



# **Fundamental Report**

## **02 October 2023**

## Financial Markets

### Financials

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	18.7785	18.9448	0.1663	0.89%
Euro/Rand	19.9317	20.0149	0.0832	0.42%
GBPound/Rand	23.0180	23.0758	0.0578	0.25%
AusDollar/Rand	12.1929	12.1190	-0.0739	-0.61%
Euro/USDollar	1.0612	1.0563	-0.0049	-0.46%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2260	1.2180	-0.0080	-0.65%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6493	0.6397	-0.0096	-1.48%
JpyYen/USDollar	149.0500	149.6700	0.6200	0.42%

BDLive - SA's long-term government bond yield touched its highest level since the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic, heaping pressure on the Treasury to come up with a credible plan to make up for the mismatch between spending and revenue in November's medium-term budget policy statement.

SA's 20-year government bond yield, which moves inversely to the price, hit 12.95% compared with the 13.3% it reached in March 2020 when governments worldwide were trawling their coffers to provide a soft landing for citizens and businesses hit by lockdown restrictions. "It hasn't been a great year for bonds for a few reasons, but the biggest has probably been persistent load-shedding," said Sanlam Investments fixed-income portfolio manager James Turp. "We've seen fiscal deterioration as load-shedding went up, with warnings of stage 7 adding to other structural challenges the country faces." Bronwyn Blood, investment portfolio manager at Granite Asset Management, said the local bond market has been under a lot of pressure, mainly as a result of fiscal issues such as revenue disappointing and as Eskom and other underperforming state-owned enterprises (SOEs) affect growth. Adding to this is widespread risk-off sentiment on emerging markets.



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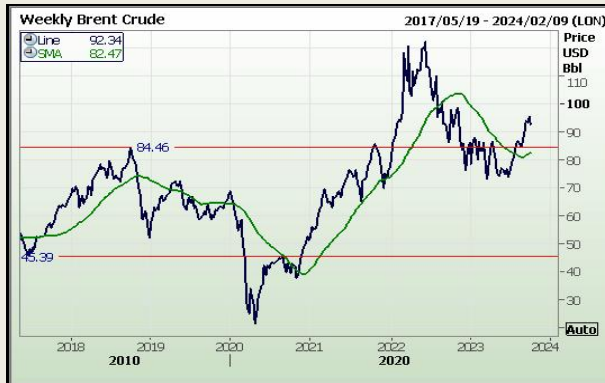
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### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	900.84	-3.62	-0.40%
Gold	1842.16	-6.15	-0.33%
Silver	21.74	-0.42	-1.92%
Copper	3.73	-0.01	-0.28%
Gasoil	994.50	-7.00	-0.70%
Brent Oil	92.33	0.13	0.14%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold extended its losses on Monday for the sixth consecutive session to hit a near seven-month low, as the dollar stayed strong, with traders digesting a key US inflation report as they positioned for a slew of job market data due this week.

Spot gold was down 0.3% to \$1,843.67 per ounce by 3.25am GMT (5.25am), its lowest level since March 10. US gold futures shed 0.3% to \$1,859.70. Last week, the bullion posted its biggest weekly decline since June 2021 to end the third quarter 3.7% lower. "The data out of the US is getting softer and the US Federal Reserve's squeeze is starting to show up in more and more places," said Ilya Spivak, head of global macro at TastyLive. "If the data starts looking weak this week, gold might find an attempt to carve out a bottom." The dollar held near a 10-month high, while Treasury yields were off a 16-year peak. Underlying US inflation moderated in August, data on Friday showed, with the core personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index, a measure of inflation closely watched by the Federal Reserve, now averaging near its 2% target for the last three months.



