



# **Fundamental Report**

## **03 March 2021**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	15.0746	14.9341	-0.1405	-0.93%
Euro/Rand	18.0974	18.0483	-0.0491	-0.27%
GBPound/Rand	20.8990	20.8386	-0.0604	-0.29%
AusDollar/Rand	11.6885	11.6859	-0.0026	-0.02%
Euro/USDollar	1.2006	1.2084	0.0078	0.65%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3865	1.3955	0.0090	0.65%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.7754	0.7825	0.0071	0.92%
JpyYen/USDollar	106.8700	106.8100	-0.0600	-0.06%

BDLive - The JSE closed at another record high on Tuesday, while global markets were mixed amid comments by the Chinese banking regulator signaling concern about equity market bubbles globally.

All the JSE's major indices gained as positive developments in the US stimulus bill and progress in Covid-19 vaccine rollouts continued to drive sentiment. Global markets were also recovering from a sharp sell-off late last week, which stemmed from concerns about rising inflation. European shares paused on Tuesday as investors sought to guess the bond market's next move, while weak German retail sales were a stark reminder of continued Covid-19 fallout in the region's biggest economy.

Overnight falls in Asian stock markets, after a senior Chinese official expressed wariness about the risk of asset bubbles in foreign markets, and a drop in oil prices also weighed on sentiment, but the dollar was steady, along with US treasuries.



### Commodities

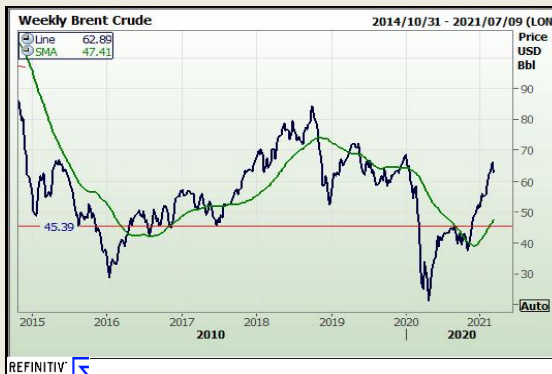
	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	1192.39	-12.23	-1.03%
Gold	1731.90	-6.19	-0.36%
Silver	26.63	-0.12	-0.45%
Copper	4.19	-0.03	-0.79%
Gasoil	513.75	-4.00	-0.78%
Brent Oil	62.88	0.18	0.29%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices slumped to their lowest in eight months on Tuesday, as a stronger dollar and elevated US Treasury yields eroded investor appetite for the non-yielding metal.

Spot gold was down 0.7% at \$1,711.13 an ounce by 3.10am GMT, having dropped to its lowest since June 15 at \$1,708.60 earlier in the session. US gold futures slipped 0.8% to \$1,709.80.

The potential for higher yields is putting pressure on gold, while a stronger dollar is also contributing to its fall, Michael McCarthy, chief market strategist at CMC Markets said, adding that a minor retreat in 10-year yields was "too small to count".

Benchmark US Treasury yields have come down from a one-year high hit last week, but continue to remain elevated, while the dollar index held near a four-week peak.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	62107.04	997.66	1.61%
ALSI	62710.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3901.82	-31.53	-0.81%
FTSE	6588.53	25.22	0.38%
CAC	5809.73	0.00	0.00%
DAX	14012.82	26.98	0.19%
Hang Seng	29095.86	309.68	1.06%



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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	543.00	560.75	The record	17.75	557.75	-3.00	14.75
MAY 2021	535.00	545.00	The record	10.00	543.25	-1.75	8.25
JUL 2021	523.00	532.75	The record	9.75	530.25	-2.50	7.25
SEP 2021	484.00	493.00	The record	9.00	491.00	-2.00	7.00
DEC 2021	467.00	475.75	The record	8.75	474.50	-1.25	7.50

FarmProgress - Corn prices saw healthy gains as bullish fundamentals returned to the forefront today. A new large corn sale announced this morning fueled some optimism, as did growing concerns about the latest round of hot, dry weather in Argentina. March futures climbed 13 cents to \$5.6050, while May futures picked up 6 cents to reach \$5.4425.

Corn basis bids were mixed Tuesday after rising 7 cents at an Illinois river terminal and 2 cents at a Nebraska processor while slipping a penny lower at an Ohio elevator. Other locations across the central U.S. held steady today.

Private exporters announced to USDA the sale of 6.9 million bushels of corn for delivery to Japan during the 2021/22 marketing year, which begins September 1.

