



Fundamental Report

18 August 2020

Financial Markets

Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	17.4152	17.4900	0.0748	0.43%
Euro/Rand	20.6375	20.8226	0.1851	0.90%
GBPound/Rand	22.8205	22.9833	0.1628	0.71%
AusDollar/Rand	12.5146	12.6330	0.1184	0.95%
Euro/USDollar	1.1854	1.1891	0.0037	0.31%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3106	1.3136	0.0030	0.23%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.7186	0.7223	0.0037	0.51%
JpyYen/USDollar	106.3300	105.6400	-0.6900	-0.65%

BDLive - The JSE closed higher on Monday with gold miners leading gains while global markets await a fresh catalyst.

The JSE all share rose 0.63% to 57,435.08 points and the top 40 0.76%. Resources gained 2.21% and gold miners 5.03%.

DRD Gold gained 8.84% to R25.97, Harmony Gold 6.25% to R109.03, AngloGold Ashanti 5.14% to R521 and Gold Fields 4.38% to R223.30.

Some hospitality stocks climbed ahead of SA's move to level 2 of the lockdown on Tuesday, which will ease travel restrictions and permit the sale of alcohol and tobacco. The hospitality sector has been hard hit by restrictions on travel under the lockdown. Sun International rose 7.62% to R13.14 and City Lodge 3.27% to R5.68, gaining for the seventh consecutive day.



Commodities

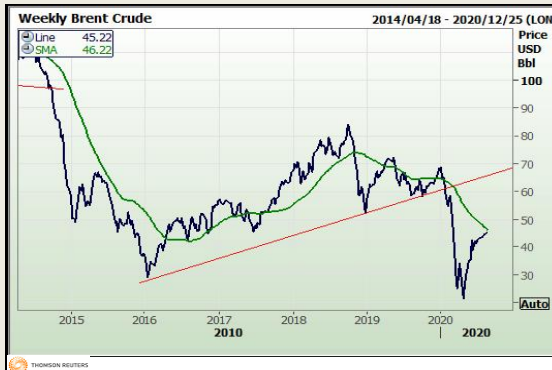
	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	961.66	12.11	1.26%
Gold	1992.77	7.24	0.36%
Silver	27.79	0.39	1.40%
Copper	2.91	0.01	0.19%
Gasoil	376.75	1.75	0.46%
Brent Oil	45.22	-0.15	-0.33%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold eased on Monday, extending a sell-off that left the market with its worst week in five months as caution crept in ahead of the release of US Federal Reserve minutes later this week.

Spot gold was down 0.2% to \$1,940.73 per ounce by 4.58am.

Gold fell 4.5% last week in its biggest decline since March as investors reassessed their positions after bullion retreated from a record peak of \$2,072.50 scaled on August 7.

US gold futures were flat at \$1,950.50. "A rise in real US bond yields, profit-taking by investors, and lack of additional 'negative economic news' appear to have somewhat stifled gold's upward trajectory," said National Australia Bank economist John Sharma.



Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	53140.21	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	53280.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3372.85	9.14	0.27%
FTSE	6090.04	37.40	0.61%
CAC	4971.94	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12920.66	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	25347.34	38.46	0.15%



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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	328.00	331.00	-0.50	3.00	329.50	-1.50	1.50
DEC 2020	342.00	344.75	-0.25	2.75	343.25	-1.50	1.25
MAR 2021	353.00	356.75	-0.50	3.75	355.25	-1.50	2.25
MAY 2021	361.00	364.25	-0.75	3.25	362.75	-1.50	1.75
JUL 2021	366.00	369.50	-0.50	3.50	368.50	-1.00	2.50

FarmFutures - Corn prices jumped nearly 2% higher Monday on a round of technical buying and short-covering as the consensus around lower production potential following last week's storms continues to build. September futures climbed 6.25 cents to \$3.3075, with December futures gaining 6.5 cents to \$3.4450.

Corn basis bids held steady at most Midwestern locations Monday but did jump 10 cents higher at a Cedar Rapids, Iowa, facility today.

