



# **Fundamental Report**

## **04 March 2021**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.8807	15.0927	0.2120	1.42%
Euro/Rand	18.0094	18.1954	0.1860	1.03%
GBPound/Rand	20.8078	21.0351	0.2273	1.09%
AusDollar/Rand	11.6476	11.7512	0.1036	0.89%
Euro/USDollar	1.2102	1.2053	-0.0049	-0.40%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3982	1.3938	-0.0044	-0.31%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.7830	0.7786	-0.0044	-0.56%
JpyYen/USDollar	106.8900	107.0500	0.1600	0.15%

BDLive - The JSE turned weaker just before the close while US treasury yields rose again over concern about an uptick in inflation. Resources performed worst on the day.

"The bond market is selling off again despite tremendous Covid-19 vaccine progress. The economic recovery is still fragile and rising yields could trigger illiquidity in the market and that could have spillover effects and a negative impact across other markets," said Oanda senior market analyst Edward Moya. The Nasdaq ended sharply lower on Wednesday after investors sold high-flying technology shares and pivoted to sectors viewed as more likely to benefit from an economic recovery on the back of fiscal stimulus and vaccination programmes.

Microsoft, Apple and Amazon dropped, weighing more than any other stocks on the S&P 500.

The S&P 500 financial and industrial sector indices reached intra-day record highs. Most other S&P 500 sectors declined.



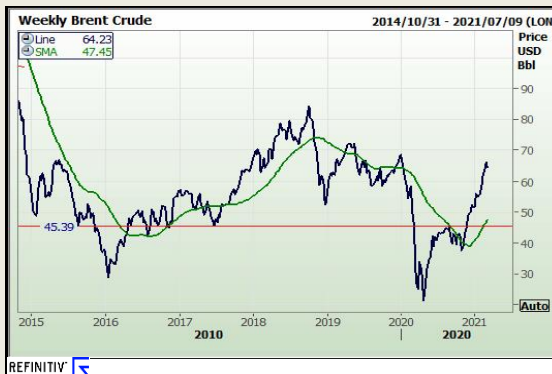
### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	1159.74	-7.26	-0.63%
Gold	1713.21	2.26	0.13%
Silver	26.17	0.09	0.36%
Copper	4.13	-0.01	-0.18%
Gasoil	520.25	0.25	0.05%
Brent Oil	64.25	0.18	0.28%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices fell on Wednesday for a sixth session in seven, as the expectation that US treasury yields would move higher on further economic stimulus kept non-yielding bullion under pressure.

Spot gold eased 0.2% to \$1,734.26/oz by 3.20am GMT, having dropped to its lowest since June 15 at \$1,706.70 on Tuesday. US gold futures dipped 0.1% to \$1,732.

"There's a clear trend for gold to the downside, and as long as fiscal stimulus keeps getting pumped into the US economy and the Federal Reserve remains reticent about doing something to quash yields, gold prices will struggle," said IG Market analyst Kyle Rodda.



### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	63104.70	-243.08	-0.39%
ALSI	62549.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3870.29	-50.57	-1.31%
FTSE	6613.75	61.72	0.93%
CAC	5830.06	0.00	0.00%
DAX	14039.80	40.23	0.29%
Hang Seng	29880.42	-412.27	-1.38%



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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	560.00	550.25	The record	-9.75	550.00	-0.25	-10.00
MAY 2021	541.00	535.25	The record	-5.75	536.50	1.25	-4.50
JUL 2021	530.00	524.00	The record	-6.00	525.25	1.25	-4.75
SEP 2021	491.00	489.75	The record	-1.25	491.75	2.00	0.75
DEC 2021	475.00	473.50	The record	-1.50	475.75	2.25	0.75

FarmProgress - Corn prices swung nearly 2% lower Wednesday on a round of technical selling and profit-taking as traders took the opportunity to unwind a portion of their significant net long position. March futures dropped 10.75 cents to \$5.50, with May futures losing 10.5 cents to \$5.3450. Corn basis bids dropped 3 to 5 cents lower at two ethanol plants and firmed 3 cents at two other Midwestern locations while holding steady elsewhere across the central U.S. today.

