GSA Afternoon Market Commentary

21 November 2014



	2014/11/21	2014/11/20					2014/11/20			2014/11/19
	New (12:00pm)	Δ		Δ%	Prev (12:00pm)		New FOB	Δ	Δ%	Prev FOB
1 EURO: ? USD	1.2439	-0.0078	P	-0.63%	1.2517	USA MAIZE	190	-4	-2.1%	194
1 USD: ? ZAR	10.99	-0.0443	P	-0.40%	11.03	ARG MAIZE	174	-4	-2.2%	178
Corn Dec 14 (c/bu)	372.00	8.75	^	2.4%	363.25	USA HRW WHEAT	272	-3	-1.1%	275
Corn Jul 15 (c/bu)	400.75	8.75	1	2.2%	392.00	GERMANY WHEAT	245	-1	-0.4%	246
Soybean Jan 15 (c/bu)	1018.25	12.00	₽	1.2%	1006.25	USA SOY	418	-9	-2.1%	427
Soybean Mar 15 (c/bu)	1025.75	12.25	₽	1.2%	1013.50	USA SORG	245	-4	-1.6%	249
Wheat Dec 14 (c/bu)	542.00	8.50	^	1.6%	533.50	FRANSBARL	211	1	0.5%	210
Wheat Mar 15 (c/bu)	548.50	11.00	Î	2.0%	537.50	ARG WHEAT	255	0	0.0%	255
WMAZ Nov 14 (R/t)	1991	18	^	0.9%	1973	ARG SOY	446	-7	-1.5%	453
WMAZ Jul 15 (R/t)	1998	10	^	0.5%	1988	ARG SORG	147	-4	-2.6%	151
YMAZ Nov 14 (R/t)	2031	24	^	1.2%	2007	EU SUNS	448	22	5.2%	426
YMAZ Jul 15 (R/t)	2032	19	^	0.9%	2013	CANADA CANOLA	427	-8	-1.8%	435
WHEAT Nov 14 (R/t)	3648	-1	₽ .	0.0%	3649	ARG GROUNDNUT	1405	10	0.7%	1395
WHEAT Dec 14 (R/t)	3675	3	1	0.1%	3672	USA GROUNDNUT	1360	0	0.0%	1360
						Commodities	Import parity	Imp parity	Safex minus Exp	Export parity
SUN Nov 14 (R/t)	4973	-7		-0.1%	4980		(Randfontein)	minus Safex	parity	(Randfontein)
SUN May 15 (R/t)	4455 5378	20		0.4%		White maize (USA)	3 154	1 163	341 381	1 650
SOY50 Nov 14 (R/t)	4851	-52		-1.0%		Yellow maize (USA)	3 154	1 123		1 650
SOY50 May 15 (R/t)	4851 2410	11	T	0.2%		Yellow maize (ARG)	2 864	833	580	1 451
SORGHUM Dec 14 (R/t)	-	-1		0.0%		Wheat (ARG)	3 709	61	1374	2 274
Malting Barley (Caledon)(R/t)	3090 4300		~	0.0%	3091	` ''	3 664	16	1496	2 152
CANOLA(Swellendam)(R/t)	4300 0 0 0.0% 4300 Choice: R12000/t,Sundry: R7500/t and Crushing: R3750-R4500/t					HRW Dec 14	4 112		1064 1076	2 584
GROUNDNUTS(Vaalharts)(R/t)	<u> </u>					Wheat (HRW)	4 100	452		2 572
	Silo certificates premiums traded (10/11/2014)					Soybean (USA)	6 195	817	1114	4 264
	Grade	Silo owner		cation	Traded premium	Soybean (ARG)	6 383	1 005	859	4 519
White Maize	WM1	SWK	Vierfo		R 15.00	Sunflower	6 220	1 247	8 87	4 086
	Silo certificates premiums traded (07/11/2014)					Malt Barley (France)	3 340	250	1270	1 820
White Maize	WM1	SWK	Vierfo		R 15.00	Sorghum (USA)	3 837	1 427	181	2 229
	Silo certificates premiums traded (05/11/2014)					Canola	6 380	2 080	-1174	4 264
White Maize	WM1	SWK	Hartb	eesfontein	R.30.00	Groundnuts (ARG)	19 005	7 005	-2507	14 507
	WM1	SWK	Genev		R 10.00	USA Groundnuts	18 575	6 575	-2120	14 120
	Silo certificates premiums traded (17/10/2014)					USA Groundnuts 3.5%	18 043	6 043	-1593	13 593
White Maize	VM1 SWK Protespan R 40.00					USA WM Jul 15	3 282	1 284	111	1 887
	Silo certificates premiums traded (14/10/2014)					USA YM Jul 15	3 282	1 250	145	1 887
White Maize	WM1	SWK	Heuni	ngspruit	R 30.00	Soybean (USA) May 15	6 252	1 401	530	4 321

