



# **Fundamental Report**

## **16 April 2021**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

| Currency           | Bid - Yesterday 12pm | Current Bid | Value Change | % Change |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| USDollar/Rand      | 14.3015              | 14.2017     | -0.0998      | -0.70%   |
| Euro/Rand          | 17.1292              | 16.9744     | -0.1548      | -0.90%   |
| GBPound/Rand       | 19.7098              | 19.5345     | -0.1753      | -0.89%   |
| AusDollar/Rand     | 11.0837              | 10.9779     | -0.1058      | -0.95%   |
| Euro/USDollar      | 1.1978               | 1.1952      | -0.0026      | -0.22%   |
| GBPound/USDollar   | 1.3787               | 1.3754      | -0.0033      | -0.24%   |
| AusDollar/USDollar | 0.7750               | 0.7730      | -0.0020      | -0.26%   |
| JpyYen/USDollar    | 108.7600             | 108.8500    | 0.0900       | 0.08%    |

BDLive - Banks gained the most on the JSE on Thursday, with the local bourse closing at its highest level since March 12 as investors digested both upbeat and cautious comments by US Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell.

Banks received a boost from the rand, which reached its best level to the dollar since January 2020. Absa led the gains, rising the most in just over two weeks, up 3.71% to R127.56. FirstRand added 2.33% to R52.30, Nedbank 2.18% to R147.25, Capitec 2% to R1,400 and Standard Bank 2.47% to R122.81. World stocks were on course to extend a five-day run of record highs on Thursday, while bitcoin took a breather after its latest surge and Russia's markets tumbled at the prospect of the harshest US sanctions in years.

For traders, it was hard keeping up. Europe's Stoxx 600 opened with a new all-time high as a flurry of positive earnings offset growing worries about a third wave of Covid-19 infections in the region.

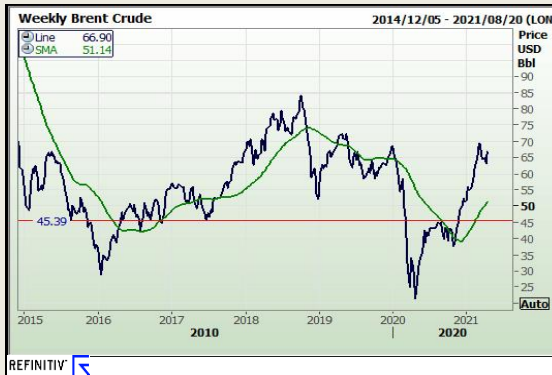


### Commodities

|           | Last    | Value Change | % Change |
|-----------|---------|--------------|----------|
| Platinum  | 1194.02 | 1.12         | 0.09%    |
| Gold      | 1760.25 | -2.96        | -0.17%   |
| Silver    | 25.74   | -0.12        | -0.47%   |
| Copper    | 4.20    | -0.02        | -0.37%   |
| Gasoil    | 533.25  | 3.25         | 0.61%    |
| Brent Oil | 66.90   | -0.04        | -0.06%   |

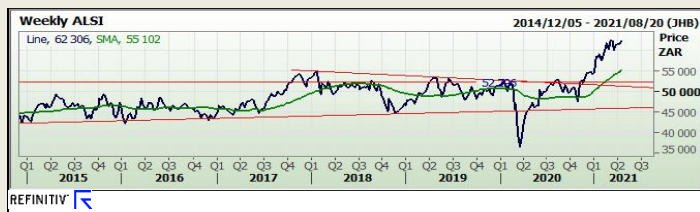
BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices edged higher on Thursday buoyed by a weaker dollar, while investors awaited US weekly jobless claims and March retail sales data for further clarity on the recovery in the world's largest economy. Spot gold rose 0.1% to \$1,738.38/oz at 3.32am GMT. US gold futures were up 0.2% at \$1,739.20/oz. "A weaker dollar after the Fed speech and the central bank's willingness to tolerate more inflation is keeping gold supported," said Yingtao Jin, an analyst at StoneX Group. "Slightly higher yields this morning and investors shifting positions to digital currencies after bitcoin hit a record high on Wednesday, are exerting downward pressure on the metal."

