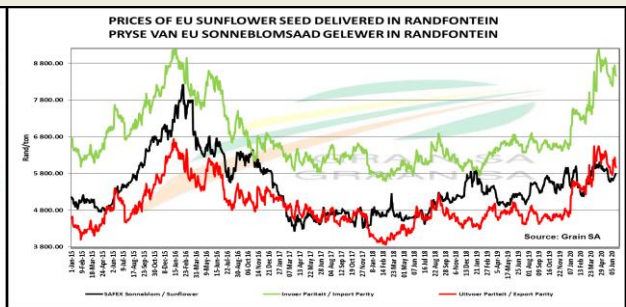
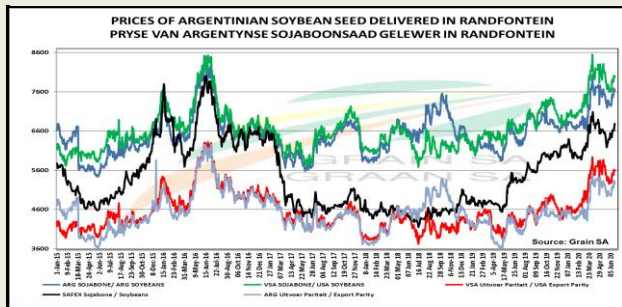
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
May 2020				
Jul 2020	R 6 862.00	19%		R 6 862.00
Sep 2020	R 6 897.00	15%		R 6 897.00
Dec 2020	R 6 959.00	15%		R 6 959.00
Mar 2021	R 6 760.00	14%		R 6 760.00
May 2021	R 6 260.00	17%		R 6 260.00
Jul 2021				

Sunflower Seeds Future			
	MTM	Vols	
May 2020			
Jul 2020	R 5 920.00	19%	
Sep 2020	R 6 030.00	11.5%	
Dec 2020	R 6 153.00	15%	
Mar 2021	R 6 115.00	0%	
May 2021	R 5 899.00		
Jul 2021			



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The Jul'20 Soya contract ended R8.00 down and Sep'20 Soya closed R11.00 lower. The parity move for the Jul'20 Soya contract for yesterday was R32.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The Jul'20 Suns contract closed R43.00 up and Sep'20 Suns closed R41.00 higher.



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