

Fundamental Report 12 August 2020





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Financial Markets

Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	17.5685	17.5412	-0.0273	-0.16%
Euro/Rand	20.7159	20.5652	-0.1507	-0.73%
GBPound/Rand	23.0120	22.8578	-0.1542	-0.67%
AusDollar/Rand	12.6159	12.4788	-0.1371	-1.09%
Euro/USDollar	1.1793	1.1717	-0.0076	-0.64%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3101	1.3023	-0.0078	-0.60%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.7181	0.7112	-0.0069	-0.96%
JpyYen/USDollar	106.0400	106.7400	0.7000	0.66%

BDLive - The rand was firmer on Tuesday as positive news about various Covid-19 vaccines lifted appetite for riskier assets, while investors remain optimistic over a US stimulus package. The rand's gain was its first in four days, while the gold price moved off its recent high, falling the most since mid-March

President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday that Russia had registered an effective coronavirus vaccine that formed immunity. Russian health minister Mikhail Murashko said trials will continue while production gets underway at two plants. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump has Signed executive orders to extend various stimulus measures, nutring nersexure on the US Congress to agree to a broader fiscal package.

Sentiment was also boosted on the day by comments from a Chinese official reaffirming the country's commitment to phase one of the trade deal it signed with Washington.





Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	920.90	-9.18	-1.00%
Gold	1887.20	-24.05	-1.27%
Silver	24.09	-0.70	-2.91%
Copper	2.83	-0.05	-1.79%
Gasoil	372.75	-3.25	-0.87%
Brent Oil	44.70	0.20	0.45%

BDLive - New York — The huge rally that pushed gold to record highs above \$2,000 an ounce has come to an abrupt halt, with the safe-haven metal heading for its biggest drop in seven years after bond yields spiked higher.

US treasuries and European bond yields climbed, cutting into the negative real rates that had supported the metal. The 10-year US treasury yield jumped the most since June ahead of an expected flood of government and corporate debt issuance. US producer prices increased faster than expected.

"Today, real rates clearly moved higher and that's clearly what moved gold lower," Michael Widmer, head of metals research at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, said in London. "You had stronger producer price index data out and I think when that data came out the market had another look a rates and expectations."





Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	52831.61	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	53045.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3360.47	-26.78	-0.80%
FTSE	6050.59	103.75	1.71%
CAC	5027.99	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12946.89	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	24890.68	-46.50	-0.19%



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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
SEP 2020	312.00	311.50	-0.50	-0.50	311.50	0.00	-0.50
DEC 2020	324.00	323.50	-0.25	-0.50	323.25	-0.25	-0.75
MAR 2021	336.00	335.25	-0.50	-0.75	334.50	-0.75	-1.50
MAY 2021	345.00	343.25	The record	-1.75	342.25	-1.00	-2.75
JUL 2021	351.00	349.50	-0.50	-1.50	348.50	-1.00	-2.50



FarmFutures - Corn prices trended slightly higher Tuesday on eroding crop conditions and a round of severe weather yesterday that caused substantial damage in some fields. September futures picked up 1.25 cents to \$3.1175, while December futures inched ahead 0.75 cents to \$3.2375.

Corn basis bids jumped 10 cents higher at an Indiana processor and an Illinois ethanol plant Tuesday while showing steady to narrowly mixed results elsewhere across the central U.S. today.

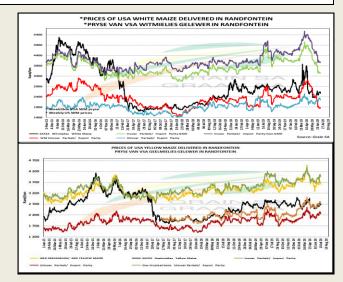
Through Sunday, 71% of this year's corn crop is now rated in good-to-excellent condition, down from 72% a week ago. Another 21% is rated fair (steady from last week), with the remaining 8% rated poor or very poor (up a point from last week). Taiwan issued an international tender to purchase 2.6 million bushels of corn either from the United States, South America or South Africa, which closes Thursday. Shipment is between late October and early December, depending on origin.

