



# **Fundamental Report**

## **02 March 2021**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	15.0662	15.0023	-0.0639	-0.42%
Euro/Rand	18.1379	18.0564	-0.0815	-0.45%
GBPound/Rand	21.0101	20.8661	-0.1440	-0.69%
AusDollar/Rand	11.6492	11.6448	-0.0044	-0.04%
Euro/USDollar	1.2038	1.2033	-0.0005	-0.04%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3946	1.3911	-0.0035	-0.25%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.7732	0.7762	0.0030	0.39%
JpyYen/USDollar	106.7200	106.8400	0.1200	0.11%

BDLive - The JSE gained the most in four months as global sentiment leapt once again on improved manufacturing data from a number of countries, including SA.

After the US passed its coronavirus stimulus bill in the House of Representatives on Saturday, it is now one step closer to a Senate vote, which could happen as early as next week — news that also buoyed markets. European shares jumped on Monday and the bond market calmed, with yields dropping from their recent spikes, while optimism about US fiscal stimulus sent oil prices higher.

After Asian stocks rallied overnight, European share indices opened higher, with the Stoxx 600 up 1.7% at 8.37am GMT. London's FTSE 100 up 1.8% and Germany's DAX was up 1.3%.

The MSCI world equity index, which tracks shares in 49 countries, was up 0.5%, recovering from the previous session's multiweek low.



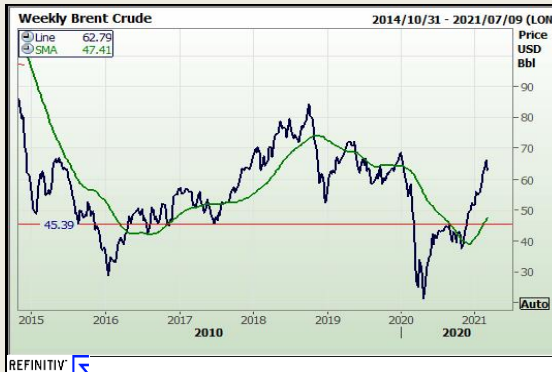
### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	1183.73	-1.27	-0.11%
Gold	1715.81	-7.29	-0.42%
Silver	26.17	-0.31	-1.18%
Copper	4.08	-0.04	-0.86%
Gasoil	510.00	-16.75	-3.28%
Brent Oil	62.81	-0.88	-1.40%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices rose 1% on Monday, recovering from a more than eight-month low touched in the previous session, as the dollar weakened and the US passed a \$1.9-trillion stimulus package.

Spot gold was up 0.9% at \$1,749.77 per ounce by 5.17am, after hitting its lowest since June at \$1,716.85 on Friday. US gold futures rose 1% to \$1,746.70. Gold prices tumbled 3% on Friday, posting their biggest monthly drop since November 2016 in February, due to a spike in US bond yields.

"A reversal of the higher yield trend and a weaker dollar are allowing gold to move a little bit higher," said Stephen Innes, chief global market strategist at financial services firm AXI, adding that the US stimulus is also underpinning bullion prices further.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	60754.30	1352.74	2.23%
ALSI	61818.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3811.15	90.67	2.38%
FTSE	6483.43	105.10	1.62%
CAC	5792.79	0.00	0.00%
DAX	13786.29	226.53	1.64%
Hang Seng	29452.57	148.39	0.50%



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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	556.00	547.50	The record	-8.50	543.50	-4.00	-12.50
MAY 2021	548.00	538.25	The record	-9.75	534.00	-4.25	-14.00
JUL 2021	536.00	527.00	The record	-9.00	522.00	-5.00	-14.00
SEP 2021	491.00	485.75	The record	-5.25	482.50	-3.25	-8.50
DEC 2021	472.00	468.75	The record	-3.25	465.25	-3.50	-6.75

FarmProgress - Corn prices tilted about 1.5% lower Monday on a round of technical selling prompted by expectations of a potential record-breaking harvest and record U.S. corn acres planted later this spring. March futures fell 8.5 cents to \$5.47, with May futures down 9.5 cents to \$5.38.

Corn basis bids were steady to mixed to start the week, moving 1 to 3 cents higher across multiple Midwestern locations but sliding 2 cents lower at two ethanol plants and an Iowa river terminal today.

Corn export inspections improved to 64.4 million bushels, versus the prior week's tally of 48.5 million bushels. That was also on the high end of trade guesses, which ranged between 45.3 million and 68.9 million bushels. Japan and China were the top two destinations, with 13.8 million and 13.6 million bushels, respectively. Cumulative totals for the 2020/21 marketing year remain substantially above last year's pace, crossing the 1-billion-bushel mark to reach 1.012 billion bushels.