External factors

The rand strengthened by 0.40% to the US dollar from levels seen at mid-day yesterday. The US dollar strengthened by 0.63% to the Euro. The rand has slightly firmed against the US dollar, despite the Reserve's Bank decision to keep the repo rate unchanged at 5.7%. The fact that the rand did not weaken after the rates announcement shows that market participants had expected the rates to remain unchanged.

Summer grains (White maize, Yellow maize and Sorghum)

Maize: Domestic maize prices were bullish; white and yellow maize nearest contract month prices were respectively up by 0.9% and 1.2%. In addition, white and yellow maize (Jul 15) contract month prices were also respectively up by 0.5% and 0.9%. Domestic maize prices closed higher, mainly getting support from the high Chicago prices.

International maize (corn) prices for (Dec 14) and (Jul 15) closed higher from yesterday's price levels; by 2.4% and 2.2%; owing to stronger than expected US weekly export sales and increased buying from the ethanol plants. As at 13 November, US maize export sales were reported at 908 700 tons. There was increased buying in the market, Israel purchased 147 000 tons of maize from optional origin. Overnight, USDA reported the sale of 101 600 tons of US maize to unknown destination. In South America, Argentina's Agricultural Ministry lifted their 2014/15 maize planted area forecast by 0.1 million hectares to 5.6 million hectares, however, it's still below last year's area planted of 6.1 million hectares. In addition, the country's maize sowing is reported at 40% done, compared to 39% the previous week, delays are attributed to unfavourable weather conditions.

Winter Grains (Wheat and Barley)

Wheat: Domestic wheat prices were mixed from yesterday's price levels; with (Nov14) contract month showing a slight decrease of 0.03%, while (Dec14) contract month price saw some slight gains of 0.1%

International wheat prices were bullish; both (Dec 14) and (Mar 15) contracts showed increases of 1.6% and 2.0% from yesterday's price levels; largely supported by talks of worsening drought conditions in parts of the south-western plains during the next three months in the United States. In South America, Argentina Agricultural Ministry reported their 2014 wheat production estimate at 12 million tons, significantly higher the previous year's production of 9.2 million tons. There was some buying appetite in the market, Egypt bought 60 000 tons of milling wheat from the EU, likely France.

Barley: Argentina's 2014 barley production is estimated at 2.5 million tons, significantly lower than the previous year's estimate of 4.7 million tons.

Oilseeds (Soybean, Sunflower, Canola and Groundnuts)

Soybeans: Domestic soybean prices were mixed from yesterday's price levels; with (Nov 14) contract month prices showing a decrease of 1.0%, while (May 15) contract month price saw some slight gains of 0.2%

International soybean prices showed a bullish price view; owing to large US weekly shipments coupled with strong soymeal export data. Overnight, USDA reported a sale of 125 000 tons of US soybean to unknown destination.

Sunflower: Domestic sunflowerseed prices were mixed from yesterday's price levels; with (Nov 14) contract month price showing a slight decrease of 0.1%, while (May 15) contract month price saw some slight gains of 0.4%. There was some appetite in the sunflower market, Iraq is looking for 10 000 tons of sunflower oil.

Sources: Grain SA, JSE, Farm Futures, CME & IGC

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