



Fundamental Report

07 August 2020

Financial Markets

Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	17.5304	17.5629	0.0325	0.19%
Euro/Rand	20.7894	20.7760	-0.0134	-0.06%
GBPound/Rand	23.0962	23.0193	-0.0769	-0.33%
AusDollar/Rand	12.6077	12.6505	0.0428	0.34%
Euro/USDollar	1.1860	1.1828	-0.0032	-0.27%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3177	1.3106	-0.0071	-0.54%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.7192	0.7203	0.0011	0.15%
JpyYen/USDollar	105.5700	105.5800	0.0100	0.01%

BDLive - The JSE closed flat on Thursday, with global sentiment driven by the impending decision by the US regarding Covid-19 relief, with talks on the matter expected to finish by the end of the week. The Republicans and Democrats have both had to make concessions, but they still remain at odds on important issues. US treasury secretary Steven Mnuchin, however, believes an agreement will be reached soon.

Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell said legislators were still at odds over how much stimulus is appropriate. He added that a bill passing the Senate would require liability protections for companies affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

"Another deadline is here for Washington DC and the divide between lawmakers is still huge. A stimulus deal might not be reached before lawmakers' self-imposed deadline of this week, but no-one doubts that it will happen shortly thereafter," Oanda senior market analyst Edward Moya said.



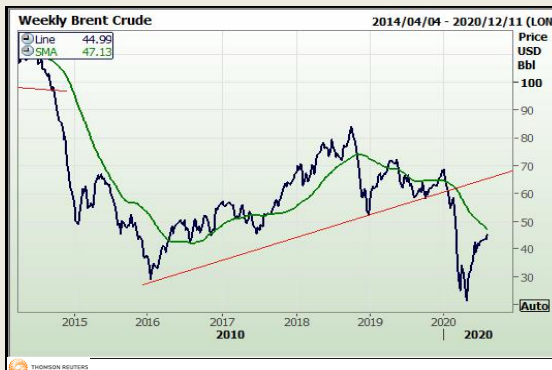
Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	966.97	-30.95	-3.20%
Gold	2062.83	-0.36	-0.02%
Silver	28.56	-0.38	-1.32%
Copper	2.88	-0.03	-1.06%
Gasoil	372.75	-1.75	-0.47%
Brent Oil	44.97	-0.12	-0.27%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold steadied on Thursday after hitting a record high in the previous session as dismal US jobs data hammered the dollar, while increasing worries about a recovery in the pandemic-ravaged global economy kept demand solid for the metal.

Spot gold was up 0.1% at \$2,042.14/oz by 3.51am GMT, after hitting an all-time high of \$2,055.10 on Wednesday. US gold futures rose 0.4% to \$2,056.60.

"Markets are coming to terms with the idea that we're going to have slow growth for a while," said DailyFX currency strategist Ilya Spivak, adding that low or negative interest rates were pushing capital into assets like gold that offer nominally better returns.



Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	53350.88	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	53439.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3327.77	21.39	0.64%
FTSE	6104.72	-77.78	-1.27%
CAC	4885.13	0.00	0.00%
DAX	12591.68	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	24930.58	-606.75	-2.43%



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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	310.00	311.25	-0.50	1.25	310.75	-0.50	0.75
DEC 2020	323.00	323.75	-0.25	0.75	323.25	-0.50	0.25
MAR 2021	334.00	335.50	-0.50	1.50	335.00	-0.50	1.00
MAY 2021	343.00	343.75	-0.75	0.75	343.50	-0.25	0.50
JUL 2021	350.00	350.50	-0.50	0.50	350.00	-0.50	0.00

FarmFutures - Corn prices closed fractionally higher Thursday as some bargain buyers tested the waters. However, favorable forecasts that could be setting the table for record or near-record crops this fall have kept rally potential low so far this month. September and December futures each picked up half a penny to close at \$3.1150 and \$3.2375, respectively.

Corn basis bids ticked a penny higher at an Illinois river terminal while holding steady elsewhere across the Midwest today. Futures prices are so close to contract lows that farmers have been reluctant to book sales this week.