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	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	66500.11	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	66629.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	Access Den	Access Den	
FTSE	7601.85	6.23	0.08%
CAC	7135.06	0.00	0.00%
DAX	15386.58	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	17373.03	436.63	2.51%



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## Corn / Maize Market

### Chicago Board of Trade

Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change from 12pm
DEC 2023	489.50	476.75	-12.75
MAR 2024	504.25	491.75	-12.50
MAY 2024	504.75	500.50	-4.25
JUL 2024	508.25	505.50	-2.75
SEP 2024	507.75	503.25	-4.50

Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
479.25	2.50	-10.25
494.25	2.50	-10.00
503.00	2.50	-1.75
508.00	2.50	-0.25
504.50	1.25	-3.25

FarmProgress - Corn prices had the opportunity to move higher on Friday after Mexico announced a large flash sale this morning, and after USDA showed lower-than-expected quarterly stocks. However, spillover weakness from a broad set of other commodities triggered a round of technical selling that led to noticeable losses. December futures fell 12.5 cents to \$4.76, with March futures down 12 cents to \$5.0325.

Corn basis bids were steady to mixed after tracking 2 cents higher at an Iowa processor while eroding 2 to 20 cents lower at two other Midwestern locations on Friday. Private exporters announced to USDA the sale of 8.8 million bushels of corn for delivery to Mexico during the 2023/24 marketing year, which began September 1. Old crop corn stocks as of September 1, 2023, were at 1.36 billion bushels, inching 1% lower year-over-year. That was below the average analyst estimate of 1.429 billion bushels but still within the range of trade guesses, which came in between 1.320 billion and 1.487 billion bushels. Of that total, on-farm stocks increased 19% to 605 million bushels, while off-farm stocks decreased by 13% to 756 million bushels. Disappearance between June and August totaled 2.75 billion bushels, versus 2.97 billion bushels over the same period in 2022. According to Indiana farmer Kyle Stackhouse, wet corn is causing trouble for his grain-marketing plan because it's more of a challenge to capture quick ship market premiums this fall. "Offers can be here one minute and gone the next," he says. "Most of the time you have between a one and two week window to deliver the grain. This fall there were opportunities to sell corn in September for a dollar more than October. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to get in on that deal because we just didn't have corn that was ready." Learn more in Stackhouse's latest Between the Fencerows column. France's 2023 corn harvest is now 11% complete through September 25, up from 6% a week ago, per the latest data from the country's FranceAgriMer farm office. That's far behind last year's pace of 48% and also noticeably below the prior five-year average of 21%. France is Europe's No. 1 grain producer.

