



# **Fundamental Report**

## **07 January 2021**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.9680	15.0459	0.0779	0.52%
Euro/Rand	18.4719	18.5523	0.0804	0.44%
GBPound/Rand	20.4243	20.4780	0.0537	0.26%
AusDollar/Rand	11.6825	11.7313	0.0488	0.42%
Euro/USDollar	1.2339	1.2329	-0.0010	-0.08%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3644	1.3605	-0.0039	-0.29%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.7805	0.7797	-0.0008	-0.10%
JpyYen/USDollar	102.8400	103.1300	0.2900	0.28%

BDLive - The rand remained weaker on Wednesday, trading above R15/\$ for a second day as surging Covid-19 cases and deaths in SA remain a concern.

The rand broke above R15/\$ for the first time in three-weeks on Tuesday amid worries and speculation of further lockdown restrictions as the country records record daily Covid-19 cases, while battling with a new variant of the virus. Bond yields rose and the dollar fell on Wednesday on the prospect of more stimulus if Democrats take control of the US Senate following a run-off election in Georgia, while oil hit an 11-month high after Saudi Arabia agreed to reduce output more than expected.

Democratic challenger Raphael Warnock beat Republican incumbent Kelly Loeffler in one of two Senate races in the state. TV networks and Edison Research projected. Democratic challenger Jon Ossoff holds a slim lead over Republican David Perdue in the other, with 98% of votes counted, according to Edison.



### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	1096.72	-4.76	-0.43%
Gold	1917.34	-1.47	-0.08%
Silver	27.08	-0.22	-0.80%
Copper	3.67	0.02	0.48%
Gasoil	436.25	1.50	0.34%
Brent Oil	54.74	0.44	0.80%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold edged lower on Wednesday as the dollar firmed with investors tracking two closely contested US Senate runoff races in Georgia that are likely to determine president-elect Joe Biden administration's fiscal policy.

Spot gold fell 0.3% at \$1,943.46/oz by 0355 GMT after hitting a near two-month peak at \$1,954.97 earlier in the session. US gold futures eased 0.4% to \$1,947.50, while the dollar rebounded from multiyear lows.

"The market is very reactive to the polls and liquidity is pretty thin. We had an initial widening in Democrats' favour and that poll has narrowed; it's still quite uncertain, everything's on a knife edge," said Axi chief global market strategist Stephen Innes.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	56877.60	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	56809.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3726.86	21.28	0.57%
FTSE	6612.25	229.61	3.47%
CAC	5630.60	0.00	0.00%
DAX	13891.97	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	27692.30	-140.07	-0.51%



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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
MAR 2021	501.00	495.00	The record	-6.00	493.25	-1.75	-7.75
MAY 2021	501.00	496.00	The record	-5.00	494.25	-1.75	-6.75
JUL 2021	499.00	494.00	The record	-5.00	492.25	-1.75	-6.75
SEP 2021	457.00	455.50	The record	-1.50	454.25	-1.25	-2.75
DEC 2021	443.00	441.25	The record	-1.75	439.50	-1.75	-3.50

FarmProgress - Corn prices firmed nearly 1% today on a round of technical buying partly spurred by dry weather reports and logistical problems still happening in Argentina. Red-hot soybean prices lent additional support. March and May futures each added 4 cents to close at \$4.9575 and \$4.9650, respectively.

Corn basis bids were steady to mixed Tuesday, dropping as much as 4 cents lower at an Iowa ethanol plant while firming as much as 3 cents higher at an Illinois river terminal today.

Private exporters reported to USDA the sale of 4.0 million bushels of corn for delivery during the 2020/21 marketing year, which began September 1.