Corn export inspections saw 40.8 million bushels last week, which was a moderate drop from the prior week's tally of 50.7 million bushels but still on the higher end of trade estimates, which ranged between 31.5 million and 43.3 million bushels. Cumulative totals for the 2019/20 marketing year are now at 1.587 billion bushels and all but guaranteed not to match the prior year's tally. How did your crops fare this past week – were your fields damaged by the storms or relatively spared? Be sure to share your thoughts ahead of our next Feedback From The Field feature, which includes current farmer anecdotes and an interactive map. Click here to learn more.

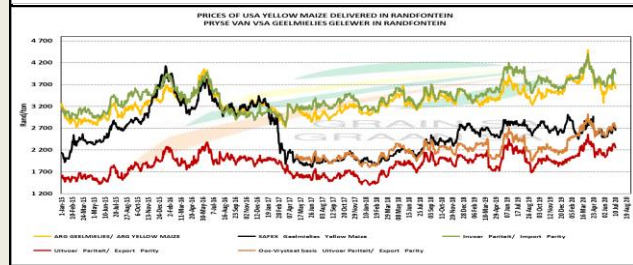
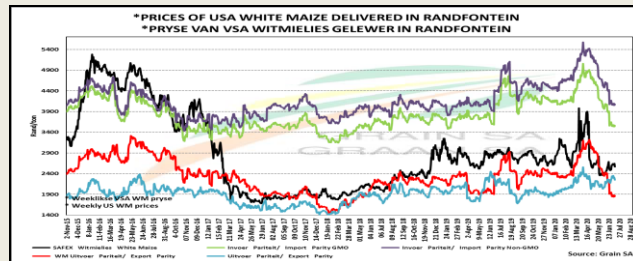
Preliminary volume estimates were for 312,146 contracts, falling moderately below Friday's final count of 429,283.



South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
White Maize Future				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020	R 2 969.00	25%	R 19.99	R 2 988.99
Dec 2020	R 3 027.00	26.25%	R 18.68	R 3 045.68
Mar 2021	R 3 020.00	25%	R 25.89	R 3 045.89
May 2021	R 2 897.00	0%	R 22.68	R 2 919.68
Jul 2021	R 2 857.00	24%	R 27.99	R 2 884.99
Yellow Maize Future				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020	R 2 994.00	19.75%	R 19.99	R 3 013.99
Dec 2020	R 3 067.00	19%	R 18.68	R 3 085.68
Mar 2021	R 3 044.00	20%	R 25.89	R 3 069.89
May 2021	R 2 857.00	0%	R 22.68	R 2 879.68
Jul 2021	R 2 862.00	18%	R 27.99	R 2 889.99

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The Aug'20 WMAZ contract ended R80.00 up and Aug'20 YMAZ closed R65.00 higher. The Sep'20 WMAZ closed higher by R86.00 and Sep'20 YMAZ ended R73.00 up. The parity move for the Aug'20 Maize contract for yesterday was R27.00 positive.

