

# Fundamental Report 18 March 2024



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## **Financial Markets**

#### **Financials**

| Currency           | Bid -<br>Yesterday<br>12pm | Current Bid | Value<br>Change | % Change |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| USDollar/Rand      | 18.7004                    | 18.7567     | 0.0563          | 0.30%    |
| Euro/Rand          | 20.3789                    | 20.4198     | 0.0409          | 0.20%    |
| GBPound/Rand       | 23.8389                    | 23.8740     | 0.0351          | 0.15%    |
| AusDollar/Rand     | 12.2768                    | 12.3145     | 0.0377          | 0.31%    |
| Euro/USDollar      | 1.0896                     | 1.0884      | -0.0012         | -0.11%   |
| GBPound/USDollar   | 1.2750                     | 1.2729      | -0.0021         | -0.16%   |
| AusDollar/USDollar | 0.6565                     | 0.6564      | -0.0001         | -0.02%   |
| JpyYen/USDollar    | 148.7200                   | 149.1200    | 0.4000          | 0.27%    |

BDLive - The JSE pared losses on Friday, with global markets mixed as investors digested a mixed set of economic data in the US.

For the week, the local bourse was down 0.99% as investors considered how much the data, which points to US inflatior remaining elevated, will delay interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve. The headline consumer price index (CPI) report for February, which was released earlier in the week, was in line with market estimates on a monthly basis, but slightly higher than market estimates year on year. Core CPI, which strips out food and energy from the headline reading, also came in higher than estimates.

Producer price index (PPI), a measure of wholesale inflation, came in hotter than expected for February. Year on year, the headline index rose 1.6%, the biggest move since September 2023. The core PPI, excluding food and energy, accelerated in February, coming in higher than estimates.





#### Commodities

|           | Last    | Value<br>Change | % Change |
|-----------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| Platinum  | 930.15  | -3.15           | -0.34%   |
| Gold      | 2147.35 | -8.19           | -0.38%   |
| Silver    | 25.01   | -0.16           | -0.63%   |
| Copper    | 4.11    | -0.01           | -0.30%   |
| Gasoil    | 846.75  | 8.25            | 0.97%    |
| Brent Oil | 85.64   | 0.30            | 0.35%    |

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold prices were on track on Friday to snap a three-week winning streak as surprisingly hot US inflation readings prompted traders to re-think on how swiftly and deeply the Federal Reserve could cut interest rates this year.

Spot gold was up 0.1% at \$2,163.92/oz, as of 3.38 GMT, but on track to post a weekly fall of more than 0.6%, its first since mid-February. US gold futures were steady at \$2,168.00.

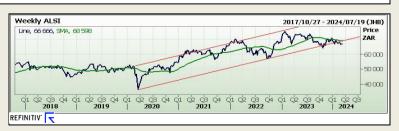
"It's hard to ignore the upside surprise from inflation now ... I don't see any fresh catalysts to propel gold above a major resistance of \$2,200 in the short term," said Hugo Paszal, a precious metals trader at InProved. US producer prices increased more than expected in February. A reading on consumer inflation earlier this week also showed some stickiness in inflation.





### **Financials**

|            | Current Bid Value<br>Change |             | % Change |
|------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|
| JSE TOP 40 | 66745.72                    | 0.00        | 0.00%    |
| ALSI       | 66666.00                    | 0.00        | 0.00%    |
| S&P 500    | Access Deni                 | Access Deni |          |
| FTSE       | 7743.15                     | -15.73      | -0.20%   |
| CAC        | 8164.35                     | 0.00        | 0.00%    |
| DAX        | 17936.65                    | 0.00        | 0.00%    |
| Hang Seng  | 16720.89                    | -5.07       | -0.03%   |



