



**Fundamental Report**  
**13 December 2019**

## Financial Markets

### Currencies

Currency	Bid - Yesterday 12pm	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
USDollar/Rand	14.6424	14.4300	-0.2124	-1.45%
Euro/Rand	16.2941	16.1276	-0.1665	-1.02%
GBPound/Rand	19.3020	19.4346	0.1326	0.69%
AusDollar/Rand	10.0754	9.9942	-0.0812	-0.81%
Euro/USDollar	1.1128	1.1176	0.0048	0.43%
GBPound/USDollar	1.3183	1.3469	0.0286	2.17%
AusDollar/USDollar	0.6881	0.6926	0.0045	0.65%
JpyYen/USDollar	108.6700	109.5900	0.9200	0.85%

BDLive - The JSE gained for a third consecutive day on Thursday, with the general mining index rising to its highest level since July 2008.

The gains in mining came despite the latest data from Stats SA showing earlier on Thursday that mining production declined for a third consecutive month in October, with a year-on-year contraction of 2.9%.

While uncertainty in the US-China trade war has put pressure on the rand and its emerging-market peers, the local currency gained for a second consecutive day on Thursday.

At 5.34pm the rand had strengthened 1.08% to R14.5198/\$, 1.03% to R16.1645/€ and 1.43% to R19.0869/£. The euro was flat at \$1.1132.

### Commodities

	Last	Value Change	% Change
Platinum	933.58	-10.30	-1.10%
Gold	1467.83	-1.50	-0.10%
Silver	16.90	-0.03	-0.15%
Copper	2.82	0.02	0.78%
Gasoil	592.25	5.25	0.89%
Brent Oil	64.66	0.46	0.71%

BDLive - Bengaluru — Gold edged up on Wednesday as investors sought safety from the threat of new US tariffs on Chinese goods coming into effect on December 15, while also awaiting policy decisions from major central banks.

Automotive catalyst metal palladium held just shy of a record high. Spot gold had gained 0.2% to \$1,467.31 an ounce by 10.48am GMT. US gold futures rose 0.3% to \$1,471.90. "The trade war continues to be a factor supporting gold, there's no easy solution to it and that uncertainty will keep gold prices up," said Commerzbank analyst Eugen Weinberg. US President Donald Trump has days to decide whether to impose tariffs on nearly \$160bn worth of Chinese goods, scheduled to take effect on Sunday.

The White House's top economic and trade advisers are expected to meet with Trump in the coming days to discuss the issue, one person briefed on the situation told Reuters. Washington is laying the groundwork for a delay in the latest tariffs, but a final decision has not been made, the person said.

### Financials

	Current Bid	Value Change	% Change
JSE TOP 40	49603.06	0.00	0.00%
ALSI	49787.00	0.00	0.00%
S&P 500	3141.63	26.94	0.86%
FTSE	7216.25	57.22	0.79%
CAC	5884.26	0.00	0.00%
DAX	13221.64	0.00	0.00%
Hang Seng	26994.14	535.47	1.98%

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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
DEC 2019	358.00	367.00	9.25	9.00	374.50	7.50	16.50
MAR 2020	376.00	377.75	6.50	1.75	383.75	6.00	7.75
MAY 2020	382.00	384.25	6.25	2.25	389.75	5.50	7.75
JUL 2020	387.00	390.00	6.25	3.00	394.75	4.75	7.75
SEP 2020	386.00	390.25	5.50	4.25	393.00	2.75	7.00

FarmFutures - Corn prices were red-hot Thursday, climbing nearly 3% higher on a round of short-covering and technical buying spurred by trade optimism and better-than-expected export data from USDA this morning. December futures rose 9.25 cents to \$3.67, with March futures up 6.5 cents to \$3.7775. Corn basis bids were steady to soft Thursday, dropping 4 to 5 cents lower across a handful of Midwestern locations today. Corn export sales reached 34.4 million bushels this past week, trending 60% higher than a week ago and 28% above the prior four-week average. That total also topped all analyst guesses, which ranged between 15.7 million and 31.5 million bushels. Mexico took the lion's share, with 20.4 million bushels.