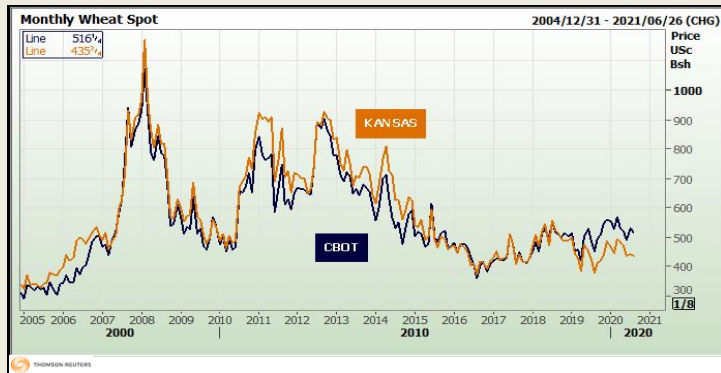


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Wheat Market

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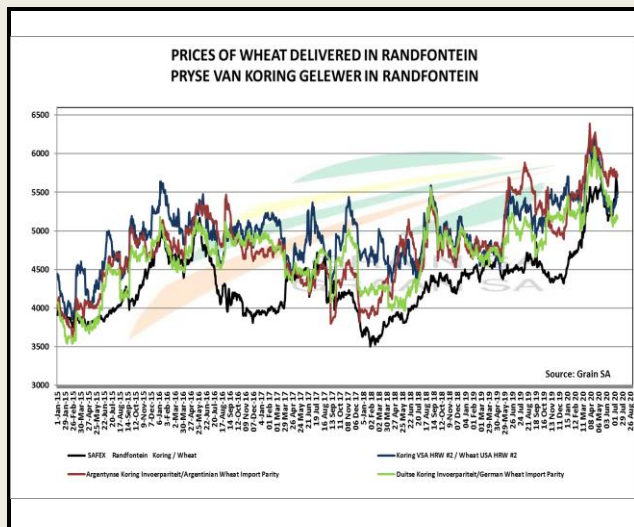
CBOT Wheat							KBOT Wheat								
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
SEP 2020	505.00	516.50	6.25	11.50	516.25	-0.25	11.25	SEP 2010	429.00	437.25	4.25	8.25	435.50	-1.75	6.50
DEC 2020	514.00	526.25	5.50	12.25	525.50	-0.75	11.50	DEC 2010	440.00	448.50	4.00	8.50	446.50	-2.00	6.50
MAR 2021	521.00	532.50	5.00	11.50	531.50	-1.00	10.50	MAR 2011	449.00	458.00	4.00	9.00	456.75	-1.25	7.75
MAY 2021	526.00	536.75	3.75	10.75	535.25	-1.50	9.25	MAY 2011	457.00	465.75	4.25	8.75	464.50	-1.25	7.50
JUL 2021	529.00	539.75	3.00	10.75	529.00	-10.75	0.00	JUL 2011	465.00	473.75	4.25	8.75	472.25	-1.50	7.25



FarmFutures - Wheat prices saw some double-digit gains Monday on a round of technical buying spurred by export optimism, with hints of rising Chinese demand. Spillover strength from corn and soybeans provided additional tailwinds today. September Chicago SRW futures gained 16.5 cents to \$5.1650, September Kansas City HRW futures added 11.75 cents to \$4.37, and September MGEX spring wheat futures picked up 8 cents to \$5.0550. Private exporters reported to USDA the sale of 4.8 million bushels of hard red winter wheat for delivery to unknown destinations during the 2020/21 marketing year, which began June 1. Wheat export inspections saw a small week-over-week decline, sliding to 17.0 million bushels. That tally made it to the middle of trade estimates, which ranged between 14.7 million and 22.0 million bushels. Japan led all destinations, with 4.9 million bushels. Cumulative totals for the 2020/21 marketing year are still slightly ahead of last year's pace, with 206.7 million bushels. Through August 14, Ukrainian farmers harvested 96% of their 2020 wheat crop, for a production of 937 million bushels so far. The country's total grain production this year is expected to fall nearly 10% below last fall's record-breaking harvest. The country's economy ministry plans to cap 2020/21 wheat exports at 643 million bushels.

South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
Bread Milling Wheat				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020	R 5 560.00	14.5%	R 86.18	R 5 646.18
Dec 2020	R 4 875.00	11%	R 88.03	R 4 963.03
Mar 2021	R 4 977.00	0%	R 81.80	R 5 058.80
May 2021				
Jul 2021				
Cape Wheat				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				
Mar 2021				
May 2021				
Jul 2021				



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
SEP 2020	905.00	912.50	0.00	7.50	902.00	-10.50
NOV 2020	907.00	915.25	0.00	8.25	912.75	-2.50
JAN 2021	912.00	921.00	0.00	9.00	918.50	-2.50
MAR 2021	913.00	921.50	-0.50	8.50	919.25	-2.25
MAY 2021	917.00	923.00	-0.25	6.00	921.50	-1.50

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
SEP 2020	298.3	297.70
OCT 2020	300.7	300.10
DEC 2020	305.1	304.20
JAN 2021	305.9	304.90
MAR 2021	305.4	304.50

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
SEP 2020	31.3	31.28
OCT 2020	31.31	31.27
DEC 2020	31.53	31.51
JAN 2021	31.69	31.71
MAR 2021	31.78	31.77



FarmFutures - Soybean prices closed Monday's session with double-digit gains on a round of technical buying fueled by worries over damage incurred from last week's storm, with drier, hotter weather expected to close out August. September futures climbed 14.75 cents to \$8.1175, with November futures adding 16.25 cents to \$9.15.