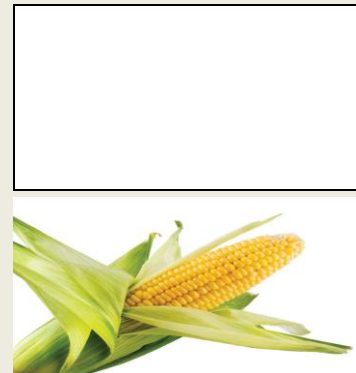
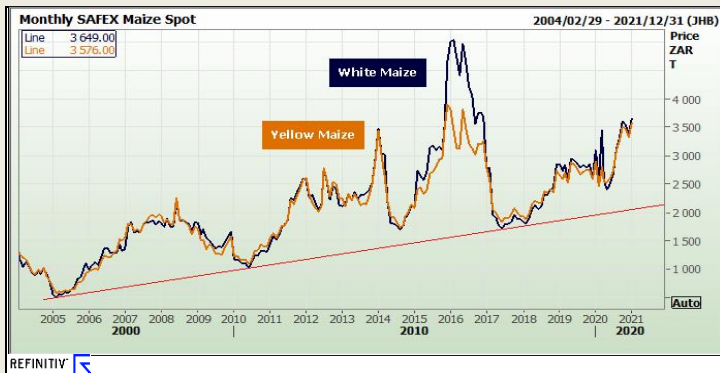
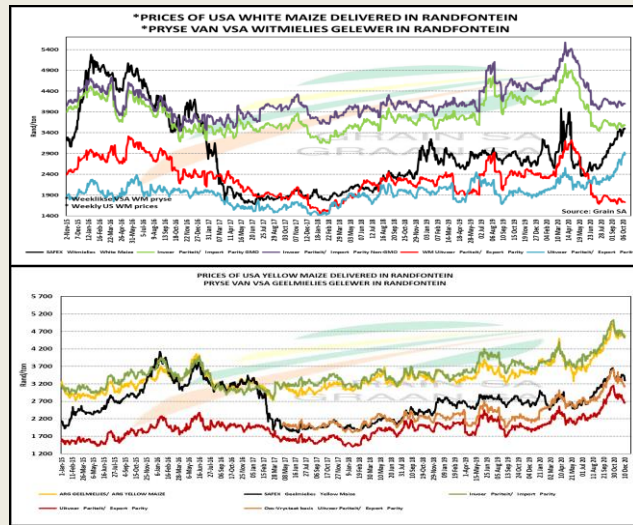
The latest Farm Futures survey, which featured more than 800 farmer respondents, suggest average corn yields in 2020 were 175.2 bushels per acre, for a total production of 14.547 billion bushels (the third largest crop on record, if realized). Assuming no changes in usage rates, that could leave 2020/21 ending supplies falling to 1.652 billion bushels, with a stocks-to-use ratio of 11.1%. Preliminary volume estimates were for 352,280 contracts, sliding slightly below Tuesday's final count of 363,722.



### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2020				
Mar 2021	R 3 567.00	33.5%	R -30.54	R 3 536.46
May 2021	R 3 077.00	31.5%	R -24.62	R 3 052.38
Jul 2021	R 3 014.00	22%	R -24.68	R 2 989.32
Sep 2021	R 3 071.00	0%	R -2.27	R 3 068.73
Dec 2021	R 3 136.00	32.5%	R -7.15	R 3 128.85
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<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2020				
Mar 2021	R 3 532.00	25.5%	R -30.54	R 3 501.46
May 2021	R 3 181.00	23%	R -24.62	R 3 156.38
Jul 2021	R 3 143.00	22.5%	R -24.68	R 3 118.32
Sep 2021	R 3 187.00	0%	R -2.27	R 3 184.73
Dec 2021	R 3 260.00	21%	R -7.15	R 3 252.85
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The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The Mar'21 WMAZ contract ended R100.00 up and Mar'21 YMAZ closed R100.00 higher. The May'21 WMAZ closed higher by R100.00 and May'21 YMAZ ended R100.00 up. The parity move for the Mar'21 Maize contract for yesterday was R32.00 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
MAR 2021	660.00	647.50	The record d	-12.50	646.25	-1.25	-13.75	MAR 2011	614.00	603.50	The record	-10.50	603.50	0.00	-10.50
MAY 2021	659.00	648.00	The record d	-11.00	647.50	-0.50	-11.50	MAY 2011	616.00	607.50	The record	-8.50	608.25	0.75	-7.75
JUL 2021	645.00	639.00	The record d	-6.00	638.00	-1.00	-7.00	JUL 2011	618.00	609.75	The record	-8.25	610.25	0.50	-7.75
SEP 2021	645.00	640.50	The record d	-4.50	639.75	-0.75	-5.25	SEP 2011	622.00	614.50	The record	-7.50	615.00	0.50	-7.00
DEC 2021	651.00	647.75	The record d	-3.25	529.00	-118.75	-122.00	DEC 2011	629.00	622.00	The record	-7.00	622.00	0.00	-7.00