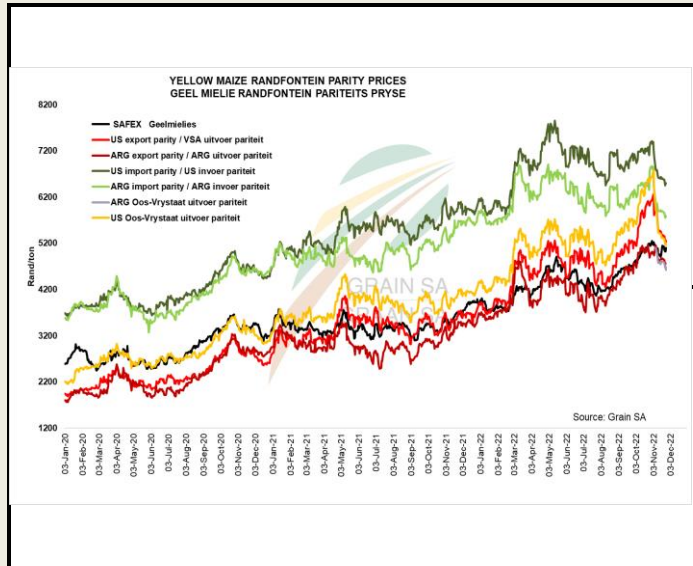


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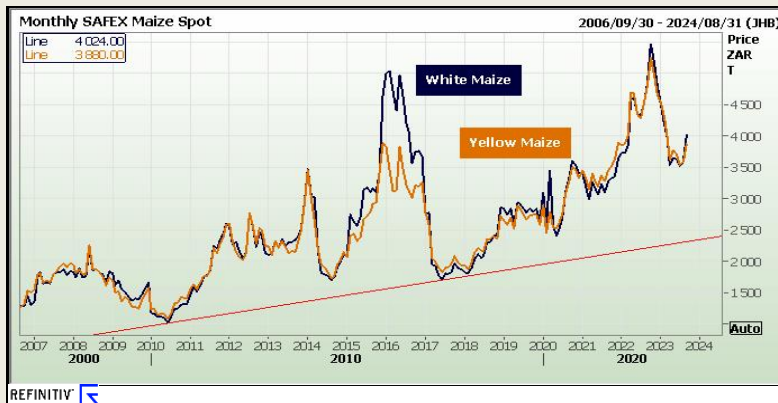
### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2023	R 4,111.00	22%	R -44.40	R 4,066.60
Mar 2024	R 4,130.00	25.75%	R -41.57	R 4,088.43
May 2024	R 4,044.00	0%	R 19.99	R 4,063.99
Jul 2024	R 4,034.00	25.5%	R 31.41	R 4,065.41
Sep 2024				
Dec 2024	R 4,157.00	0%		R 4,157.00
Mar 2025				
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2023	R 3,996.00	23.5%	R -44.40	R 3,951.60
Mar 2024	R 4,040.00	23%	R -41.57	R 3,998.43
May 2024	R 3,910.00	0%	R 19.99	R 3,929.99
Jul 2024	R 3,968.00	20.25%	R 31.41	R 3,999.41
Sep 2024				
Dec 2024	R 4,139.00	22.5%		R 4,139.00
Mar 2025				

The local Maize market traded higher on Friday. The Dec23 White Maize contract ended R60.00 up and Dec23 Yellow Maize closed R27.00 higher. The Mar24 White Maize closed higher by R58.00 and Mar24 Yellow Maize ended R29.00 up. The parity move for the Dec23 Maize contract for Friday was R5.00 negative.



Source: Grain SA



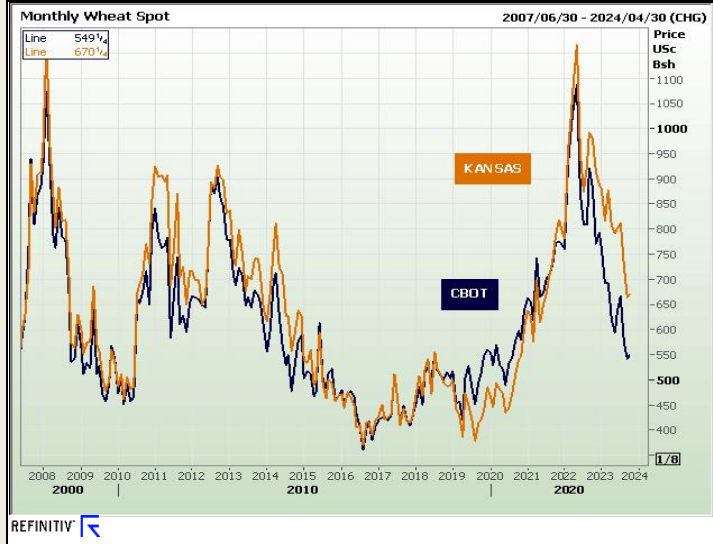
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## Wheat Market

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

CBOT Wheat							KBOT Wheat						
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm	Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
DEC 2023	584.50	541.50	-43.00	549.25	7.75	-35.25	DEC 2013	690.50	663.75	-26.75	670.25	6.50	-20.25
MAR 2024	612.50	573.50	-39.00	581.75	8.25	-30.75	MAR 2014	697.50	672.25	-25.25	679.75	7.50	-17.75
MAY 2024	630.75	594.75	-36.00	601.75	7.00	-29.00	MAY 2014	724.75	678.75	-46.00	685.75	7.00	-39.00
JUL 2024	642.50	612.25	-30.25	618.25	6.00	-24.25	JUL 2014	727.50	680.50	-47.00	687.25	6.75	-40.25
SEP 2024	655.50	628.75	-26.75	529.00	-99.75	-126.50	SEP 2014	731.25	689.50	-41.75	0.00	-689.50	-731.25