Ahead of Thursday morning's weekly export report from USDA, analysts think the agency will show corn sales ranging between 17.7 million and 41.3 million bushels for the week ending February 25. Actuals will need to make it to the middle of trade estimates to surpass the prior week's tally of 23.5 million bushels. Per the latest data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, out earlier today, weekly ethanol production improved 29% to a daily average of 849,000 barrels, but that's still well below normal totals over the past several months. Production was disrupted by bitterly cold weather in mid-February and has yet to truly rebound. Ethanol stocks retreated to a 12-week low, meantime.

Brazil's second corn crop has seen significant delays in planting due to rainy weather impacting the country's soybean harvest. That means more and more of this season's safrinha crop will be planted outside of the ideal window. Analysis suggests total corn acres for the 2020/21 season could be around 46.2 million acres.

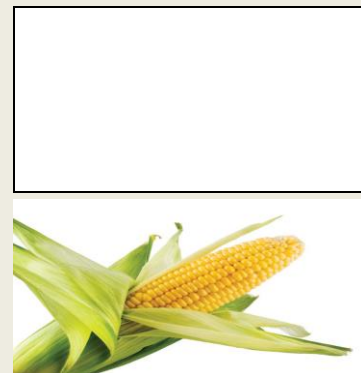
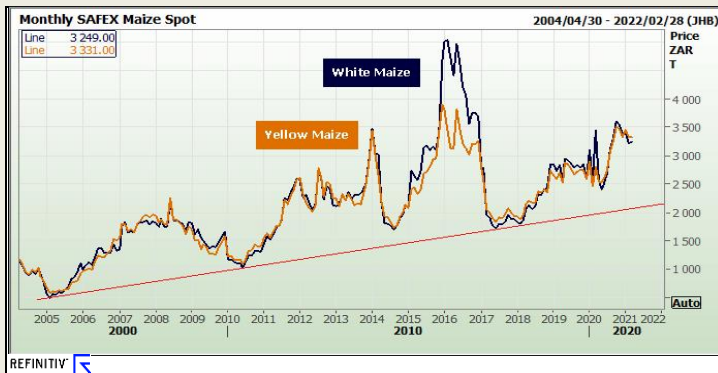
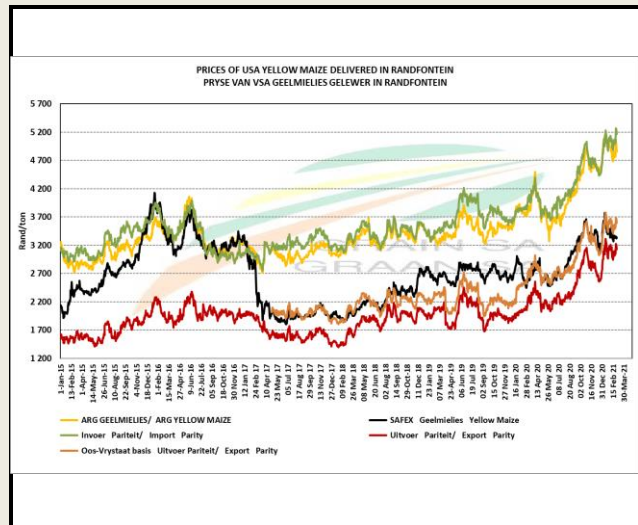
Algeria issued an international tender to purchase 1.2 million bushels of corn from optional origins, which closes tomorrow. The grain is for shipment by April 15.



### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Mar 2021	R 3 249.00	35.25%	R -12.68	R 3 236.32
May 2021	R 3 143.00	31.5%	R 18.41	R 3 161.41
Jul 2021	R 3 105.00	22.5%	R 16.01	R 3 121.01
Sep 2021	R 3 160.00	26%	R 45.44	R 3 205.44
Dec 2021	R 3 244.00	25.5%	R 44.10	R 3 288.10
Mar 2022	R 3 240.00	24%		R 3 240.00
May 2022				
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Mar 2021	R 3 331.00	31.25%	R -12.68	R 3 318.32
May 2021	R 3 252.00	23%	R 18.41	R 3 270.41
Jul 2021	R 3 217.00	20%	R 16.01	R 3 233.01
Sep 2021	R 3 274.00	19%	R 45.44	R 3 319.44
Dec 2021	R 3 343.00	21%	R 44.10	R 3 387.10
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 R11.00 up and Mar'21 YMAZ closed R1.00 higher. The May'21 WMAZ closed lower by R8.00 and May'21 YMAZ ended R11.00 down. The parity move for the Mar'21 Maize contract for yesterday was R10.00 negative.



