



# **Fundamental Report**

## **01 February 2024**

## Financial Markets

### Financials

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	18.7151	18.6594	-0.0557	-0.30%
Euro/Rand	20.2540	20.1792	-0.0748	-0.37%
GBPound/Rand	23.7079	23.6647	-0.0432	-0.18%
AusDollar/Rand	12.3183	12.2274	-0.0909	-0.74%
Euro/USDollar	1.0820	1.0810	-0.0010	-0.09%
GBPound/USDollar	1.2668	1.2678	0.0010	0.08%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6582	0.6553	-0.0029	-0.44%
JpyYen/USDollar	147.7600	146.7700	-0.9900	-0.67%

BDLive - The JSE eased lower in line with its US and European counterparts on Wednesday after weaker than expected monthly US jobs data, with investors firmly focused on the outcome Federal Open Market Committee's (FOMC's) first meeting of the year.

The latest ADP employment report shows private US employers added 107,000 jobs in January, less than the market estimate of 150,000 and below the 158,000 reported in December. SA bonds and equities are set to outperform offshore assets in 2024, with retail stocks, particularly food producers, back in favour with a majority of asset managers expecting the sector to deliver high returns, results from the SA Fund Manager Survey shows.

The shift in sentiment to SA assets came after a year in which the country's equities market recorded net equity outflows of R100bn after foreign investors sold shares in SA Inc.



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### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	917.02	-0.89	-0.10%
Gold	2045.49	8.30	0.41%
Silver	23.00	0.08	0.35%
Copper	3.88	-0.03	-0.70%
Gasoil	856.75	1.75	0.20%
Brent Oil	80.93	0.38	0.47%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices on Wednesday were headed for their first monthly dip in four as investors tempered their bets of swift and deep rate cuts in the US in the light of a resilient economy, and also awaited remarks from the Federal Reserve due later in the day.

Spot gold edged 0.1% lower to \$2,033.28/oz by 3.30am GMT, after touching a two-week high of \$2048.12 in the previous session. Prices have dropped 1.4% so far in January. US gold futures were flat at \$2,032.70.

"Gold's seasonal rally seemed to have arrived early, so it's not too much of a surprise to see it struggle this January ... traders are slowly coming around to a less-dovish Fed than they had hoped for in December," said Matt Simpson, a senior analyst at City Index. Traders are pricing in about 130 basis points (bps) of Fed rate cuts for 2024, down from bets of more than 160bps at the end of 2023, according to LSEG's interest rate probability app IRPR. The chances of a March rate cut have dropped to 44%, from about 90% a month ago.



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	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	68034.46	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	68484.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	Access Den	Access Den	
FTSE	7666.31	-35.74	-0.47%
CAC	7656.75	0.00	0.00%
DAX	16903.76	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	15485.07	209.49	1.35%



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## Corn / Maize Market

### Chicago Board of Trade

Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change from 12pm
MAR 2024	437.75	448.25	10.50
MAY 2024	449.25	458.50	9.25
JUL 2024	465.75	466.50	0.75
SEP 2024	471.50	471.50	0.00
DEC 2024	475.75	480.00	4.25

Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
446.75	-1.50	9.00
457.25	-1.25	8.00
465.50	-1.00	-0.25
470.75	-0.75	-0.75
479.25	-0.75	3.50

FarmProgress - Corn prices overcame modest overnight losses to move fractionally higher on some light technical buying on Wednesday. March futures picked up 0.25 cents to \$4.48, while May futures held steady at \$4.5875.

Corn basis bids were steady to mixed across the central U.S. on Wednesday after trending as much as 8 cents higher at an Ohio river terminal and as much as 5 cents lower at an Illinois ethanol plant.

Ethanol production for the week ending January 26 improved to a daily average of 991,000 barrels, although production missed the 1-million-barrel-per-day benchmark for the second consecutive week, per the latest data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, out earlier today. Ethanol stocks faded 6% lower this past week.

Ahead of Thursday morning's export report from USDA, analysts expect the agency to show combined old and new crop corn sales ranging between 31.5 million and 53.1 million bushels for the week ending January 25. That gives sales a fair chance to surpass the prior week's tally of 39.1 million bushels.