FarmProgress - Wheat prices saw small to moderate cuts Wednesday after a round of profit-taking and technical selling today. March Chicago SRW futures fell 6.5 cents to \$6.4750, March Kansas City HRW futures dropped 4.5 cents to \$6.0475, and March MGEX spring wheat futures eased 0.75 cents to \$6.0650. Ahead of Thursday morning's weekly export report from USDA, analysts think the agency will show wheat sales ranging between 9.2 million and 18.4 million bushels for the week ending December 31.

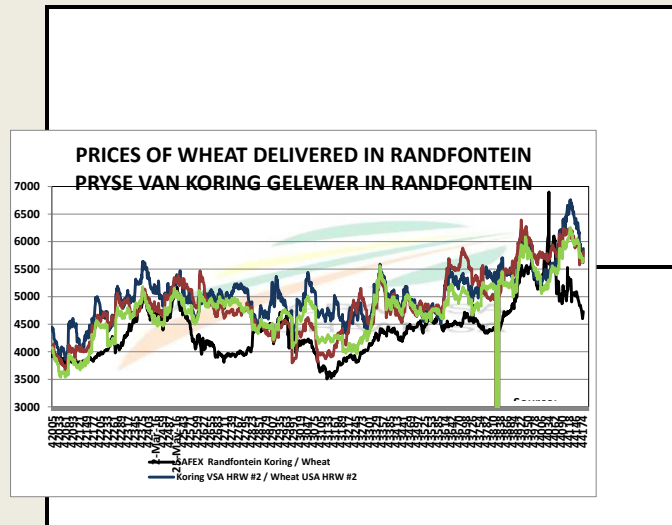
Ukraine wheat exports for the 2020/21 marketing year have reached 459.7 million bushels through January 6, per the country's economy ministry. Ukrainian grain exports account for approximately 16% of the world's total grain sales.

Japan issued a regular tender to purchase 4.4 million bushels of food-quality wheat from the United States, Canada and Australia that closes later this week. Of the total, 23% is expected to be sourced from the U.S.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 129,304 CBOT contracts, tracking 17% below Tuesday's final count of 155,785.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Dec 2020				
Mar 2021	R 5 086.00	11%	R -57.12	R 5 028.88
May 2021	R 5 150.00	0%	R -44.71	R 5 105.29
Jul 2021	R 5 150.00	0%	R -20.24	R 5 129.76
Sep 2021	R 4 838.00	0%	R -10.56	R 4 827.44
Dec 2021				
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
Dec 2020				
Mar 2021				
May 2021				
Jul 2021				
Sep 2021				
Dec 2021				
Dec 2021				



The local Wheat market closed higher yesterday. The Mar'21 Wheat contract closed R52.00 up and May'21 Wheat closed R65.00 higher. The parity move for the Mar'21 Wheat contract for yesterday was R54.00 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
JAN 2021	1376.00	1365.25	The record	-10.75	902.00	-463.25
MAR 2021	1375.00	1361.50	The record	-13.50	1360.75	-0.75
MAY 2021	1374.00	1360.25	The record	-13.75	1359.75	-0.50
JUL 2021	1362.00	1347.00	The record	-15.00	1347.00	0.00
AUG 2021	1320.00	1304.50	The record	-15.50	1305.00	0.50

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JAN 2011	443.3	443.50
MAR 2011	438.3	439.20
MAY 2011	434.3	435.00
JUL 2011	429.8	430.70
AUG 2011	416.7	418.10

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
JAN 2011	44.39	44.25
MAR 2011	43.84	43.88
MAY 2011	43.18	43.24
JUL 2011	42.72	42.74
AUG 2011	41.96	41.89



FarmProgress - Soybean prices continue to move higher on reports of dry weather and logistical problems in South America, coupled with the expectations that domestic stocks are dwindling. That led to another significant round of technical buying today that pushed January futures 18 cents higher to \$13.68, while March futures rose 17 cents to \$13.64.