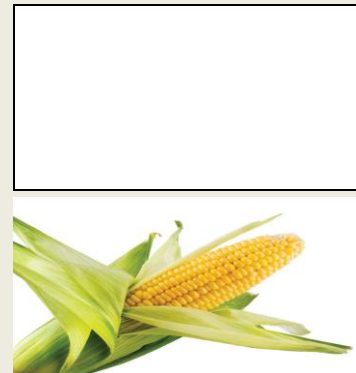
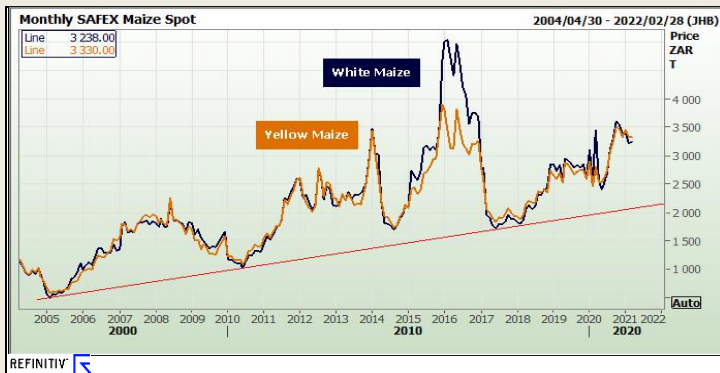
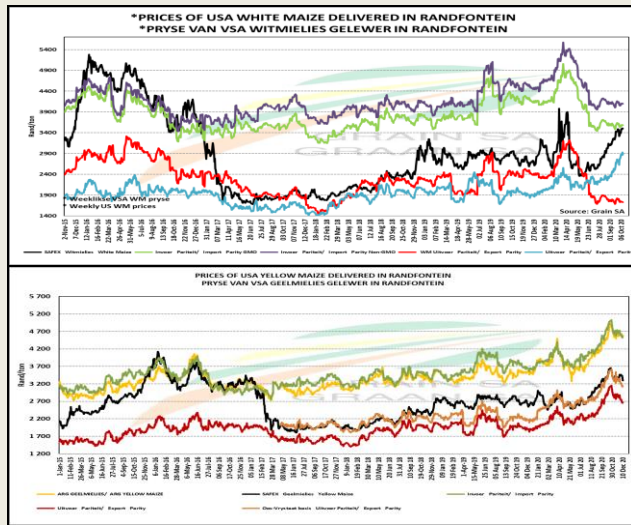
Taiwan purchased 2.6 million bushels of animal feed corn, likely sourced from Argentina, in an international tender that closed earlier today. The grain is for shipment between late April and mid-May. Preliminary volume estimates were for 304,364 contracts, moving moderately above Monday's final count of 254,817.



### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Mar 2021	R 3 238.00	35.25%	R 56.68	R 3 294.68
May 2021	R 3 151.00	31.5%	R 18.91	R 3 169.91
Jul 2021	R 3 103.00	22.5%	R 13.70	R 3 116.70
Sep 2021	R 3 160.00	26%	R 14.38	R 3 174.38
Dec 2021	R 3 242.00	26%	R 18.26	R 3 260.26
Mar 2022	R 3 240.00	24%		R 3 240.00
May 2022				
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Mar 2021	R 3 330.00	31.25%	R 56.68	R 3 386.68
May 2021	R 3 263.00	23%	R 18.91	R 3 281.91
Jul 2021	R 3 215.00	20%	R 13.70	R 3 228.70
Sep 2021	R 3 272.00	19%	R 14.38	R 3 286.38
Dec 2021	R 3 341.00	21%	R 18.26	R 3 359.26
Mar 2022	R 3 339.00	19%		R 3 339.00
May 2022				

The local Maize market traded mixed yesterday. The Mar'21 WMAZ contract ended R6.00 up while Mar'21 YMAZ closed R18.00 lower. The May'21 WMAZ closed lower by R22.00 and May'21 YMAZ ended R32.00 down. The parity move for the Mar'21 Maize contract for yesterday was R56.00 positive.