European Union corn imports are trending 28.5% below last year's pace, with 417.3 million bushels through February 28, per the latest data from the European Commission. USDA has set crop insurance price guarantees at \$4.58 per bushel for corn and \$11.87 per bushel for soybeans, climbing to the highest level since 2013. Corn price guarantees are 18% higher than a year ago, with soybeans up 29% versus 2020 levels.

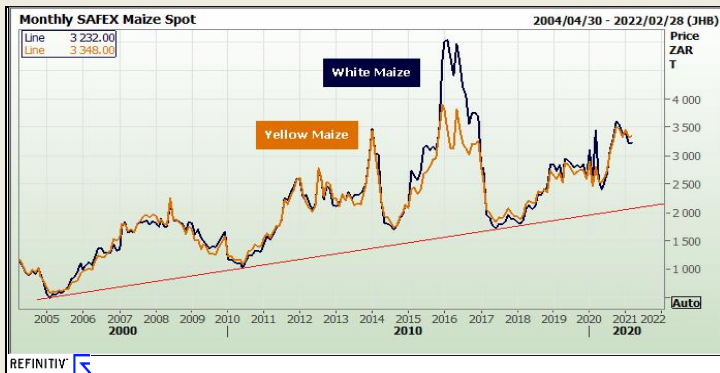
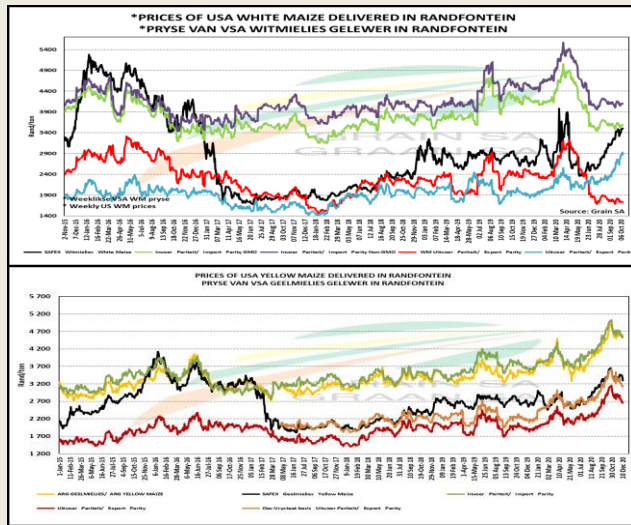
Preliminary volume estimates were for 254,817 contracts, falling moderately short of Friday's final count of 295,927.



### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Mar 2021	R 3 232.00	35.25%	R -87.81	R 3 144.19
May 2021	R 3 173.00	31.5%	R -96.47	R 3 076.53
Jul 2021	R 3 142.00	22.5%	R -96.17	R 3 045.83
Sep 2021	R 3 200.00	26%	R -62.55	R 3 137.45
Dec 2021	R 3 279.00	26%	R -51.74	R 3 227.26
Mar 2022	R 3 279.00	24%		R 3 279.00
May 2022				
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Mar 2021	R 3 348.00	31.25%	R -87.81	R 3 260.19
May 2021	R 3 295.00	23%	R -96.47	R 3 198.53
Jul 2021	R 3 265.00	20.25%	R -96.17	R 3 168.83
Sep 2021	R 3 323.00	19%	R -62.55	R 3 260.45
Dec 2021	R 3 387.00	21%	R -51.74	R 3 335.26
Mar 2022	R 3 339.00	19%		R 3 339.00
May 2022				

The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The Mar'21 WMAZ contract ended R28.00 up and Mar'21 YMAZ closed R28.00 higher. The May'21 WMAZ closed higher by R35.00 and May'21 YMAZ ended R45.00 up. The parity move for the Mar'21 Maize contract for yesterday was R86.00 negative.