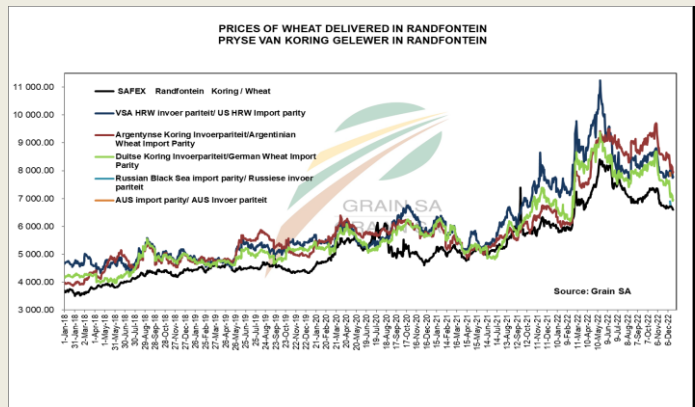
FarmProgress - Wheat prices were crushed after USDA showed all-wheat production that was better than the entire set of analyst estimates. All contracts lost at least 3% on Friday, and some tumbled more than 6% lower. December Chicago SRW futures stumbled 38.25 cents to \$5.4050, December Kansas City HRW futures dropped 23 cents to \$6.62, and December MGEX spring wheat futures fell 38.75 cents to \$7.0825.

Wheat stored in all positions through September 1, 2023, were up slightly from a year ago, with 1.78 billion bushels. That was very close to the average trade guess of 1.772 billion bushels. On-farm storage is up 1% from last September, with 598 million bushels. Off-farm storage is down less than 1% from last year, with 1.18 billion bushels. Disappearance between June and August totaled 614 million bushels, which is 8% higher year-over-year. Meantime, USDA's new all-wheat production estimates came in higher than expected, reaching 1.812 billion bushels. That was above the entire range of trade guesses, which came in between 1.689 billion and 1.757 billion bushels. USDA elected to increase its production estimates for multiple categories, including winter wheat, spring wheat and durum. Ukraine's 2023 wheat harvest has reaped a total production of 815.7 million bushels so far, according to the latest data from the country's agriculture ministry. Ukraine's total grain harvest is expected to make modest year-over-year inroads this season. And finally, if you haven't been to FarmFutures.com in a while, our Friday feature "7 ag stories you can't miss" is one of the easiest ways to quickly catch up on the industry's top headlines. Our latest batch of content includes a major acquisition by Agco, a record-breaking farmland sale in Missouri, a look at the latest ag export trends and more.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Dec 2023	R 6,194.00	13.75%	R -209.66	R 5,984.34
Mar 2024	R 6,338.00	13%	R -176.62	R 6,161.38
May 2024	R 6,418.00	0%	R -163.33	R 6,254.67
Jul 2024	R 6,486.00	0%	R -129.54	R 6,356.46
Sep 2024	R 6,484.00	0%	R -840.51	R 5,643.49
Dec 2024				
Mar 2025				

The local Wheat market closed lower on Friday. The Dec23 Wheat contract closed R75.00 down and Mar24 Wheat closed R74.00 lower. The parity move for the Dec23 Wheat contract for Friday was R46.00 negative.



# Oil Seed Market

## Chicago Board of Trade

CBOT Soybean Seed						
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
NOV 2023	1303.75	1275.00	-28.75	902.00	-373.00	-401.75
JAN 2024	1322.50	1294.50	-28.00	1287.50	-7.00	-35.00
MAR 2024	1340.00	1310.25	-29.75	1303.50	-6.75	-36.50
MAY 2024	1340.25	1322.00	-18.25	1316.50	-5.50	-23.75
JUL 2024	1350.50	1327.25	-23.25	1321.75	-5.50	-28.75

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
OCT 2013	375.9	378.00
DEC 2013	381.2	380.20
JAN 2014	379.4	378.40
MAR 2014	375	373.70
MAY 2014	373.1	371.80

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
OCT 2013	57.44	57.29
DEC 2013	55.83	55.78
JAN 2014	55.22	55.18
MAR 2014	54.73	54.60
MAY 2014	54.53	54.44



FarmProgress - Soybean prices faded nearly 2% lower after USDA reported quarterly stocks at 268 million bushels versus trade expectations of 242 million bushels. The ensuing round of technical selling led to double-digit cuts. November futures lost 25.5 cents to \$12.75, with January futures down 24.25 cents to \$12.95.