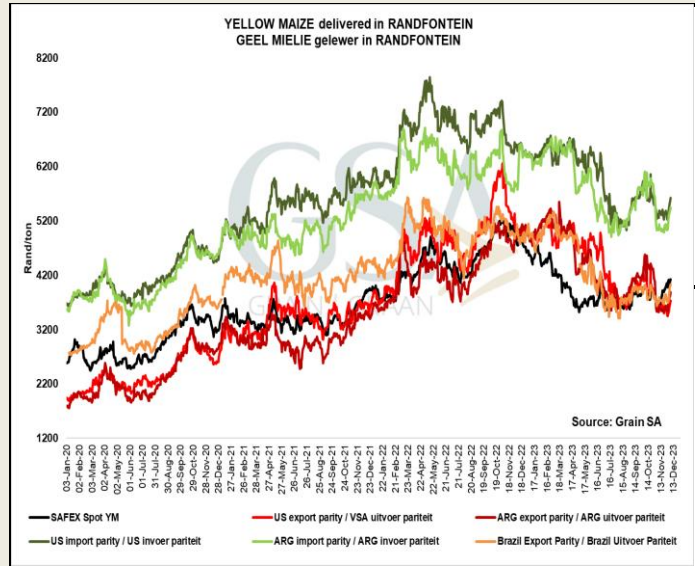


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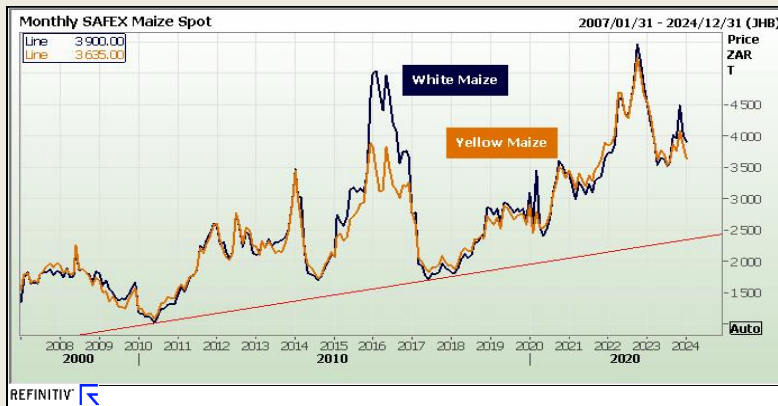
### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2023				
Mar 2024	R 3 832.00	36%	R 56.51	R 3 888.51
May 2024	R 3 763.00	28%	R 48.92	R 3 811.92
Jul 2024	R 3 744.00	23.25%	R -12.05	R 3 731.95
Sep 2024	R 3 810.00	0%	R -15.85	R 3 794.15
Dec 2024	R 3 918.00	20.5%	R 15.28	R 3 933.28
Mar 2025				
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Dec 2023				
Mar 2024	R 3 640.00	31.5%	R 56.51	R 3 696.51
May 2024	R 3 655.00	20.75%	R 48.92	R 3 703.92
Jul 2024	R 3 655.00	22.5%	R -12.05	R 3 642.95
Sep 2024	R 3 738.00	19.5%	R -15.85	R 3 722.15
Dec 2024	R 3 834.00	22.5%	R 15.28	R 3 849.28
Mar 2025				

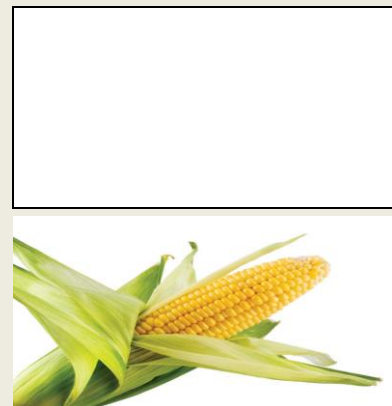
The local Maize market traded higher yesterday. The Mar24 White Maize contract ended R3.00 up and Mar24 Yellow Maize closed R33.00 higher. The May24 White Maize closed higher by R21.00 and May24 Yellow Maize ended R17.00 up. The parity move for the Mar24 Maize contract for yesterday was R23.00 positive.



Source: Grain SA



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## 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
MAR 2024	1207.75	1222.25	14.50	902.00	-320.25	-305.75
MAY 2024	1217.25	1232.75	15.50	1229.00	-3.75	11.75
JUL 2024	1226.25	1241.75	15.50	1237.75	-4.00	11.50
AUG 2024	1262.25	1230.00	-32.25	1226.50	-3.50	-35.75
SEP 2024	1193.75	1205.25	11.50	1203.50	-1.75	9.75

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2014	368.3	369.10
MAY 2014	364.1	364.40
JUL 2014	366.6	366.90
AUG 2014	366.5	366.60
SEP 2014	364.8	365.10

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
MAR 2014	46.02	45.78
MAY 2014	46.54	46.32
JUL 2014	46.81	46.68
AUG 2014	46.58	46.47
SEP 2014	46.27	46.16



FarmProgress - Soybean prices benefited from some late-session technical buying that ultimately led to gains of around 0.25%. March futures added 3.5 cents to \$12.2225, with May futures up 5 cents to \$12.3275.

The rest of the soy complex also pushed higher today. March soy meal futures rose 1.5% higher, while March soy oil futures made modest inroads of around 0.1%.

Soybean basis bids were mostly steady across the central U.S. on Wednesday but did trend 2 cents lower at an Ohio elevator today.