Corn export shipments of 20.9 million bushels were 7% higher than the prior week's total but down 12% from the prior four-week average. Mexico was the No. 1 destination, with 10.3 million bushels.

And earlier this morning, private exporters reported to USDA a mammoth sale of nearly 63.0 million bushels of corn for delivery to Mexico. Of the total, just over two-thirds is for delivery during the 2019/20 marketing year, which began September 1, with the remainder for delivery in 2020/21. It was the fifth-largest single purchase of U.S. corn by Mexico on record.

European consultancy Strategie Grains projects the 2020 EU corn crop at 2.642 billion bushels, moving 5.7% higher year-over-year, if realized.

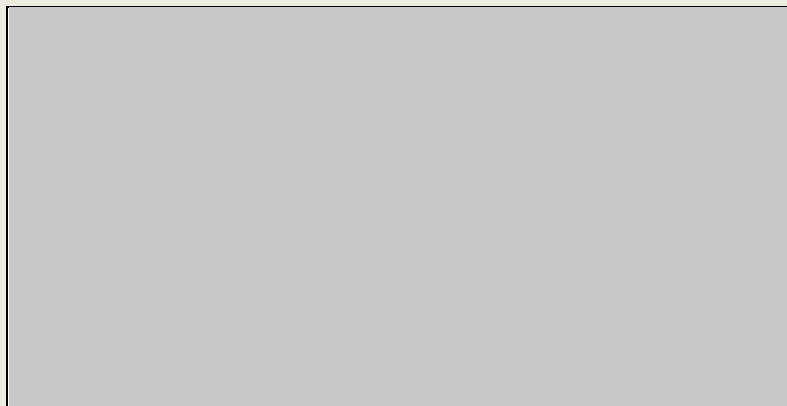
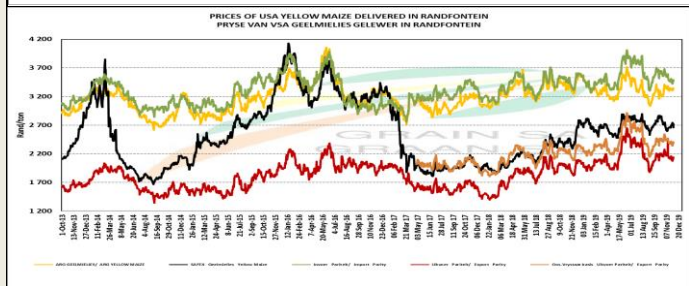
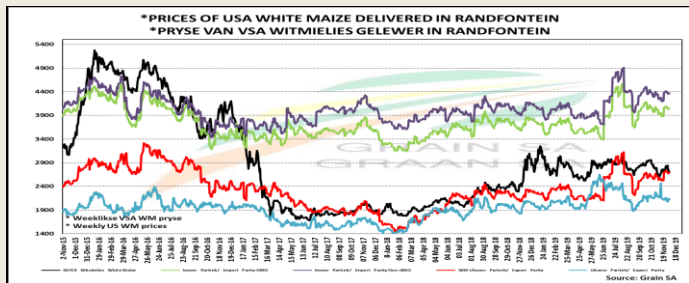
South Korea purchased 2.6 million bushels of corn in a private deal earlier this week, expected to be sourced from the Black Sea Region. The grain is for arrival by the end of March.