The rest of the soy complex also faced heavy cuts on Friday. December soybean futures tumbled almost 2.5% lower, while December soyoil futures lost more than 1.75%. Soybean basis bids were steady to mixed after firming 2 cents at an Ohio elevator while dropping 5 cents at two other Midwestern locations on Friday. Old crop soybean supplies as of September 1, 2023, were at 268 million bushels, which was 2% below year-ago volume. On-farm stocks increased 14% from last year, with 72.0 million bushels, while off-farm stocks dropped 7% to 196 million bushels. Analysts were expecting to see a steeper cut, with an average trade guess of 242 million bushels (with a range of 216 million to 270 million bushels).

Disappearance between June and August totaled 528 million bushels, which was down 24% versus the same period in 2022.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 315,647 contracts, tracking moderately above Thursday's final count of 260,367.

## South African Futures Exchange

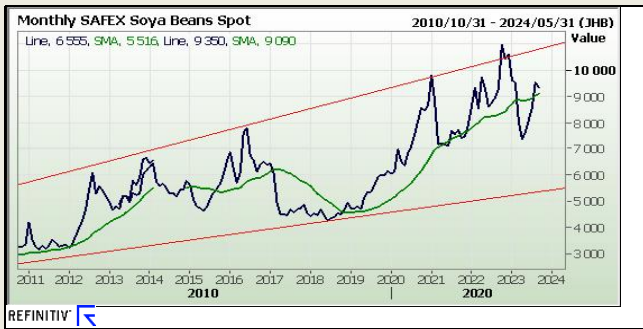
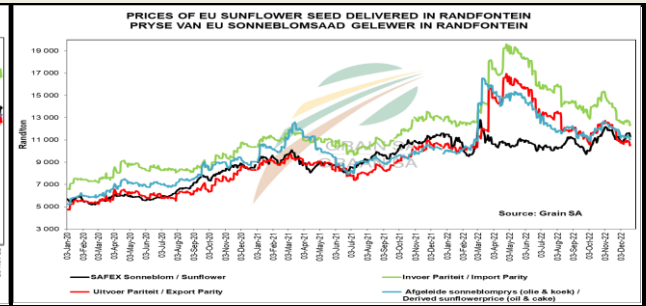
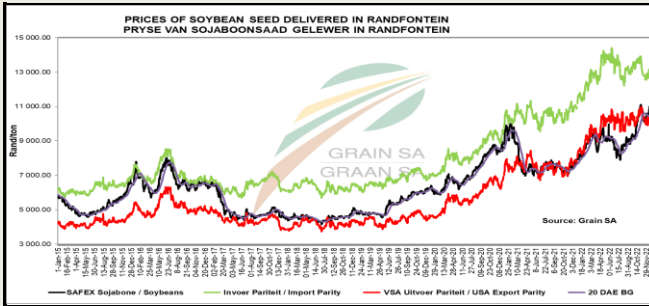
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Dec 2023				
Mar 2024				
May 2024				
Jul 2024				
Sep 2024				
Dec 2024				
Mar 2025				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Dec 2023	R 9,031.00	19.5%
Mar 2024	R 8,990.00	25%
May 2024	R 8,707.00	19%
Jul 2024	R 8,788.00	0%
Sep 2024		
Dec 2024		
Mar 2025		



The local Soya market traded lower on Friday. The Dec23 Soya contract ended R127.00 down and Mar24 Soya closed R128.00 lower. The parity move for the Dec23 Soya contract for Friday was R67.00 negative.

The local Suns market closed lower on Friday. The Dec23 Suns contract closed R62.00 down and Mar24 Suns closed R30.00 lower.



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