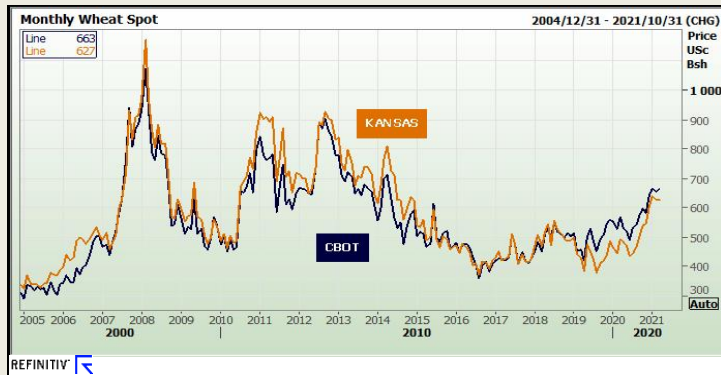


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## Wheat Market

### 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
MAR 2021	640.00	663.25	The record	23.25	0.00	-663.25	-640.00	MAR 2011	620.75	627.00	The record	6.25	0.00	-627.00	-620.75
MAY 2021	656.00	666.25	The record	10.25	664.25	-2.00	8.25	MAY 2011	629.00	635.25	The record	6.25	633.75	-1.50	4.75
JUL 2021	647.00	655.00	The record	8.00	653.50	-1.50	6.50	JUL 2011	634.00	640.50	The record	6.50	639.00	-1.50	5.00
SEP 2021	644.00	651.50	The record	7.50	650.25	-1.25	6.25	SEP 2011	639.00	645.25	The record	6.25	644.00	-1.25	5.00
DEC 2021	649.00	655.00	The record	6.00	529.00	-126.00	-120.00	DEC 2011	643.00	653.00	The record	10.00	651.75	-1.25	8.75

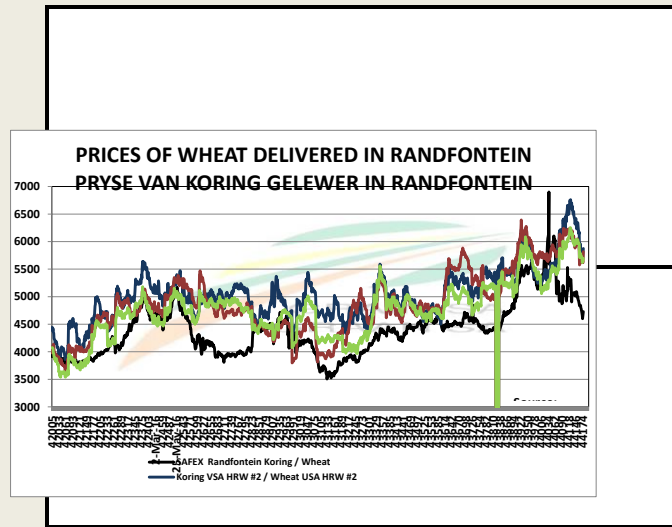


FarmProgress - Wheat prices trended substantially higher Tuesday on a round of technical buying that was largely spurred by deteriorating crop conditions in the Central and Southern Plains. May Chicago SRW futures gained 16.5 cents to \$6.6675, May Kansas City HRW futures rose 11.75 cents to \$6.35, and May MGEX spring wheat futures added 12.5 cents to \$6.46.

Winter wheat quality ratings in Kansas, the No. 1 production state, continue to fall. USDA reported Monday afternoon that only 37% of the crop was rated in good-to-excellent condition, down from 40% a week ago. No. 2 production state Texas was also down week-over-week, moving from 30% rated in good-to-excellent condition down to 28%. Ukraine has burned through nearly 80% of its 2020/21 wheat export quota, per the latest data from the country's economy ministry. Total export volume is at 503.4 million bushels through March 1. Ukraine is expected to export another 34.9 million bushels of wheat in March. Importers in the Philippines reissued a tender to purchase 5.3 million bushels of milling and animal feed wheat that closes March 4, and is for delivery between April and June. The group passed on all offers in a similar tender last week. Japan issued a regular tender to purchase 3.0 million bushels of food-quality wheat from the United States and Canada that closes later this week. Roughly two-thirds of the total is expected to be sourced from the U.S.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Mar 2021	R 5 227.00	11%	R -3 544.94	R 1 682.06
May 2021	R 5 286.00	9.5%	R 11.40	R 5 297.40
Jul 2021	R 5 323.00	10%	R 2.27	R 5 325.27
Sep 2021	R 5 060.00	0%	R 1.05	R 5 061.05
Dec 2021	R 4 933.00	0%	R -691.99	R 4 241.01
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 R7.00 up and May'21 Wheat closed R8.00 higher. The parity move for the Mar'21 Wheat contract for yesterday was R92.00 positive.