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## Wheat Market

### Chicago Board of Trade and Kansas Board of Trade

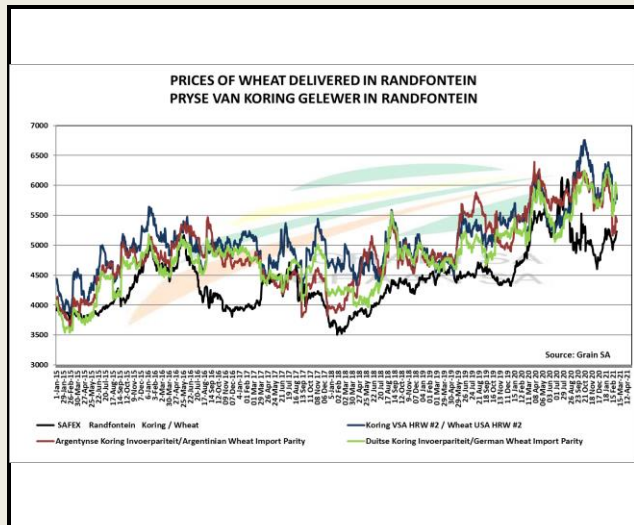
CBOT Wheat							KBOT Wheat								
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
MAR 2021	658.00	652.00	The record d	-6.00	0.00	-652.00	-658.00	MAR 2011	624.75	617.50	The record	-7.25	0.00	-617.50	-624.75
MAY 2021	662.00	656.00	The record d	-6.00	657.75	1.75	-4.25	MAY 2011	634.00	626.00	The record	-8.00	627.75	1.75	-6.25
JUL 2021	652.00	646.50	The record d	-5.50	648.00	1.50	-4.00	JUL 2011	639.00	631.00	The record	-8.00	633.50	2.50	-5.50
SEP 2021	647.00	644.50	The record d	-2.50	646.00	1.50	-1.00	SEP 2011	644.00	636.25	The record	-7.75	638.50	2.25	-5.50
DEC 2021	651.00	649.50	The record d	-1.50	529.00	-120.50	-122.00	DEC 2011	649.00	644.25	The record	-4.75	644.50	0.25	-4.50



FarmProgress - Wheat prices faced significant cuts yesterday on a round of technical selling spurred by losses in other commodities, and with export sales facing a recent downward trend. May Chicago SRW futures fell 11.5 cents to \$6.5475, May Kansas City HRW futures dropped 9.5 cents to \$6.2575, and May MGEX spring wheat futures lost 3.5 cents to \$6.4175. Ahead of Thursday morning's weekly export report from USDA, analysts expect the agency to show wheat sales ranging between 3.7 million and 22.9 million bushels for the week ending February 25. The prior week's volume of old crop sales stumbled to a marketing-year low of 6.2 million bushels. Ukraine's wheat exports for the 2020/21 marketing year have reached 506 million bushels, per the country's economy ministry. Total grain exports are down more than 21% this year after Ukraine failed to match 2019's record-breaking harvest last fall. Japan purchased 3.0 million bushels of food-quality wheat from the United States and Canada in a regular tender that closed earlier today. Roughly two-thirds of the total was sourced from the U.S. The grain is for shipment between April 21 and May 20. Jordan passed on all offers for its international tender to purchase 4.4 million bushels of milling wheat from optional origins that closed earlier today. No reason was given, but prices were likely regarded as too high.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Mar 2021	R 5 218.00	11%	R -3 597.76	R 1 620.24
May 2021	R 5 280.00	9.5%	R 28.00	R 5 308.00
Jul 2021	R 5 322.00	10%	R 28.61	R 5 350.61
Sep 2021	R 5 050.00	0%	R 44.85	R 5 094.85
Dec 2021	R 4 933.00	0%	R -625.85	R 4 307.15
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 lower yesterday. The Mar'21 Wheat contract closed R9.00 down and May'21 Wheat closed R6.00 lower. The parity move for the Mar'21 Wheat contract for yesterday was R1.00 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	1416.00	1410.75	The record	-5.25	902.00	-508.75	-514.00
MAY 2021	1413.00	1407.50	The record	-5.50	1412.25	4.75	-0.75
JUL 2021	1398.00	1391.50	The record	-6.50	1395.50	4.00	-2.50
AUG 2021	1350.00	1348.00	The record	-2.00	1350.50	2.50	0.50
SEP 2021	1270.00	1269.00	The record	-1.00	1273.00	4.00	3.00