The dollar held near a three-week low against rival currencies, while benchmark US treasury yields ticked up after hitting a three-week low on Wednesday. A weaker dollar makes gold cheaper for buyers outside the US, but rising yields increase the opportunity cost of holding the metal that pays no returns.



### Financials

|            | Current Bid | Value Change | % Change |
|------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| JSE TOP 40 | 62084.39    | -4.37        | -0.01%   |
| ALSI       | 62238.00    | 0.00         | 0.00%    |
| S&P 500    | 4124.66     | 45.76        | 1.11%    |
| FTSE       | 6939.58     | 43.92        | 0.63%    |
| CAC        | 6234.14     | 0.00         | 0.00%    |
| DAX        | 15209.15    | 46.18        | 0.30%    |
| Hang Seng  | 28793.14    | -43.64       | -0.15%   |



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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 |
|----------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| MAY 2021 | 600.00         | 590.00             | The record          | -10.00                        | 590.50            | 0.50                               | -9.50                      |
| JUL 2021 | 585.00         | 576.75             | The record          | -8.25                         | 577.50            | 0.75                               | -7.50                      |
| SEP 2021 | 533.00         | 530.50             | The record          | -2.50                         | 531.50            | 1.00                               | -1.50                      |
| DEC 2021 | 516.00         | 512.25             | The record          | -3.75                         | 514.00            | 1.75                               | -2.00                      |
| MAR 2022 | 523.00         | 519.25             | The record          | -3.75                         | 520.75            | 1.50                               | -2.25                      |

FarmFutures - Corn prices tested moderate gains in overnight trading, even nearby contracts briefly cresting above \$6 per barrel, before a lackluster round of export data from USDA triggered some technical selling. Prices ultimately moved about 0.5% lower today. May futures dropped 3.75 cents to \$5.9025, with July futures falling 2.5 cents to \$5.77.

Corn basis bids fell 1 to 3 cents lower at two interior river terminals but otherwise held steady elsewhere across the central U.S. Thursday.

Corn exports saw old crop sales fall 81% below the prior four-week average to 12.9 million bushels. New crop sales added another 2.1 million bushels for a total tally of 15.0 million bushels. That was below the entire range of trade guesses, which came in between 19.7 million and 47.2 million bushels. Despite another disappointing week, overall sales for the 2020/21 marketing year remain strong, staying well ahead of last year's pace at 1.488 billion bushels.

Corn export shipments slipped 12% below the prior four-week average to 71.5 million bushels. China led all destinations, with 20.5 million bushels. South Korean buyers have purchased 2.6 million bushels of corn from the United States in a private deal that closed earlier this week. The grain is for arrival by June 5.

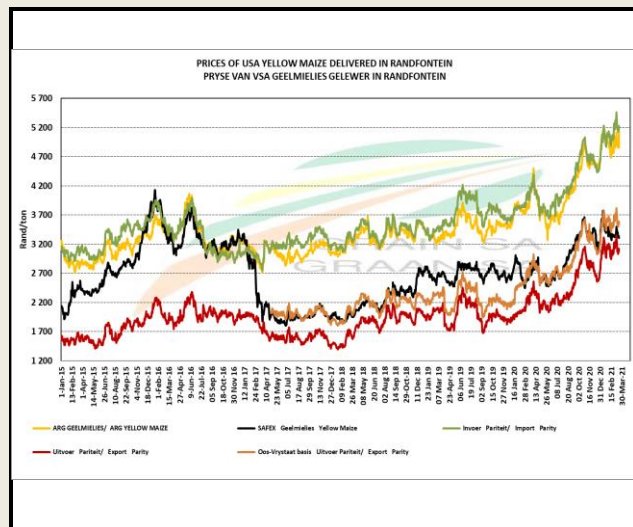
Preliminary volume estimates were for 381,173 contracts, which moderately trailed Wednesday's final count of 469,911.