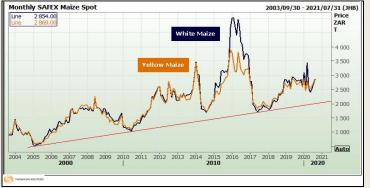
Preliminary volume estimates were for 380,211 contracts, drifting slightly below Monday's final count of 389,996.

South African Futures Exchange

	МТМ	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price					
White Maize Future									
May 2020									
Jul 2020									
Sep 2020	R 2 837.00	20%	R -6.81	R 2 830.19					
Dec 2020	R 2 918.00	26.25%	R -8.66	R 2 909.34					
Mar 2021	R 2 910.00	25%	R -13.97	R 2 896.03					
May 2021	R 2 786.00	0%	R -22.70	R 2 763.30					
Jul 2021	R 2 770.00	24%	R -21.04	R 2 748.96					
Yellow Maize Future									
May 2020									
Jul 2020									
Sep 2020	R 2 887.00	19.75%	R -6.81	R 2 880.19					
Dec 2020	R 2 966.00	19%	R -8.66	R 2 957.34					
Mar 2021	R 2 947.00	20%	R -13.97	R 2 933.03					
May 2021	R 2 799.00	0%	R -22.70	R 2 776.30					
Jul 2021	R 2 810.00	18%	R -21.04	R 2 788.96					

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The Aug'20 WMAZ contract ended R27.00 up and Aug'20 YMAZ closed R21.00 higher. The Sep'20 WMAZ closed higher by R20.00 and Sep'20 YMAZ ended R18.00 up. The parity move for the Aug'20 Maize contract for yesterday was unchanged.







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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	493.00	495.00	6.25	2.00	492.50	-2.50	-0.50	SEP 2010	416.00	416.75	4.25	0.75	415.75	-1.00	-0.25
DEC 2020	502.00	503.75	5.50	1.75	501.25	-2.50	-0.75	DEC 2010	428.00	428.25	4.00	0.25	427.00	-1.25	-1.00
MAR 2021	509.00	510.75	5.00	1.75	508.00	-2.75	-1.00	MAR 2011	439.00	438.50	4.00	-0.50	437.50	-1.00	-1.50
MAY 2021	514.00	516.00	The record o	2.00	513.50	-2.50	-0.50	MAY 2011	448.00	446.75	The record	-1.25	445.75	-1.00	-2.25
JUL 2021	519.00	520.00	3.00	1.00	529.00	9.00	10.00	JUL 2011	455.00	454.75	The record	-0.25	453.75	-1.00	-1.25



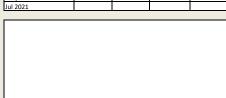
FarmFutures - Wheat prices finally attracted some bargain buyers after getting hammered earlier this month, but overall concerns about large domestic stock and fierce overseas competition still lingers. September Chicago SRW futures gained 4 cents to \$4.95, September Kanas City HRW futures added 3.25 cents to \$4.1725, and September MGEX spring wheat futures picked up 1.5 cents to \$4.975.

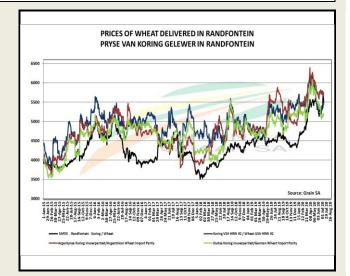
Spring wheat quality ratings took a spill, moving from 73% rated in good-toexcellent condition a week ago down to 69% this past week. Another 24% is rated fair (up two points from last week), with the remaining 7% rated poor very poor (also up two points from last week). Harvest pace is progressing slower than usual, at 15% complete. The prior five-year average is 25%. Winter wheat harvest is also slightly behind the prior five-year average of 95%, reaching 90% completion through Sunday. That is up from 85% a week ago and slightly ahead of 2019's pace of 37%. Syria issued an international tender to purchase 7.3 million bushels of soft wheat from Russia, with a deadline of September 14. Nipiment will be for 60 days after a purchase is confirmed.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 160,272 CBOT contracts, moving slightly above Monday's final count of 153,594.