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## **Corn / Maize Market**

#### **Chicago Board of Trade**

| Month    | Yesterday<br>12pm | Main Session<br>Close | Main<br>Session<br>Change<br>from 12pm |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| MAY 2024 | 433.00            | 436.75                | 3.75                                   |
| JUL 2024 | 445.25            | 449.00                | 3.75                                   |
| SEP 2024 | 454.25            | 458.00                | 3.75                                   |
| DEC 2024 | 466.50            | 470.75                | 4.25                                   |
| MAR 2025 | 469.25            | 483.50                | 14.25                                  |

| Current<br>Overnight | Overnight<br>Change<br>from Main<br>Session | Overnight<br>Change<br>from 12pm |
|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 439.00               | 2.25  | 6.00                             |
| 451.00               | 2.00  | 5.75                             |
| 459.25               | 1.25  | 5.00                             |
| 472.25               | 1.50  | 5.75                             |
| 484.75               | 1.25  | 15.50                            |



FarmProgres - Corn prices benefited from a round of technical buying partly spurred by demand optimism on Friday that led to gains of almost 1%. May futures added 4.25 cents to \$4.38, with July futures up 3.75 cents to \$4.50.

Corn basis bids were steady to mixed across the central U.S. on Friday after trending as much as 4 cents higher at a Nebraska processor and as much as 4 cents lower at an lowa processor today.

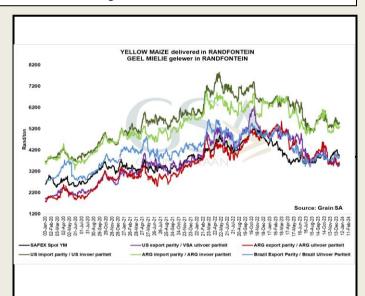
Private exporters announced to USDA the sale of 4.9 million bushels of corn for delivery to unknown destinations during the 2023/24 marketing year, which began September 1.

Around 72% of the Midwest is experiencing abnormally dry conditions this week, up from 54% through the end of January, making it the seasonally driest winter in 21 years, notes Karen Braun, market analyst with Reuters. "That marks the fourth consecutive year of heightened dryness in the U.S. Corn Belt at this time of year, a pattern that has preceded various crop outcomes," she points out. "Planting is quick when soils are dry in the spring and moisture delays are minimal, and acreage expansion can sometimes result."

#### **South African Futures Exchange**

|                     | мтм        | Volatility | Parity   | Parity Price |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|------------|------------|----------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|                     | 1011101    | volatility | Change   | Parity Price |  |  |  |  |  |
| White Maize Future  |            |            |          |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dec 2023            |            |            |          |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 2024            | R 5 189.00 | 39.5%      |          | R 5 189.00   |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 2024            | R 5 104.00 | 28%        | R 53.90  | R 5 157.90   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jul 2024            | R 5 075.00 | 34.25%     | R 52.33  | R 5 127.33   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 2024            | R 5 146.00 | 0%         | R 46.99  | R 5 192.99   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dec 2024            | R 5 190.00 | 25%        | R 52.80  | R 5 242.80   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 2025            | R 5 070.00 | 24%        | R 124.85 | R 5 194.85   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yellow Maize Future |            |            |          |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dec 2023            |            |            |          |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 2024            | R 4 222.00 | 37.25%     |          | R 4 222.00   |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 2024            | R 4 200.00 | 20.75%     | R 53.90  | R 4 253.90   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jul 2024            | R 4 215.00 | 24%        | R 52.33  | R 4 267.33   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 2024            | R 4 281.00 | 19.5%      | R 46.99  | R 4 327.99   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dec 2024            | R 4 370.00 | 22.5%      | R 52.80  | R 4 422.80   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 2025            | R 4 320.00 | 0%         | R 124.85 | R 4 444.85   |  |  |  |  |  |

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The May24 White Maize contract ended R31.00 down and May24 Yellow Maize closed R19.00 lower The Jul24 White Maize closed lower by R16.00 and Jul24 Yellow Maize ended R8.00 down. The parity move for the May24 Maize contract for yesterday was R23.00 positive.