### South African Futures Exchange

|                            | MTM        | Volatility | Parity Change | Parity Price |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>White Maize Future</b>  |            |            |               |              |
| Mar 2021                   |            |            |               |              |
| May 2021                   | R 3 120.00 | 31.5%      | R -76.69      | R 3 043.31   |
| Jul 2021                   | R 3 153.00 | 24%        | R -64.92      | R 3 088.08   |
| Sep 2021                   | R 3 207.00 | 26%        | R -29.33      | R 3 177.67   |
| Dec 2021                   | R 3 287.00 | 25.5%      | R -31.46      | R 3 255.54   |
| Mar 2022                   | R 3 297.00 | 24%        | R -33.13      | R 3 263.87   |
| May 2022                   |            |            |               |              |
| <b>Yellow Maize Future</b> |            |            |               |              |
| Mar 2021                   |            |            |               |              |
| May 2021                   | R 3 267.00 | 23%        | R -76.69      | R 3 190.31   |
| Jul 2021                   | R 3 274.00 | 20.25%     | R -64.92      | R 3 209.08   |
| Sep 2021                   | R 3 328.00 | 19%        | R -29.33      | R 3 298.67   |
| Dec 2021                   | R 3 397.00 | 21%        | R -31.46      | R 3 365.54   |
| Mar 2022                   | R 3 391.00 | 19%        | R -33.13      | R 3 357.87   |
| May 2022                   | R 3 180.00 | 0%         |               | R 3 180.00   |

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The May'21 WMAZ contract ended R23.00 down and May'21 YMAZ closed R30.00 lower. The Jul'21 WMAZ closed lower by R24.00 and Jul'21 YMAZ ended R25.00 down. The parity move for the May'21 Maize contract for yesterday was R72.00 negative.



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## Wheat Market

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

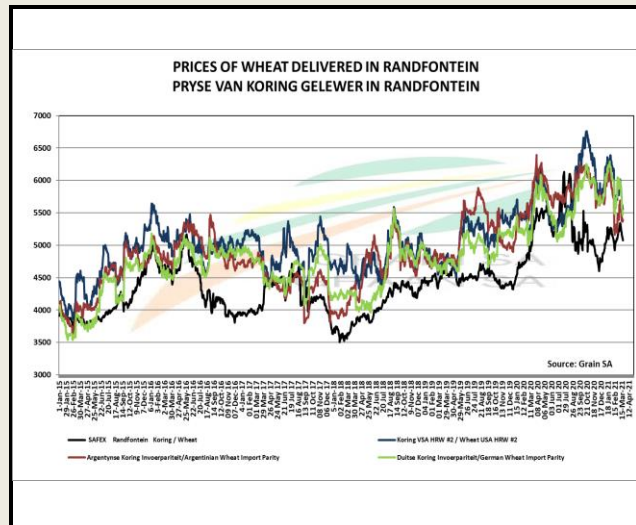
| CBOT Wheat |                |                    |                     |                               |                   |                                    |                            | KBOT Wheat |                |                    |                     |                               |                   |                                    |                            |
|------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 |
| MAY 2021   | 654.00         | 653.75             | The record d        | -0.25                         | 654.75            | 1.00                               | 0.75                       | MAY 2011   | 609.00         | 607.75             | The record          | -1.25                         | 606.50            | -1.25                              | -2.50                      |
| JUL 2021   | 656.00         | 655.50             | The record d        | -0.50                         | 655.75            | 0.25                               | -0.25                      | JUL 2011   | 617.00         | 615.25             | The record          | -1.75                         | 613.75            | -1.50                              | -3.25                      |
| SEP 2021   | 657.00         | 657.00             | The record d        | 0.00                          | 657.00            | 0.00                               | 0.00                       | SEP 2011   | 622.00         | 620.50             | The record          | -1.50                         | 618.75            | -1.75                              | -3.25                      |
| DEC 2021   | 663.00         | 661.75             | The record d        | -1.25                         | 661.50            | -0.25                              | -1.50                      | DEC 2011   | 631.00         | 628.50             | The record          | -2.50                         | 627.25            | -1.25                              | -3.75                      |
| MAR 2022   | 667.00         | 666.00             | The record d        | -1.00                         | 529.00            | -137.00                            | -138.00                    | MAR 2012   | 638.00         | 635.50             | The record          | -2.50                         | 634.50            | -1.00                              | -3.50                      |