South African Futures Exchange

	МТМ	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price						
Bread Milling Wheat	Bread Milling Wheat									
May 2020										
Jul 2020										
Sep 2020	R 5 370.00	13.5%	R -8.17	R 5 361.83						
Dec 2020	R 4 947.00	11%	R -9.87	R 4 937.13						
Mar 2021	R 5 044.00	0%	R -11.55	R 5 032.45						
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 mixed yesterday. The Aug'20 Weat contract closed R101.00 up while Sep'20 Weat closed R16.00 lower. The parity move for the Aug'20 Weat contract for yesterday was unchanged.



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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			
AUG 2020	872.00	878.00	0.00	6.00	902.00	24.00	30.00			
SEP 2020	869.00	870.50	0.00	1.50	869.00	-1.50	0.00			
NOV 2020	871.00	873.50	0.00	2.50	871.50	-2.00	0.50			
JAN 2021	877.00	879.00	-0.50	2.00	877.25	-1.75	0.25			
MAR 2021	880.00	881.75	-0.25	1.75	880.25	-1.50	0.25			



CBOT Soybean Meal							
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight					
AUG 2010	282	0.00					
SEP 2010	284.1	284.00					
OCT 2010	285.9	285.60					
DEC 2010	289.5	289.40					
JAN 2011	290.5	290.30					

CBOT Soybean Oil							
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight					
AUG 2010	31.06	0.00					
SEP 2010	30.62	30.43					
OCT 2010	30.46	30.25					
DEC 2010	30.51	30.29					
JAN 2011	30.68	30.47					

FarmFutures - Soybean prices moved slightly higher in a somewhat choppy session Tuesday as traders attempted to balance another export sale to China with better-than-expected crop quality. August futures added 1.5 cents to \$8.76, while September futures inched ahead 0.75 cents to \$8.7075. Soybean basis bids firmed 1 to 4 cents higher at two interior river terminals Tuesday while holding steady elsewhere across the central U.S. today.

China remains an active buyer of U.S. soybeans, as private exporters reported to USDA anothe sale of 4,9 million bushels for delivery during the 2020/21 marketing year, which begins September 1. There have been multiple similar announcements throughout July and August – click here for the latest rundown. As for trade tensions between the U.S. and China, White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow told reporters trade between the two countries "is fine right now." The two countries plan to get together this weekend via video conference to review how the phase one trade agreement has gone so far. Brazil's Conab now estimates the country's 2019/20 soybean production at 4.444 billion bushels, which would be an increase of 5.1% above last year's crop, if realized. Exports are now estimated at 3.013 billion bushels.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 127,136 contracts, dropping below Monday's final count of 151,639.

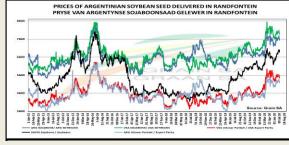
South African Futures Exchange

		Soybean Future								
	мтм	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price						
May 2020										
Jul 2020										
Sep 2020	R 7 337.00	15%	R -8.72	R 7 328.28						
Dec 2020	R 7 388.00	15%		R 7 388.00						
Mar 2021	R 7 163.00	15.5%	R -7.22	R 7 155.78						
May 2021	R 6 680.00	17%		R 6 680.00						
Jul 2021										

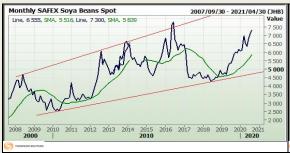


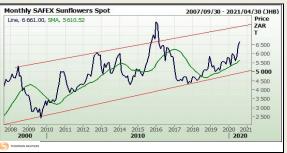
The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The Aug'20 Soya contract ended R12.00 down and Sep'20 Soya closed R16.00 lower. The parity move for the Aug'20 Soya contract for yesterday was unchanged.

The local Suns market closed mixed yesterday. The Aug'20 Suns contract closed R4.00 down while Sep'20 Suns closed R6.00 higher.









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