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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	1388.00	1414.00	The record	26.00	902.00	-512.00	-486.00
MAY 2021	1386.00	1412.50	The record	26.50	1412.50	0.00	26.50
JUL 2021	1373.00	1398.75	The record	25.75	1397.25	-1.50	24.25
AUG 2021	1333.00	1352.75	The record	19.75	1350.75	-2.00	17.75
SEP 2021	1254.00	1272.50	The record	18.50	1269.00	-3.50	15.00

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2011	423.3	424.00
MAY 2011	421.7	422.50
JUL 2011	420	420.50
AUG 2011	409	409.80
SEP 2011	396	396.30

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2011	51.27	0.00
MAY 2011	49.66	49.58
JUL 2011	48.69	48.61
AUG 2011	47.48	47.35
SEP 2011	46.15	46.13



FarmProgress - Soybean prices found substantial footing on a round of technical buying today spurred by continuing weather woes in South America, which is trying to get its 2020/21 crop harvested in adverse conditions. March futures climbed 21.5 cents to \$14.14, with May futures up 21.75 cents to \$14.13. Soybean basis bids were steady to narrowly mixed Tuesday after rising 2 to 3 cents at two Midwestern processors and dipping 1 to 2 cents lower at two other central U.S. locations today.

Weather firm Maxar is predicting widespread rains across the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso over the next week, which should trigger further harvest delays. Brazil is already off to the slowest harvest pace in a decade, but most experts are still forecasting a record-breaking crop that should come in somewhere around 4.8 – 4.9 billion bushels this season.

Egypt's state grains buyer issued an international tender to purchase at least 30,000 metric tons of soyoil and 10,000 MT of sunflower oil for arrival in the first half of May. Bids are due Thursday. Purdue University and CME Group's latest Ag Economy Barometer is out, and it shows stable month-over-month readings of 165 (anything over 100 is considered net positive), dipping 2 points lower since February. "The ongoing strength in ag commodity prices and farm income continue to support producers' perspective on current conditions," according to Purdue's James Mintert. "At the same time, concerns about possible policy changes affecting agriculture, and eroding confidence in future growth in ag trade, continue to weigh on producers' future expectations."

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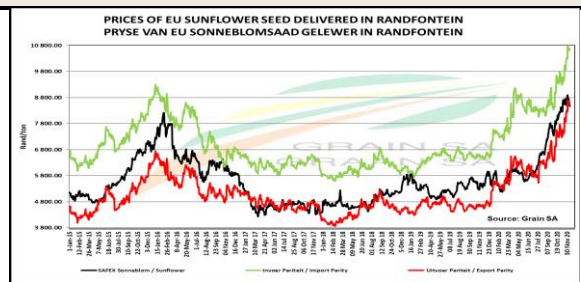
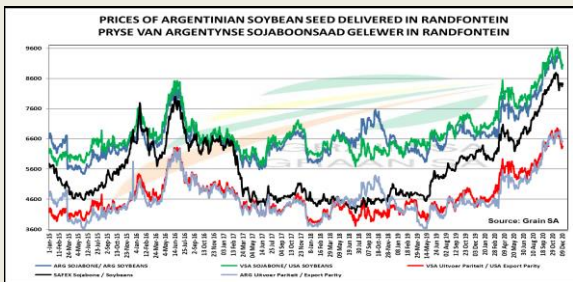
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Mar 2021	R 8 934.00	17%	#####	R 6 195.50
May 2021	R 7 719.00	21%	R 73.86	R 7 792.86
Jul 2021	R 7 843.00	21.5%	R 62.19	R 7 905.19
Sep 2021	R 7 955.00	0%	R 17.57	R 7 972.57
Dec 2021	R 8 020.00	0%		R 8 020.00
Mar 2022				
May 2022				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Mar 2021	R 9 718.00	18%
May 2021	R 8 773.00	22%
Jul 2021	R 8 830.00	21%
Sep 2021	R 8 812.00	0%
Dec 2021		
Mar 2022		
May 2022		



The local Soya market traded mixed yesterday. The Mar'21 Soya contract ended R16.00 up while May'21 Soya closed R100.00 lower. The parity move for the Mar'21 Soya contract for yesterday was R55.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The Mar'21 Suns contract closed R18.00 up and May'21 Suns closed R13.00 higher.



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