FarmFutures - Wheat prices moved modestly higher after a choppy session Thursday, as traders mostly shrugged off a lackluster round of export data from USDA this morning. Worries over widespread frost in Europe and less-than-ideal conditions in the U.S. Plains have kept prices mostly firm in recent sessions. Today, May Chicago SRW futures gained 4.5 cents to \$6.5250, May Kansas City HRW futures picked up 4.5 cents to \$6.08, and May MGEX spring wheat futures added a penny to reach \$6.62. Old crop wheat sales spilled noticeably below the prior four-week average to a new marketing-year low of a net reduction of 2.1 million bushels. New crop sales found 10.1 million bushels, for a balance of 8.0 million bushels. That was below the range of trade guesses, which came in between 12.9 million and 27.6 million bushels. Cumulative sales for the 2020/21 marketing year have slipped slightly below last year's pace, with 763.8 million bushels. Wheat export shipments dipped 16% below the prior four-week average, to 17.2 million bushels. The Philippines led all destinations, with just under 4.0 million bushels. Consultancy Strategie Grains slightly raised its estimates for European Union 2020/21 soft wheat exports to 933.3 million bushels, failing to cite a reason for the change. Preliminary volume estimates were for 166,277 CBOT contracts, falling moderately below Wednesday's final count of 257,424.

### South African Futures Exchange

|                            | MTM        | Volatility | Parity Change | Parity Price |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Bread Milling Wheat</b> |            |            |               |              |
| Mar 2021                   |            |            |               |              |
| May 2021                   | R 4 810.00 | 9.5%       | R -20.07      | R 4 789.93   |
| Jul 2021                   | R 4 854.00 | 10%        | R -25.36      | R 4 828.64   |
| Sep 2021                   | R 4 760.00 | 0%         | R -24.09      | R 4 735.91   |
| Dec 2021                   | R 4 752.00 | 0%         | R -32.14      | R 4 719.86   |
| 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 May'21 Wheat contract closed R27.00 down and Jul'21 Wheat closed R26.00 lower. The parity move for the May'21 Wheat contract for yesterday was R22.00 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 |
| MAY 2021          | 1419.00        | 1418.25            | The record          | -0.75                         | 902.00            | -516.25                            | -517.00                    |
| JUL 2021          | 1411.00        | 1411.00            | The record          | 0.00                          | 1416.00           | 5.00                               | 5.00                       |
| AUG 2021          | 1372.00        | 1372.50            | The record          | 0.50                          | 1375.75           | 3.25                               | 3.75                       |
| SEP 2021          | 1302.00        | 1303.25            | The record          | 1.25                          | 1306.25           | 3.00                               | 4.25                       |
| NOV 2021          | 1270.00        | 1269.00            | The record          | -1.00                         | 1272.75           | 3.75                               | 2.75                       |

| CBOT Soybean Meal |                    |                   |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Month             | Main Session Close | Current Overnight |
| MAY 2011          | 401.9              | 402.10            |
| JUL 2011          | 406.5              | 406.60            |
| AUG 2011          | 403.1              | 402.90            |
| SEP 2011          | 398                | 397.40            |
| OCT 2011          | 392.5              | 392.10            |

| CBOT Soybean Oil |                    |                   |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Month            | Main Session Close | Current Overnight |
| MAY 2011         | 54.89              | 55.30             |
| JUL 2011         | 52.87              | 53.26             |
| AUG 2011         | 50.73              | 51.01             |
| SEP 2011         | 49.1               | 49.26             |
| OCT 2011         | 47.89              | 48.01             |



FarmFutures - Soybean prices survived a semi-choppy session with gains of around 0.5%, reaching one-week highs in the process. Traders are still watching U.S. planting trends closely, as well as the Brazilian harvest. Today, May and July futures each added 7.25 cents to close at \$14.1725 and \$14.0950, respectively.

Soybean basis bids were steady to firm Thursday, moving 3 to 10 cents higher at three Midwestern locations today.

Soybean export sales saw old crop sales reaching only 3.3 million bushels last week, falling 14% below the prior four-week average. New crop sales added 9.8 million bushels for a total haul of 13.1 million bushels. Analysts were unsure overall about how sales would track this week, with trade guesses ranging from net reductions of 3.7 million bushels to a surplus of 25.7 million bushels. Cumulative totals for the 2020/21 marketing year are still nearly doubling last year's pace, with 2.039 billion bushels.