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## Oil Seed Market

#### **Chicago Board of Trade**

|          | CBOT Soybean Seed |                       |  |                                     |                      |  |                                  |  |  |  |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Month    | Yesterday<br>12pm | Main Session<br>Close |  | Main Session<br>Change from<br>12pm | Current<br>Overnight | Overnight<br>Change from<br>Main Session | Overnight<br>Change from<br>12pm |  |  |  |
| MAY 2024 | 1191.75           | 1198.25               |  | 6.50                                | 902.00               | -296.25                                  | -289.75                          |  |  |  |
| JUL 2024 | 1203.25           | 1212.50               |  | 9.25                                | 1213.25              | 0.75                                     | 10.00                            |  |  |  |
| AUG 2024 | 1216.50           | 1209.50               |  | -7.00                               | 1210.00              | 0.50                                     | -6.50                            |  |  |  |
| SEP 2024 | 1186.25           | 1193.75               |  | 7.50                                | 1194.00              | 0.25                                     | 7.75                             |  |  |  |
| NOV 2024 | 1181.25           | 1190.75               |  | 9.50                                | 1191.25              | 0.50                                     | 10.00                            |  |  |  |



| CBOT Soybean Meal |                          |        |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Month             | Month Main Session Close |        |  |  |  |  |
| MAY 2014          | 334.7                    | 334.40 |  |  |  |  |
| JUL 2014          | 339.1                    | 338.70 |  |  |  |  |
| AUG 2014          | 339.7                    | 339.20 |  |  |  |  |
| SEP 2014          | 340.5                    | 342.10 |  |  |  |  |
| OCT 2014          | 340.3                    | 340.50 |  |  |  |  |

| CBOT Soybean Oil |                          |                      |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Month            | Main<br>Session<br>Close | Current<br>Overnight |  |  |  |  |
| MAY 2014         | 49.42                    | 49.53                |  |  |  |  |
| JUL 2014         | 49.92                    | 49.97                |  |  |  |  |
| AUG 2014         | 49.79                    | 49.86                |  |  |  |  |
| SEP 2014         | 49.54                    | 49.75                |  |  |  |  |
| OCT 2014         | 49.26                    | 49.45                |  |  |  |  |

FarmProgress - Soybean prices scraped together modest gains on a round of technical buying tha was partly spurred by spillover strength from corn and some lingering uncertainty about Brazil's true production potential in the current up-and-down season. A strong set of crushing data from NOPA was also supportive. May and July futures each firmed 3.25 cents to \$11.9850 and \$12.13, respectively.

The rest of the soy complex was mixed. May soymeal futures faded almost 1% lower, while May soyoil futures climbed almost 2.5% higher.

Soybean basis bids were steady to soft across the central U.S. after trending 1 to 5 cents lower across three Midwestern locations on Friday.

The latest monthly report from the National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA), out Friday morning, showed a total U.S. soybean crush of 186.194 million bushels in February. That was 0.2% better than January's crush and 12.6% higher year-over-year. It was also the largest February crush on record. Soyoil stocks moved 12.2% higher month-over-month after reaching 1.690 billion pounds through February 29.

#### **South African Futures Exchange**

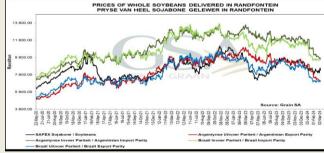
|          | Soybean Future |      |        |              |  |  |  |
|----------|----------------|------|--------|--------------|--|--|--|
|          | мтм            | Vols | Parity | Market Price |  |  |  |
| Dec 2023 |                |      | Change |              |  |  |  |
| Mar 2024 |                |      |        |              |  |  |  |
| May 2024 |                |      |        |              |  |  |  |
| Jul 2024 |                |      |        |              |  |  |  |
| Sep 2024 |                |      |        |              |  |  |  |
| Dec 2024 |                |      |        |              |  |  |  |
| Mar 2025 |                |      |        |              |  |  |  |

мтм Vols Dec 2023 8 950.00 Mar 2024 22% 9 082.00 19% May 2024 Jul 2024 R 9 272.00 0% Sep 2024 R 9 347.00 0% R 9 497.00 Dec 2024 0%



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The May24 Soya contract ended R27.00 down and Jul24 Soya closed R4.00 lower. The parity move for the May24 Soya contract for yesterday was R101.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed lower yesterday. The May24 Suns contract closed R46.00 down and Jul24 Suns closed R34.00 lower.