Preliminary volume estimates were for 243,259 contracts, coming in 22% above Wednesday's final count of 198,764.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>White Maize Future</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 2 631.00	0%	R 63.80	R 2 694.80
Mar 2020	R 2 646.00	27.5%	R 12.59	R 2 658.59
May 2020	R 2 568.00	0%	R 12.08	R 2 580.08
Jul 2020	R 2 557.00	26.5%	R 11.67	R 2 568.67
Sep 2020	R 2 596.00	0%	R 7.49	R 2 603.49
Dec 2020	R 2 686.00	29%		R 2 686.00
<b>Yellow Maize Future</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 2 575.00	0%	R 63.80	R 2 638.80
Mar 2020	R 2 588.00	24%	R 12.59	R 2 600.59
May 2020	R 2 540.00	0%	R 12.08	R 2 552.08
Jul 2020	R 2 503.00	19.5%	R 11.67	R 2 514.67
Sep 2020	R 2 552.00	0%	R 7.49	R 2 559.49
Dec 2020	R 2 637.00	0%		R 2 637.00

The local Maize market traded lower yesterday. The Dec'19 WMAZ contract ended R4.00 down and Dec'19 YMAZ closed R25.00 lower. The Mar'20 WMAZ closed lower by R6.00 and Mar'20 YMAZ ended R20.00 down. The parity move for the Dec'19 Maize contract for yesterday was R64.00 positive.



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## Wheat Market

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

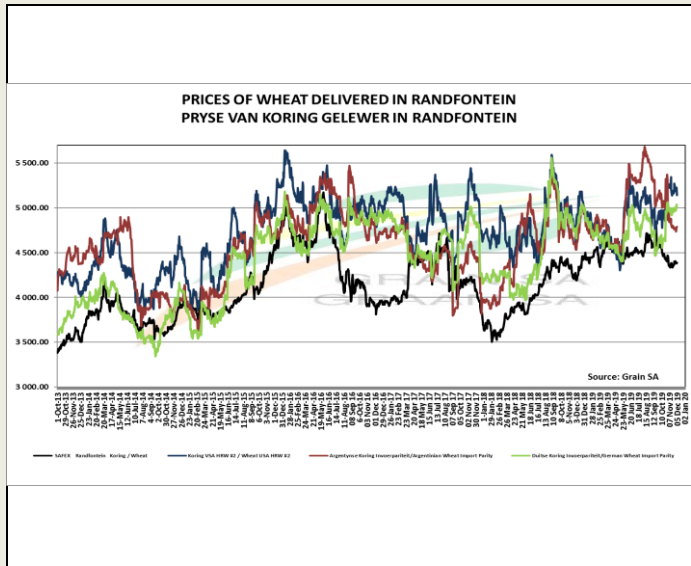
CBOT Wheat									KBOT Wheat							
Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm		Month	Yesterday 12pm	Main Session Close	Main Session Change	Main Session Change from 12pm	Current Overnight	Overnight Change from Main Session	Overnight Change from 12pm
DEC 2019	529.00	539.25	8.50	10.25	0.00	-539.25	-529.00		DEC 2019	0.00	427.50	12.00	427.50	0.00	-427.50	0.00
MAR 2020	521.00	530.25	11.00	9.25	533.25	3.00	12.25		MAR 2010	429.00	442.75	12.00	13.75	448.00	5.25	19.00
MAY 2020	523.00	533.00	10.25	10.00	536.25	3.25	13.25		MAY 2010	437.00	450.25	12.50	13.25	455.00	4.75	18.00
JUL 2020	527.00	536.00	10.00	9.00	538.25	2.25	11.25		JUL 2010	445.00	457.00	11.50	12.00	462.00	5.00	17.00
SEP 2020	534.00	542.00	9.25	8.00	529.00	-13.00	-5.00		SEP 2010	454.00	465.50	11.00	11.50	470.00	4.50	16.00