Prior to tomorrow morning's export report from USDA, analysts think the agency will show combined old and new crop soybean sales ranging between 18.4 million and 40.4 million bushels for the week ending January 25. Analysts also expect to see soy meal sales ranging between 200,000 and 450,000 metric tons, plus up to 5,000 MT of soy oil sales.

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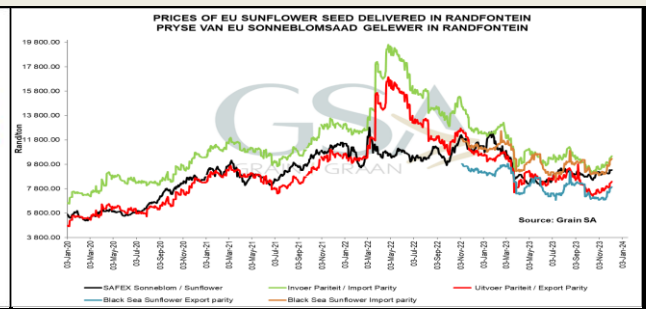
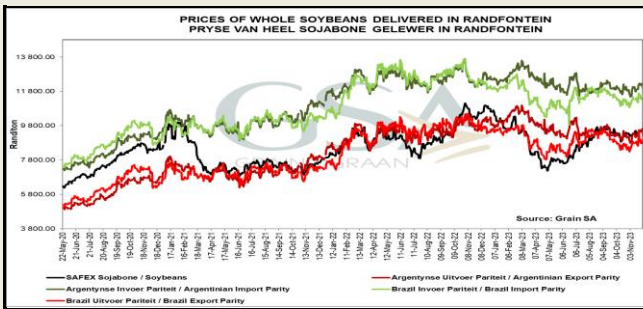
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Dec 2023				
Mar 2024				
May 2024				
Jul 2024				
Sep 2024				
Dec 2024				
Mar 2025				

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Dec 2023		
Mar 2024	R 8 211.00	22%
May 2024	R 8 090.00	19%
Jul 2024	R 8 315.00	0%
Sep 2024		
Dec 2024		
Mar 2025		



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The Mar24 Soya contract ended R127.00 down and May24 Soya closed R84.00 lower. The parity move for the Mar24 Soya contract for yesterday was R101.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The Mar24 Suns contract closed R45.00 down and May24 Suns closed R34.00 lower.



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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	
MAR 2024	598.75	595.25	-3.50	592.75	-2.50	-6.00		MAR 2014	633.50	622.00	-11.50	618.75	-3.25	-14.75	
MAY 2024	610.25	605.25	-5.00	602.75	-2.50	-7.50		MAY 2014	610.75	620.25	9.50	617.75	-2.50	7.00	
JUL 2024	617.00	610.25	-6.75	608.00	-2.25	-9.00		JUL 2014	614.25	615.50	1.25	613.00	-2.50	-1.25	
SEP 2024	632.75	621.00	-11.75	619.25	-1.75	-13.50		SEP 2014	639.50	626.00	-13.50	624.50	-1.50	-15.00	
DEC 2024	646.75	636.00	-10.75	529.00	-107.00	-117.75		DEC 2014	656.00	642.75	-13.25	643.25	0.50	-12.75	



FarmProgress - Wheat prices failed to overcome moderate overnight losses, finishing Wednesday's session around 0.75% to 1.5% after a round of technical selling today that was partly spurred by ample global stocks and continued overseas competition. March Chicago SRW futures lost 9.75 cents to \$5.9575, March Kansas City HRW futures fell 8.5 cents to \$6.2225, and March MGEX spring wheat futures dropped 6 cents to \$6.9375.

Ahead of Thursday morning's export report from USDA, analysts expect the agency to show combined old and new crop wheat sales ranging between 10.1 million and 24.8 million bushels for the week ending January 25. Sales will need to move to the higher end of those estimates to surpass the prior week's volume of 18.8 million bushels.

Russia's agriculture minister reported that the country's 2024 harvest will total around 208.8 million acres. Around 96% of the country's winter crops are in "good to satisfactory condition" so far. Russia is the world's No. 1 wheat exporter.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Dec 2023				
Mar 2024	R 6 165.00	11%	R -53.39	R 6 111.61
May 2024	R 6 209.00	10%	R -63.91	R 6 145.09
Jul 2024	R 6 235.00	11%	R -74.33	R 6 160.67
Sep 2024	R 6 216.00	11%	R -105.51	R 6 110.49
Dec 2024	R 6 015.00	0%	R -820.55	R 5 194.45
Mar 2025				

The local Wheat market closed lower yesterday. The Mar24 Wheat contract closed R30.00 down and May24 Wheat closed R21.00 lower. The parity move for the Mar24 Wheat contract for yesterday was R47.00 positive.