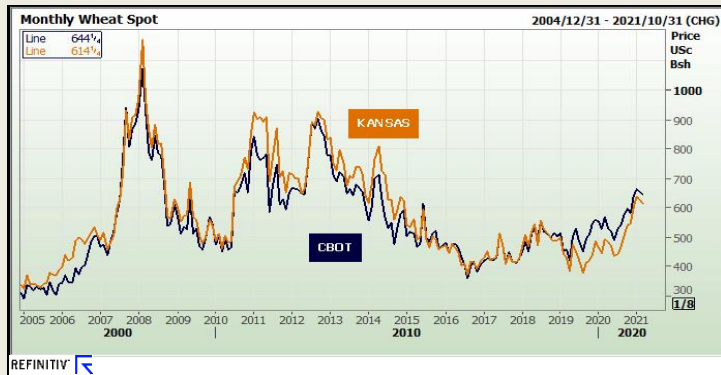


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## Wheat Market

### 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	656.00	643.75	The record d	-12.25	644.25	0.50	-11.75	MAR 2011	629.00	614.25	The record	-14.75	0.00	-614.25	-629.00
MAY 2021	663.00	650.25	The record d	-12.75	649.50	-0.75	-13.50	MAY 2011	637.00	623.25	The record	-13.75	622.00	-1.25	-15.00
JUL 2021	653.00	642.50	The record d	-10.50	640.75	-1.75	-12.25	JUL 2011	640.00	628.75	The record	-11.25	627.50	-1.25	-12.50
SEP 2021	649.00	640.25	The record d	-8.75	638.00	-2.25	-11.00	SEP 2011	644.00	633.50	The record	-10.50	632.25	-1.25	-11.75
DEC 2021	653.00	645.00	The record d	-8.00	529.00	-116.00	-124.00	DEC 2011	650.00	641.25	The record	-8.75	639.75	-1.50	-10.25



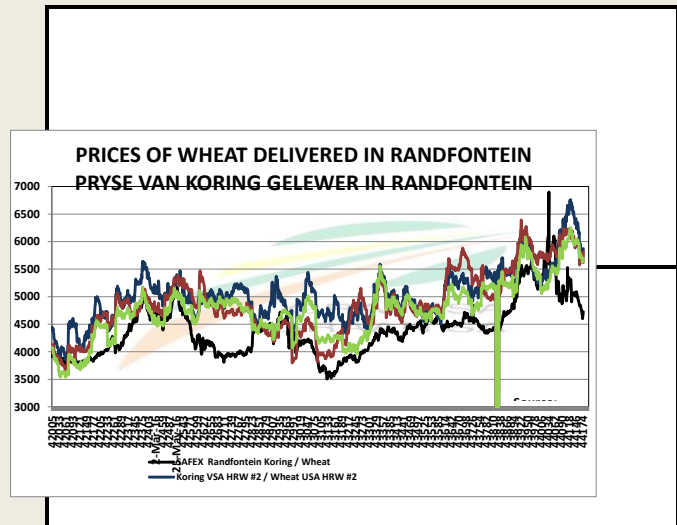
FarmProgress - Wheat prices followed corn and soybeans moderately lower on a round of technical selling today, with an uptick in Russian exports also weighing heavily on prices today. March Chicago SRW futures lost 11.25 cents to \$6.4375, March Kansas City HRW futures fell 5.75 cents to \$6.19, and March MGEX spring wheat futures dropped 3 cents to \$6.28.

Wheat export inspections fell again, moving to a lackluster 10.0 million bushels. That was also below the entire range of trade guesses, which were between 11.0 million and 18.4 million bushels. Indonesia was the No. 1 destination, with 2.7 million bushels. Cumulative totals for the 2020/21 marketing year moved further below last year's pace after reaching 662.8 million bushels. European soft wheat exports for the 2020/21 marketing year are at 645.2 million bushels through February 28, which is 28% below last year's pace so far. EU barley exports are also trending below last year's pace.

Australia's wheat production could fall 25% next season as La Niña conditions are expected to retreat along with the yield-friendly rains it brings, according to the country's chief commodity forecaster. Australia's wheat production this season could land at a record 1.227 billion bushels.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Mar 2021	R 5 220.00	11%	R -80.17	R 5 139.83
May 2021	R 5 278.00	9.5%	R -89.98	R 5 188.02
Jul 2021	R 5 315.00	10%	R -82.86	R 5 232.14
Sep 2021	R 5 060.00	0%	R -75.87	R 4 984.13
Dec 2021	R 4 933.00	0%	R -698.87	R 4 234.13
Mar 2022				
May 2022				
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
Mar 2021				
May 2021				
Jul 2021				
Sep 2021				
Dec 2021				
Mar 2022				
May 2022				



The local Wheat market closed higher yesterday. The Mar'21 Wheat contract closed R52.00 up and May'21 Wheat closed R41.00 higher. The parity move for the Mar'21 Wheat contract for yesterday was R81.00 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
MAR 2021	1419.00	1392.50	The record	-26.50	902.00	-490.50	-517.00
MAY 2021	1416.00	1391.25	The record	-24.75	1386.50	-4.75	-29.50
JUL 2021	1402.00	1381.00	The record	-21.00	1374.00	-7.00	-28.00
AUG 2021	1360.00	1339.25	The record	-20.75	1332.00	-7.25	-28.00
SEP 2021	1276.00	1260.50	The record	-15.50	1254.75	-5.75	-21.25