FarmFutures - Wheat prices jumped significantly higher, with some contracts finishing up nearly 3%, after better-than-expected export data and general U.S.-China trade optimism triggered some technical buying and short-covering. March Chicago SRW futures added 11 cents to \$5.3025, March Kansas City HRW futures gained 12 cents to \$4.4275, and March MGEX spring wheat futures picked up 4.75 cents to \$5.23. Wheat export sales jumped from 8.4 million bushels to 18.5 million bushels this past week, which was a 33% improvement from the prior four-week average. It also topped all analyst estimates, with guesses ranging between 7.3 million and 16.5 million. Japan was the No. 1 destination, with 3.7 million. Wheat export shipments rebounded from a marketing year low with 14.3 million bushels last week, but that still remained 4% below the prior four-week average. Japan was the top destination, with 2.6 million bushels. Consultancy Strategie Grains is expecting 2020 European Union soft wheat production to fall 3.6% year-over-year to 5.162 billion bushels. EU barley production next year is expected to move fractionally higher, meantime, to 2.857 billion bushels. Preliminary volume estimates were for 98,200 CBOT contracts, moving moderately above Wednesday's final count of 70,108.

### South African Futures Exchange

	MTM	Volatility	Parity Change	Parity Price
<b>Bread Milling Wheat</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 4 435.00	0%	R -2 846.10	R 1 588.90
Mar 2020	R 4 474.00	8.5%	R 24.29	R 4 498.29
May 2020	R 4 527.00	15.5%	R 29.44	R 4 556.44
Jul 2020	R 4 586.00	0%	R 18.52	R 4 604.52
Sep 2020	R 4 586.00	0%	R -68.19	R 4 517.81
Dec 2020				
<b>Cape Wheat</b>				
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019				
Mar 2020				
May 2020				
Jul 2020				
Sep 2020				
Dec 2020				



The local Wheat market closed mixed yesterday. The Dec'19 Wheat contract closed R33.00 up while Mar'20 Wheat closed R4.00 lower. The parity move for the Dec'19 Wheat contract for yesterday was R14.00 positive.



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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
JAN 2010	891.00	898.25	4.75	7.25	902.00	3.75	11.00
MAR 2020	914.00	912.50	4.50	-1.50	927.50	15.00	13.50
MAY 2020	927.00	926.00	4.25	-1.00	940.75	14.75	13.75
JUL 2020	940.00	938.75	3.75	-1.25	952.50	13.75	12.50
AUG 2020	945.00	943.25	3.75	-1.75	955.50	12.25	10.50

CBOT Soybean Meal		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
DEC 2019	292.6	0.00
JAN 2010	294.2	297.20
MAR 2010	298.7	301.50
MAY 2010	302.5	305.10
JUL 2010	306.3	308.90

CBOT Soybean Oil		
Month	Main Session Close	Current Overnight
DEC 2019	32.03	0.00
JAN 2010	32.23	32.73
MAR 2010	32.51	32.99
MAY 2010	32.79	33.27
JUL 2010	33.09	33.58

FarmFutures - Soybean prices took a moderate jump higher Thursday morning on some more welcome U.S.-China trade news and held onto those gains as the session wore on. January futures rose 4.75 cents to \$8.9825, with March futures up 4 cents to \$9.12. Soybean basis bids were mixed at interior river terminals and Midwestern processors today, moving as much as 2 cents lower and 5 cents higher, as farmer sales have remained generally slow this week amid hopes they will see higher prices following a partial trade agreement between the U.S. and China. Dow Jones reported this morning that U.S. negotiators have offered to cancel 15% tariffs it has threatened to levy on \$160 million in Chinese goods and reduce existing tariffs on another \$360 billion in Chinese goods. It's a move that has been largely interpreted as a sign that a phase-one trade deal between the two countries is eminent. Is also contingent on China cooperating with its end of the deal, however. Soybean export sales climbed 54% above the prior week's tally of 25.1 million bushels to reach 38.6 million bushels, but that remains 17% below the prior four-week tally. Still, the total landed on the high end of analyst estimates, which ranged between 18.4 million and 40.4 million bushels. Unknown destinations (9.2 million) and China (8.9 million) topped all destinations last week. China still has more than 87 million bushels in outstanding U.S. soybean sales, although a flurry of purchases earlier this week will help draw down that total as the two countries continue to work toward a partial trade agreement. Preliminary volume estimates were for 242,845 contracts, slipping 13% below Wednesday's final count of 279,666.