Corn old crop sales were relatively muted last week after only turning in 4.0 million bushels, which was 70% below the prior four-week average. But the tally for 2020/21 sales climbed to 102.4 million bushels, bringing the total to 106.4 million bushels. That was on the higher end of trade estimates, which ranged between 82.7 million and 126.0 million bushels. Cumulative sales for the 2019/20 marketing year will almost certainly fail to match last year's pace, at 1.523 billion bushels. Ukrainian consultancy ProAgro slightly raised its estimates for the country's 2020/21 corn exports, to 1.311 billion bushels, thanks in part to a better than previously expected harvest.

China continues to significantly draw down its state corn reserves with another massive auction earlier today. All the available grain on offer was sold, for a total of 157.2 million bushels.

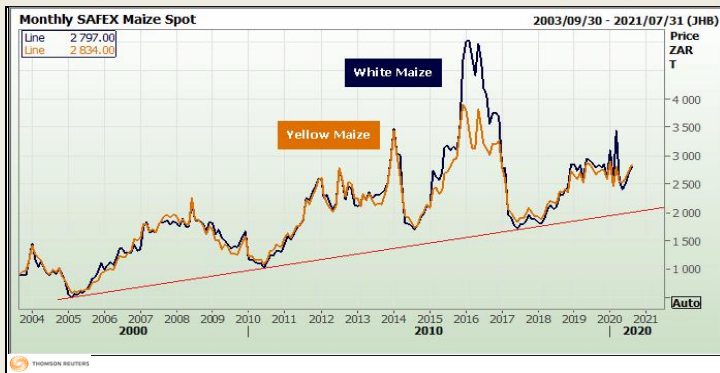
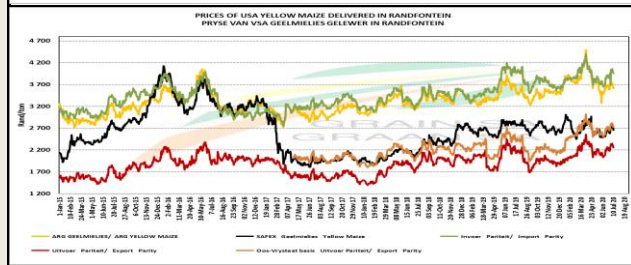
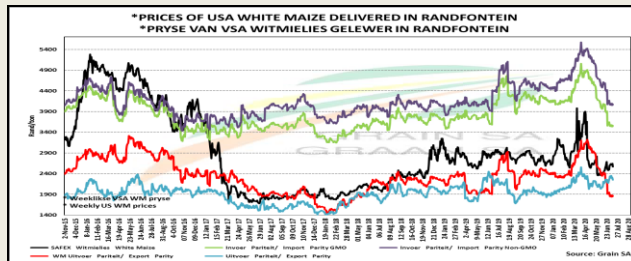
Preliminary volume estimates were for 302,983 contracts, moving slightly ahead of Wednesday's final count of 284,347.



South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
White Maize Future				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020	R 2 799.00	20%	R 9.15	R 2 808.15
Dec 2020	R 2 885.00	25.75%	R 5.86	R 2 890.86
Mar 2021	R 2 883.00	25%	R 11.19	R 2 894.19
May 2021	R 2 761.00	0%	R 7.85	R 2 768.85
Jul 2021	R 2 764.00	24%	R 4.48	R 2 768.48
Yellow Maize Future				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020	R 2 854.00	19.75%	R 9.15	R 2 863.15
Dec 2020	R 2 943.00	19%	R 5.86	R 2 948.86
Mar 2021	R 2 925.00	20%	R 11.19	R 2 936.19
May 2021	R 2 782.00	0%	R 7.85	R 2 789.85
Jul 2021	R 2 785.00	18%	R 4.48	R 2 789.48

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The Aug'20 WMAZ contract ended R34.00 up and Aug'20 YMAZ closed R30.00 higher. The Sep'20 WMAZ closed higher by R31.00 and Sep'20 YMAZ ended R26.00 up. The parity move for the Aug'20 Maize contract for yesterday was R8.00 positive.

