# **GSA Afternoon Market Commentary**

25 July 2014



	2014/07/25				2014/07/24	2014/07/24					2014/07/23
	New (12:00pm)	Δ	L	۵%	Prev (12:00pm)		New FOB	Δ		Δ%	Prev FOB
1 EURO: ? USD	1.3452	-0.0025	P	-0.19%	1.3477	USA MAIZE	196	1		0.5%	195
1 USD: ? ZAR	10.54	0.0531	P	0.50%	10.49	ARG MAIZE	190	1		0.5%	189
Corn Sep 14 (c/bu)	359.50	-4.50	<b>↓</b>	-1.3%	364.00	USA HRW WHEAT	282	0		0.0%	282
Corn Dec 14 (c/bu)	367.50	-4.75	$\Phi$	-1.3%	372.25	GERMANY WHEAT	257	1		0.4%	256
Soybean Aug 14 (c/bu)	1201.00	-11.25	<b>↓</b> ■	-0.9%	1212.25	USA SOY	476	6		1.3%	470
Soybean Nov 14 (c/bu)	1077.25	-9.00	<b>₽</b>	-0.8%	1086.25	USA SORG	215	1		0.5%	214
Wheat Sep 14 (c/bu)	528.50	-8.75	1	-1.7%	537.25	FRANSBARL	203	0		0.0%	203
Wheat Dec 14 (c/bu)	549.50	-11.25	<b>₽</b>	-2.0%	560.75	ARG WHEAT	260	0		0.0%	260
WMAZ Aug 14 (R/t)	1707	-10	<b>↓</b>	-0.6%	1717	ARG SOY	482	8		1.7%	474
WMAZ Jul 15 (R/t)	1890	3	Î	0.2%	1887	ARG SORG	134	0		0.0%	134
YMAZ Aug 14 (R/t)	1785	-10	<b>↓</b>	-0.6%	1795	EU SUNS	424	0		0.0%	424
YMAZ Jul 15 (R/t)	1921	11		0.6%	1910	CANADA CANOLA	478	0		0.0%	478
WHEAT Aug 14 (R/t)	3636		1	0.0%	3636	ARG GROUNDNUT	1215	0		0.0%	1215
WHEAT Dec 14 (R/t)	3554	5	<b>^</b>	0.1%	3549	USA GROUNDNUT	1260	0		0.0%	1260
						Commodities	Import parity	Imp parity	Sa	fex minus Exp	Export parity
SUN Aug 14 (R/t)	4400	-50		-1.1%	4450		(Randfontein)	minus Safex		parity	(Randfontein)
SUN May 15 (R/t)	4580		<b>^</b>	0.0%		White maize (USA)	2 934	1 227		155	1 552
SOY50Aug 14 (R/t)	5090	110		2.2%		Yellow maize (USA)	2 934	1 149		233	1 552
SOY50 May 15 (R/t)	4680	86		1.8%		Yellow maize (ARG)	2 849	1 064		297	1 488
SORGHUM Sep 14 (R/t)	2495		<b>↑</b>	0.0%		Wheat (ARG)	3 599	-37		1416	2 220
Malting Barley (Caledon)(R/t)	3078 4530		<b>↑</b>	0.0%		Wheat (Germany)	3 567	-69		1448	2 188
CANOLA(Swellendam)(R/t)			ш	0.0%	4530 :: R3750-R4500/t	HRW Dec 14	3 907	271		1131 1185	2 505
GROUNDNUTS(Vaalharts)(R/t)					;: K3/30-K4300/t	Wheat (HRW)	3 854				2 451
	Silo certificates premiums traded (22/07/2014)					Soybean (USA)	6 314	1 224		594	4 496
	Grade	Silo owner	Silo Locati	on	Traded premium	Soybean (ARG)	6 362	1 272		21	4 559
Yellow Maize	YM1	AFG	Lothair		R 130.00	Sunflower	5 838	1 438		530	3 870
	YM1	SWK	Mooigelee	e		Malt Barley (France)	3 005	-74		1460	1 619
	YM1	SWK	Steynsrus			Sorghum (USA)	3 211	716		750	1 745
White Maize	WM1	AFG	Val			Canola	6 555	2 025		13	4 517
	WM1	AFG	Kaalfontein		R 45.00	Groundnuts (ARG)	15 370	<b>3</b> 370		90	11 910
	Silo certificates pre	miums traded	(14/07/20	14)		USA Groundnuts	16 500	4 500		-384	12 384
White Maize	WM1	AFG	Platrand			USA Groundnuts 3.5%	16 032	4 032		81	11 919
Wheat	B1	SWK	De Brug		R 10.00	USA WM Jul 14	2 968	1 078		200	1 690
	Silo certificates premiums traded (11/07/2014)					USA YM Jul 14	2 968	1 047		231	1 690
White Maize	WM1	AFG	Kransfont	ein	R 160.00	Soybean (USA) May 14	5 835	1 155		659	4 021

#### **External factors**

The Rand weakened by 0.50% to the US dollar from levels seen at mid-day yesterday. The US\$ slightly strengthened by 0.19% to the Euro. Today, the rand was sustained the possibility of an end to a three-week metal workers' strike.

### Summer grains (White maize, Yellow maize and Sorghum)

Maize: Domestic maize prices were mixed today; prices for white and yellow maize nearest contract month were down by 0.6, respectively. Furthermore, white and yellow maize (Jul 15) contract month prices were up by 0.2% and 0.6%, respectively. Domestic maize price continue to be pressured, as at end of June 2014, South African Grain Information Service (SAGIS) reported the maize stocks to be at 5.5 million tons compared to 1.7 million tons the previous month.

On the international markets, corn prices for (Sep14) and (Dec 14) decreased from the levels seen yesterday by 1.3% respectively; owing to prospects of good yields in the Midwest, as well as news of tighter import restrictions of US DDG into China. China's Import Inspection Authority is now requiring an official certification that all shipments of US DDG are free of the genetically-modified MIR162 trait.

### Winter Grains (Wheat and Barley)

Wheat: Domestic wheat prices were mixed from the levels seen yesterday; (Aug 14) contract month remained unchanged, at the same time (Dec14) contract month was slightly up by 0.1%.

On the international markets, wheat prices were quiet bearish, with (Sept 14) and (Dec 14) showing decreases of 1.7% and 2.0%, respectively, from yesterday's price levels. International wheat prices were bearish, owing to slower than expected export sales coupled with prospects of favourable spring wheat yields in North Dakota. In the UK, wheat production is expected to recover after two consecutive disappointing crops. However there is still some buying interest following a recent purchase of 32 000 tons of feed wheat by South Korea.

Barley: China has been showing some buying interest of barely, as at 01 July the country has purchased about 280 000 tons, likely from the EU. Russia's Agricultural Ministry expects their barley harvest to reach 3 million tons.

### Oilseeds (Soybean, Sunflower, Canola and Groundnuts)

Soybeans: When the market closed today, domestic soybean prices were up from the price levels seen yesterday; both (Aug 14) and (May 15) contracts showed increases of 2.2% and 1.8%, respectively.

International soybean prices were down from the price levels seen yesterday. Despite good export sales, soybean prices failed to gain some momentum. Prospects of a record soybean crop IN the US continue to put pressure on the prices. Argentina's soybean harvest is nearing completion reported to be 99.5% done, production now stands at 55.5 million tons compared to 48.5 million tons the previous year.

Sunflower: Domestic sunflowerseed prices were mixed from the levels seen yesterday; (Aug14) contract showed a decrease of 1.1% and (May 15) contract month remained unchanged.

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

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