Soybean basis bids were mostly steady across the Midwest Wednesday. Moves of note included a 5-cent drop at an Indiana processor and a 3-cent increase at an Illinois river terminal today.

Ahead of tomorrow morning's weekly export report from USDA, analysts expect the agency to show soybean sales ranging between 18.4 million and 40.4 million bushels for the week ending December 31. Analysts also think USDA will report another 75,000 to 250,000 metric tons of soymeal sales last week, plus 20,000 to 65,000 MT of soyoil sales. Preliminary volume estimates were for 252,605 contracts, falling well below Tuesday's final count of 370,755.

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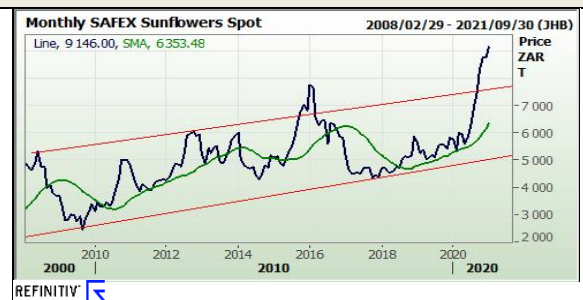
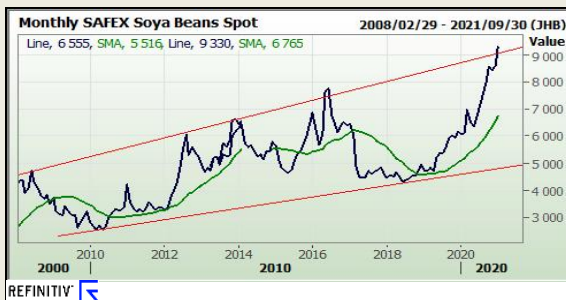
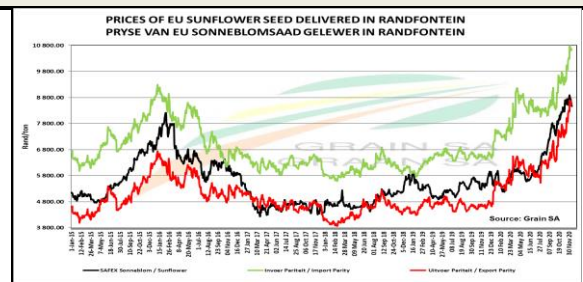
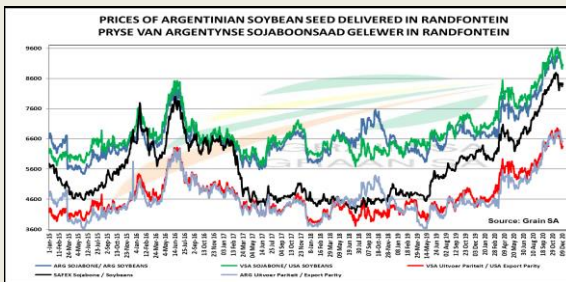
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Dec 2020				
Mar 2021	R 8 864.00	17%	R -39.42	R 8 824.58
May 2021	R 8 010.00	18%	R -39.45	R 7 970.55
Jul 2021	R 8 070.00	21.5%	R -43.94	R 8 026.06
Sep 2021				
Dec 2021	R 8 152.00	0%		R 8 152.00
Dec 2021	R 8 152.00	0%		R 8 152.00

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Dec 2020		
Mar 2021	R 9 136.00	18%
May 2021	R 8 060.00	21.5%
Jul 2021	R 8 079.00	22%
Sep 2021		
Dec 2021		
Dec 2021		



The local Soya market traded higher yesterday. The Mar'21 Soya contract ended R150.00 up and May'21 Soya closed R150.00 higher. The parity move for the Mar'21 Soya contract for yesterday was R38.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The Mar'21 Suns contract closed R150.00 up and May'21 Suns closed R150.00 higher.



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