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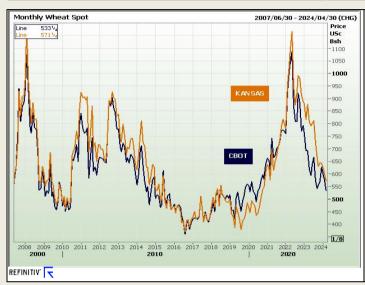
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## **Wheat Market**

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

|          | CBOT Wheat        |                       |  |                                     |                      | KBOT Wheat                               |                                  |          |                   |                       |  |                                     |                      |  |                                  |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Month    | Yesterday<br>12pm | Main Session<br>Close |  | Main Session<br>Change from<br>12pm | Current<br>Overnight | Overnight<br>Change from<br>Main Session | Overnight<br>Change from<br>12pm | Month    | Yesterday<br>12pm | Main Session<br>Close |  | Main Session<br>Change from<br>12pm | Current<br>Overnight | Overnight<br>Change from<br>Main Session | Overnight<br>Change from<br>12pm |
| MAY 2024 | 533.25            | 528.50                |  | -4.75                               | 533.25               | 4.75                                     | 0.00                             | MAY 2014 | 585.25            | 566.25                |  | -19.00                              | 571.25               | 5.00                                     | -14.00                           |
| JUL 2024 | 538.75            | 544.00                |  | 5.25                                | 548.75               | 4.75                                     | 10.00                            | JUL 2014 | 575.00            | 559.75                |  | -15.25                              | 564.00               | 4.25                                     | -11.00                           |
| SEP 2024 | 544.25            | 560.00                |  | 15.75                               | 565.00               | 5.00                                     | 20.75                            | SEP 2014 | 563.25            | 569.50                |  | 6.25                                | 573.75               | 4.25                                     | 10.50                            |
| DEC 2024 | 558.00            | 582.00                |  | 24.00                               | 586.75               | 4.75                                     | 28.75                            | DEC 2014 | 570.75            | 586.75                |  | 16.00                               | 591.25               | 4.50                                     | 20.50                            |
| MAR 2025 | 576.00            | 601.00                |  | 25.00                               | 529.00               | -72.00                                   | -47.00                           | MAR 2015 | 594.50            | 601.75                |  | 7.25                                | 606.00               | 4.25                                     | 11.50                            |



FarmProgress - Wheat prices continued to erode lower on a round of technical selling, with traders still expressing concerns over U.S. export pace and large global stocks. May Chicago SRW futures dropped 2.75 cents to \$5.2950, May Kansas City HRW futures fell 6.25 cents to \$5.6850, and May MGEX spring wheat futures stumbled 7.75 cents to \$6.4750.

French farm office FranceAgriMer reported that 66% of the country's soft wheat crop is rated in good-to-excellent condition through March 11, which is two points lower than the prior week's ratings and the lowest rating for this time of year since 2020. France is Europe's top grain producer.

Russia's state news agency reported that the country recently gifted 1.8 million bushels of wheat to the Central African Republic as a gesture of humanitarian aid. Additional details were not immediately available.

#### **South African Futures Exchange**

|                            | MTM                 | Volatility | Parity<br>Change | Parity Price |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Bread Milling Wheat</b> | Bread Milling Wheat |            |                  |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dec 2023                   |                     |            |                  |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 2024                   | R 5 980.00          | 11%        |                  | R 5 980.00   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 2024                   | R 5 988.00          | 11.5%      | R 11.03          | R 5 999.03   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jul 2024                   | R 6 005.00          | 12%        | R 80.06          | R 6 085.06   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 2024                   | R 6 010.00          | 11%        | R 154.27         | R 6 164.27   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dec 2024                   | R 5 971.00          | 0%         | R 209.69         | R 6 180.69   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 2025                   |                     |            |                  |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The local Weat market closed mixed yesterday. The May24 Weat contract closed R3.00 up while Jul24 Weat closed R4.00 lower. The parity move for the May24 Weat contract for yesterday was R47.00 positive.