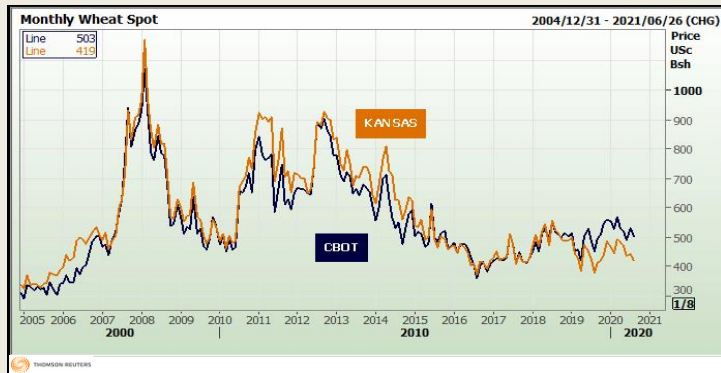


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Wheat Market

Chicago Board of Trade and Kansas Board of Trade

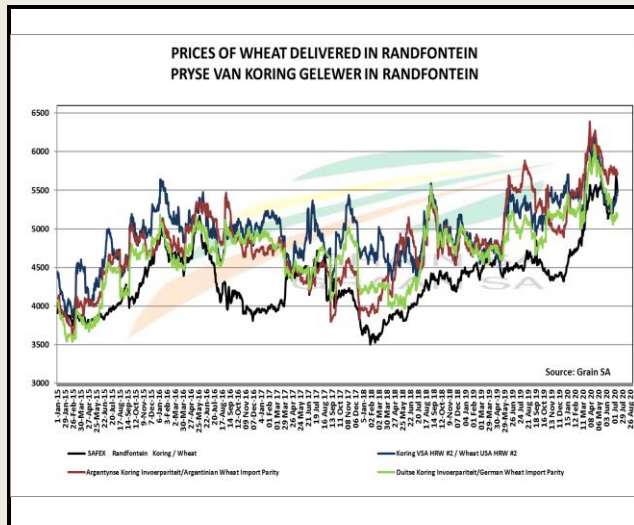
CBOT Wheat							KBOT Wheat								
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
SEP 2020	506.00	501.25	6.25	-4.75	503.00	1.75	-3.00	SEP 2010	423.00	417.25	4.25	-5.75	419.00	1.75	-4.00
DEC 2020	513.00	508.25	5.50	-4.75	509.75	1.50	-3.25	DEC 2010	434.00	428.25	4.00	-5.75	429.50	1.25	-4.50
MAR 2021	521.00	516.50	5.00	-4.50	517.75	1.25	-3.25	MAR 2011	444.00	439.75	4.00	-4.25	441.25	1.50	-2.75
MAY 2021	526.00	522.25	3.75	-3.75	523.50	1.25	-2.50	MAY 2011	453.00	448.25	4.25	-4.75	448.50	0.25	-4.50
JUL 2021	529.00	525.25	3.00	-3.75	529.00	3.75	0.00	JUL 2011	461.00	455.75	4.25	-5.25	456.00	0.25	-5.00



FarmFutures - Wheat prices continued to get hammered Thursday on another round of technical selling spurred by fears of large global stocks and fierce overseas competition. That's been a major theme this week, as nearby CBOT contracts have lost 4.6% of their value since Monday's open. Today, September Chicago SRW futures dropped 7.75 cents to \$5.03, September Kansas City HRW futures fell 8.25 cents to \$4.1825, and September MGE spring wheat futures lost 4.5 cents to \$4.97. Wheat export sales inched 2% above the prior four-week average, with 22.2 million bushels. That tally was on the higher end of trade estimates, which ranged between 7.3 million and 29.4 million bushels. Cumulative totals for the 2020/21 marketing year are about 13 million bushels ahead of last year's pace, with 166.4 million bushels. Wheat export shipments stayed 15% ahead of the prior four-week average, with 22.0 million bushels. Indonesia was the No. 1 destination, with 4.2 million bushels. Egypt purchased 15.1 million bushels of wheat from Russia and Ukraine in an international tender that closed earlier this week. That grain will be shipped in September. Preliminary volume estimates were for 167,185 CBOT contracts, climbing 19% above Wednesday's final count of 141,046.