Soybean export shipments also slipped 10% beneath the prior four-week average, to 15.2 million bushels. Preliminary volume estimates were for 185,468 contracts, spilling moderately below Wednesday's final count of 223,052.

### South African Futures Exchange

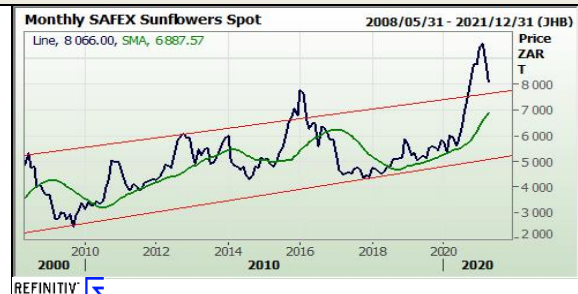
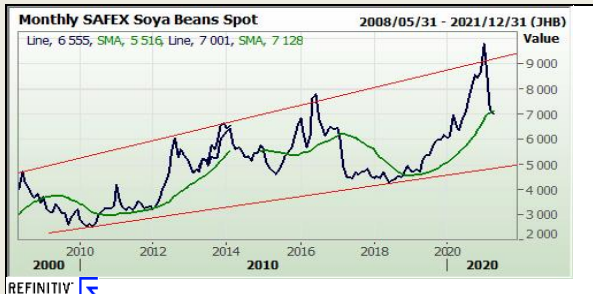
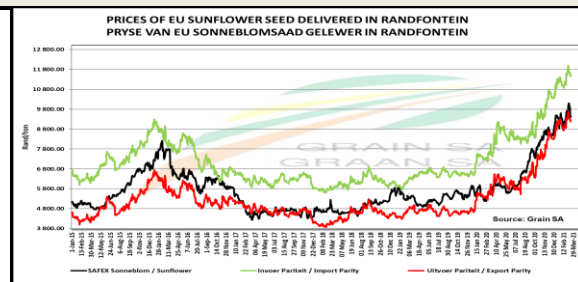
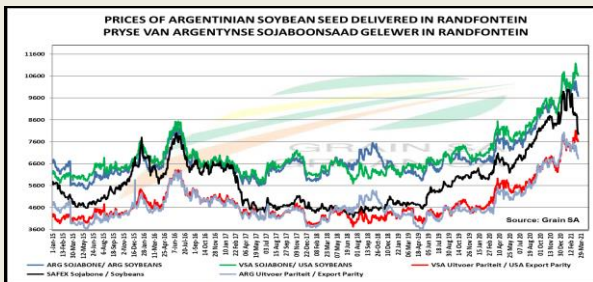
| Soybean Future |            |       |               |              |
|----------------|------------|-------|---------------|--------------|
|                | MTM        | Vols  | Parity Change | Market Price |
| Mar 2021       |            |       |               |              |
| May 2021       | R 7 033.00 | 21%   | R -2 749.86   | R 4 283.14   |
| Jul 2021       | R 7 137.00 | 21.5% | R -25.65      | R 7 111.35   |
| Sep 2021       | R 7 235.00 | 16.5% | R -25.57      | R 7 209.43   |
| Dec 2021       | R 7 334.00 | 19.5% |               | R 7 334.00   |
| Mar 2022       | R 7 365.00 | 0%    |               | R 7 365.00   |
| May 2022       |            |       |               |              |

| Sunflower Seeds Future |            |      |
|------------------------|------------|------|
|                        | MTM        | Vols |
| Mar 2021               |            |      |
| May 2021               | R 8 111.00 | 22%  |
| Jul 2021               | R 8 235.00 | 21%  |
| Sep 2021               | R 8 339.00 | 0%   |
| Dec 2021               | R 8 494.00 | 0%   |
| Mar 2022               |            |      |
| May 2022               |            |      |



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The May'21 Soya contract ended R74.00 down and Jul'21 Soya closed R74.00 lower. The parity move for the May'21 Soya contract for yesterday was R26.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The May'21 Suns contract closed R140.00 down and Jul'21 Suns closed R129.00 lower.



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