Soybean basis bids held steady across most Midwestern locations Monday but did slide 5 cents lower at an Indiana processor today.

Soybean export inspections saw a fractional dip lower, moving to 28.8 million bushels. That was still on the upper end of trade estimates, which ranged between 15.6 million and 29.4 million bushels. China accounted for more than half of the total, with 15.7 million bushels. Cumulative totals for the 2019/20 marketing year have fallen moderately behind last year's pace, now at 1.9050 billion bushels. Volatility in grain prices can be a scary scenario, but it doesn't have to be, according to Jim McCormick, hedging strategist with AgMarket.net, takes a closer look at some of the fundamentals currently in play in the latest Ag Marketing IQ blog - click here to learn more.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 247,369 contracts, almost doubling Friday's final count of 138,978.

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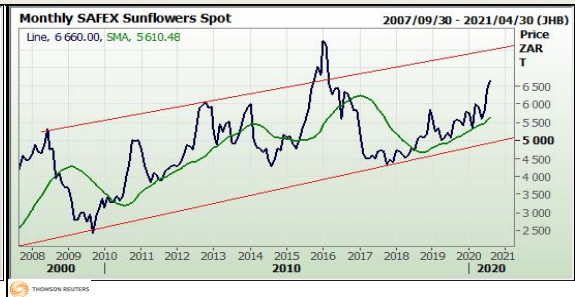
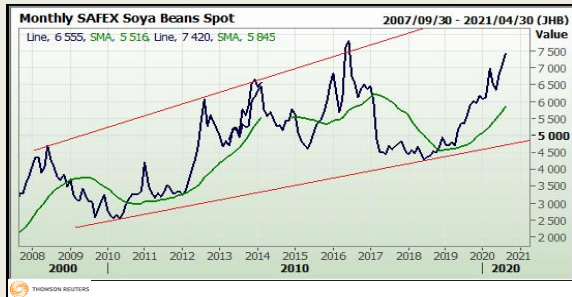
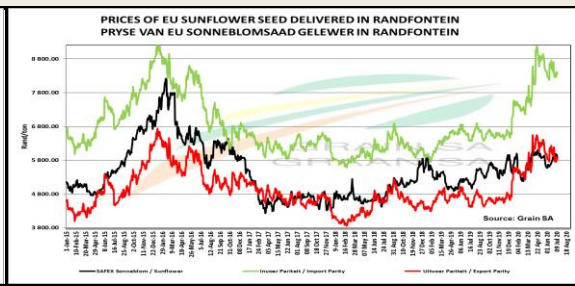
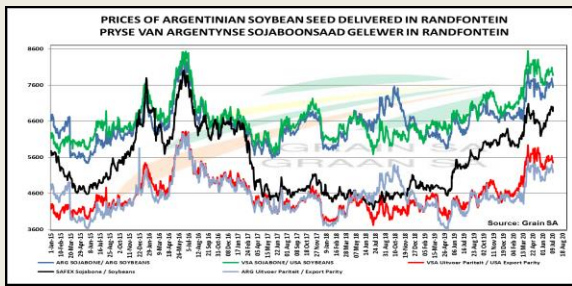
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020	R 7 449.00	15%	R 5.59	R 7 454.59
Dec 2020	R 7 488.00	15.5%		R 7 488.00
Mar 2021	R 7 200.00	16%	R 65.26	R 7 265.26
May 2021	R 6 780.00	17%	R 54.12	R 6 834.12
Jul 2021				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
May 2020		
Jul 2020		
Sep 2020	R 6 690.00	11.5%
Dec 2020	R 6 787.00	15%
Mar 2021	R 6 599.00	0%
May 2021	R 6 150.00	21.5%
Jul 2021		



The local Soya market traded higher yesterday. The Aug'20 Soya contract ended R30.00 up and Sep'20 Soya closed R20.00 higher. The parity move for the Aug'20 Soya contract for yesterday was R62.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed neutral yesterday. The Aug'20 Suns contract closed unchanged while Sep'20 Suns closed unchanged.



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