South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
Bread Milling Wheat				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020	R 5 441.00	13.5%	R -13.32	R 5 427.68
Dec 2020	R 4 939.00	11%	R -14.85	R 4 924.15
Mar 2021	R 5 035.00	0%	R -14.75	R 5 020.25
May 2021				
Jul 2021				
Cape Wheat				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				
Mar 2021				
May 2021				
Jul 2021				



The local Wheat market closed mixed yesterday. The Aug'20 Wheat contract closed unchanged while Sep'20 Wheat closed R125.00 lower. The parity move for the Aug'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	Overnight Change from 12pm
AUG 2020	878.00	880.75	0.00	2.75	902.00	21.25	24.00
SEP 2020	874.00	874.75	0.00	0.75	873.50	-1.25	-0.50
NOV 2020	876.00	878.00	0.00	2.00	876.50	-1.50	0.50
JAN 2021	883.00	884.50	-0.50	1.50	883.25	-1.25	0.25
MAR 2021	886.00	887.00	-0.25	1.00	886.00	-1.00	0.00

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
AUG 2020	280.7	0.00
SEP 2020	283.2	283.40
OCT 2020	285	285.20
DEC 2020	288.4	288.70
JAN 2021	290.2	290.20

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
AUG 2020	31.52	0.00
SEP 2020	31.22	30.98
OCT 2020	31.16	30.91
DEC 2020	31.28	31.01
JAN 2021	31.43	31.17



FarmFutures - Soybean prices slid slightly lower Thursday, despite a solid round of export sales reported by USDA this morning – further evidence that traders are still focused on favorable weather forecasts that are expected to deliver bin-busting yields this fall. August futures fell 1.25 cents to \$8.8075, with September futures down a penny to \$8.7525.

Soybean basis bids were steady to mixed across the central U.S. Thursday, dropping 3 cents lower at two Midwestern processors while firming 1 to 4 cents higher at two interior river terminals.

For the third time this week, private exporters reported a large soybean sale to USDA. Today's announcement was for 4.6 million bushels for delivery to China during the 2020/21 marketing year, which begins September 1. Soybean export shipments boosted 57% above the prior four-week average, with 29.9 million bushels. Germany was the top destination, with 6.7 million bushels.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 178,687 contracts, fading slightly below Wednesday's final count of 186,925.

South African Futures Exchange

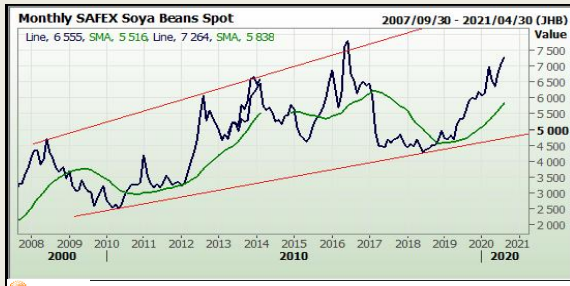
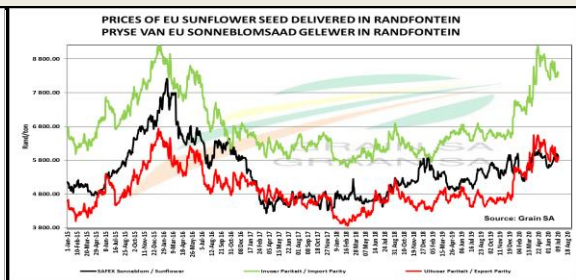
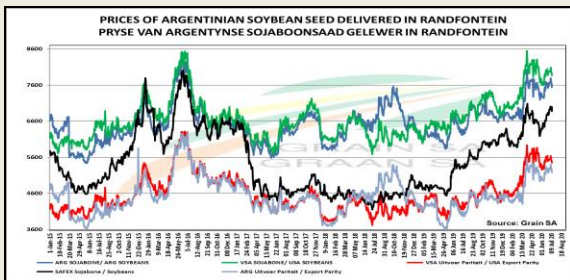
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020	R 7 300.00	15%	R 7.21	R 7 307.21
Dec 2020	R 7 354.00	15%		R 7 354.00
Mar 2021	R 7 138.00	15.5%	R 10.58	R 7 148.58
May 2021	R 6 650.00	17%		R 6 650.00
Jul 2021				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
May 2020		
Jul 2020		
Sep 2020	R 6 690.00	11.5%
Dec 2020	R 6 764.00	15%
Mar 2021	R 6 476.00	0%
May 2021	R 6 110.00	21.5%
Jul 2021		



The local Soya market traded higher yesterday. The Aug'20 Soya contract ended R53.00 up and Sep'20 Soya closed R51.00 higher. The parity move for the Aug'20 Soya contract for yesterday was R8.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The Aug'20 Suns contract closed R85.00 up and Sep'20 Suns closed R90.00 higher.



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