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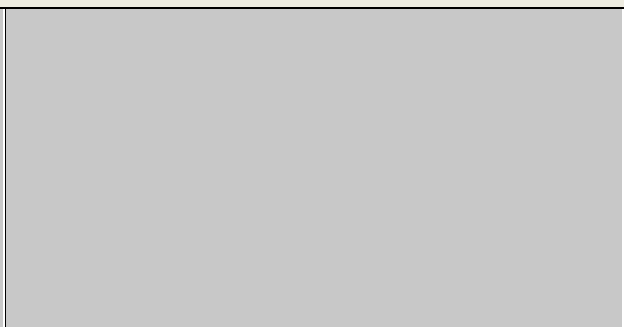
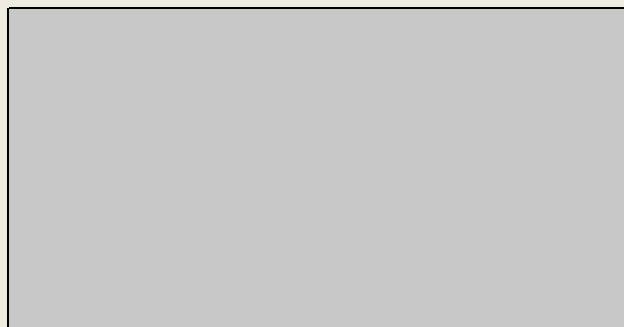
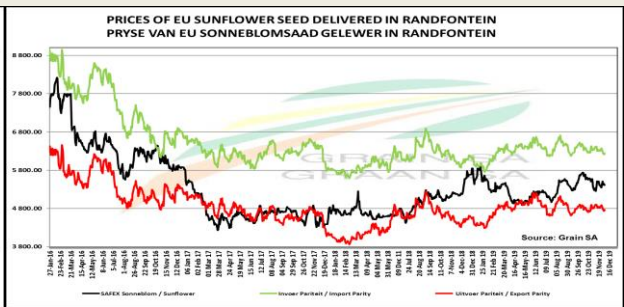
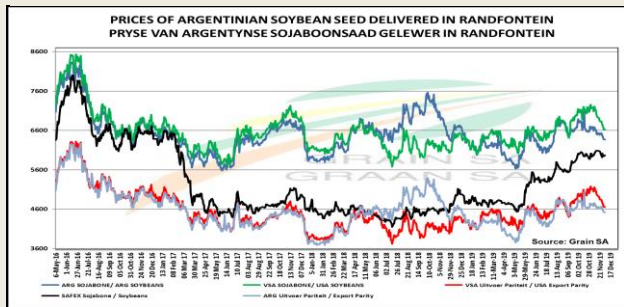
Soybean Future				
	MTM	Vols	Parity Change	Market Price
Sep 2019				
Dec 2019	R 6 140.00	0%		R 6 140.00
Mar 2020	R 6 075.00	17%	R 0.25	R 6 075.25
May 2020	R 5 816.00	17.5%	R 0.56	R 5 816.56
Jul 2020	R 5 895.00	20.5%	R -7.08	R 5 887.92
Sep 2020	R 5 999.00	0%		R 5 999.00
Dec 2020	R 6 045.00	0%		R 6 045.00

Sunflower Seeds Future		
	MTM	Vols
Sep 2019		
Dec 2019	R 5 780.00	0%
Mar 2020	R 5 866.00	13%
May 2020	R 5 606.00	13.5%
Jul 2020	R 5 500.00	0%
Sep 2020		
Dec 2020	R 5 606.00	0%



The local Soya market traded lower yesterday. The Dec'19 Soya contract ended R70.00 down and Mar'20 Soya closed R86.00 lower. The parity move for the Dec'19 Soya contract for yesterday was R50.00 positive.

The local Suns market closed higher yesterday. The Dec'19 Suns contract closed R35.00 up and Mar'20 Suns closed R26.00 higher.



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