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2011	420.2	418.50
MAY 2011	418.3	416.30
JUL 2011	416.1	413.90
AUG 2011	405.4	403.00
SEP 2011	392.6	390.00

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2011	50.77	50.35
MAY 2011	49.23	49.00
JUL 2011	48.24	48.05
AUG 2011	47.03	46.90
SEP 2011	45.75	45.59



FarmProgress - Soybean prices suffered double-digit losses despite coming into Monday's session with solid overnight gains after traders engaged in a round of technical selling and profit-taking today. Brazil's soybean harvest is off to a slow start but could still rewrite the record books, and a historically large amount of U.S. acres are expected this year. March futures dropped 11.25 cents to \$13.94, with May futures down 12 cents to \$13.9225.

Soybean basis bids jumped 9 cents higher at an Illinois river terminal and firmed 3 cents at an Illinois processor while holding steady elsewhere across the central U.S. today.

Soybean export inspections saw week-over-week gains of around 9.5%, climbing to 32.3 million bushels and surpassing all trade estimates, which ranged between 14.7 million and 29.4 million bushels. China accounted for nearly 40% of the total, with 21.3 million bushels. Cumulative totals for the 2020/21 marketing year are still significantly above last year's pace, with 1.906 billion bushels.

Brazilian consultancy AgRural raised its 2020/21 soybean production estimates by nearly 1% compared to its January estimates to 4.887 billion bushels – a record-breaking haul, if realized. AgRural's latest survey concludes 25% of the crop has been harvested through February 25. That's up from 15% the prior week but well behind last year's pace of 40%.

### South African Futures Exchange

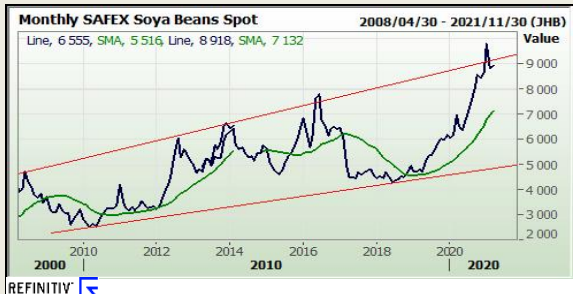
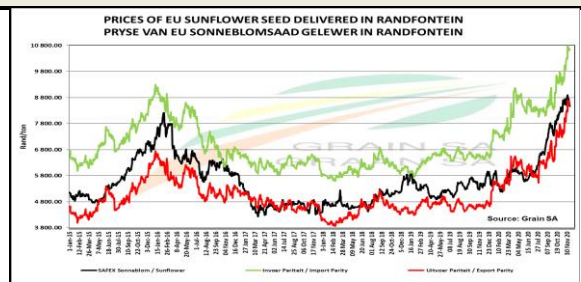
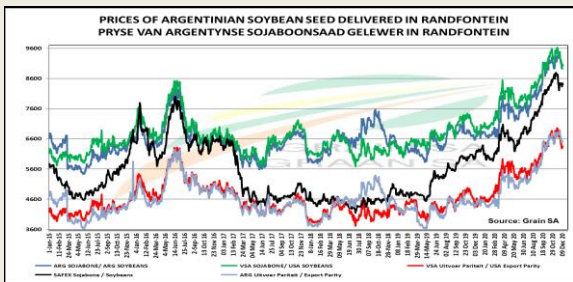
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Mar 2021	R 8 918.00	17%	#####	R 6 034.77
May 2021	R 7 819.00	21%	R -195.86	R 7 623.14
Jul 2021	R 7 927.00	21.5%	R -187.27	R 7 739.73
Sep 2021	R 8 007.00	0%	R -147.10	R 7 859.90
Dec 2021	R 8 057.00	0%		R 8 057.00
Mar 2022				
May 2022				

Sunflower Seeds Future			
	MTM	Vols	
Mar 2021	R 9 700.00	18%	
May 2021	R 8 760.00	22.5%	
Jul 2021	R 8 800.00	22%	
Sep 2021	R 8 795.00	0%	
Dec 2021			
Mar 2022			
May 2022			



The local Soya market traded higher yesterday. The Mar'21 Soya contract ended R98.00 up and May'21 Soya closed R146.00 higher. The parity move for the Mar'21 Soya contract for yesterday was R219.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The Mar'21 Suns contract closed R128.00 up and May'21 Suns closed R143.00 higher.



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