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2011	420.2	0.00
MAY 2011	418.8	419.20
JUL 2011	417.3	417.60
AUG 2011	406.6	407.30
SEP 2011	393.8	394.40

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2011	51.35	0.00
MAY 2011	49.78	50.11
JUL 2011	48.79	49.10
AUG 2011	47.62	47.95
SEP 2011	46.36	46.69



FarmProgress - Soybean prices faced modest losses Wednesday from spillover weakness in crumbling corn and wheat prices, and with analysts expecting another lackluster round of export sales in USDA's next weekly report, out early tomorrow morning. Expectations for a record-breaking harvest in Brazil applied additional downward pressure today. March futures dropped 3.5 cents to \$14.1050, with May futures down 5.25 cents to \$14.0725.

Soybean basis bids were largely steady across the central U.S. Wednesday but did tilt 5 cents higher at a Nebraska processor while sliding a penny lower at an Ohio elevator today.

Ahead of tomorrow morning's weekly export report from USDA, analysts expect the agency to show soybean sales ranging between 3.7 million and 29.4 million bushels for the week ending February 25, expressing some confidence that volume will surpass the prior week's tepid tally of 8.8 million bushels. Preliminary volume estimates were for 148,592 contracts, sliding 19% below Tuesday's final count of 183,707.

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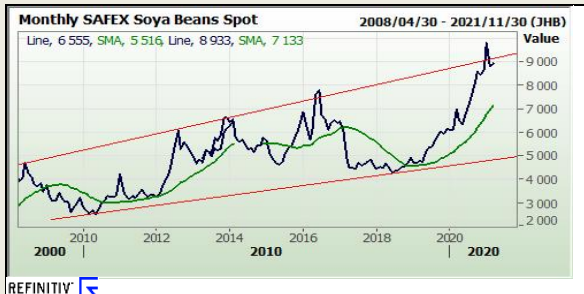
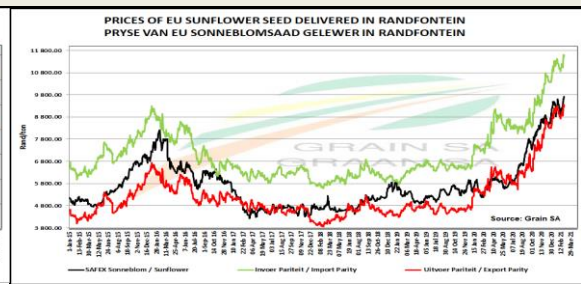
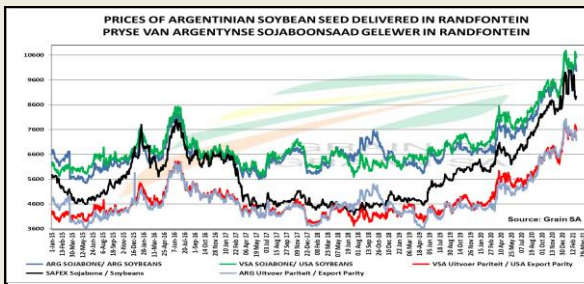
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Mar 2021	R 8 933.00	17%	#####	R 6 192.85
May 2021	R 7 712.00	21%	R 105.91	R 7 817.91
Jul 2021	R 7 820.00	21.5%	R 95.04	R 7 915.04
Sep 2021	R 7 930.00	0%	R 115.57	R 8 045.57
Dec 2021	R 8 020.00	0%		R 8 020.00
Mar 2022				
May 2022				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Mar 2021	R 9 734.00	18%
May 2021	R 8 793.00	22%
Jul 2021	R 8 837.00	21%
Sep 2021	R 8 880.00	0%
Dec 2021		
Mar 2022		
May 2022		



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The Mar'21 Soya contract ended R1.00 down and May'21 Soya closed R7.00 lower. The parity move for the Mar'21 Soya contract for yesterday was R126.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The Mar'21 Suns contract closed R16.00 up and May'21 Suns closed R20.00 higher.



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