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GSA Afternoon Market Commentary

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	2014/08/27				2014/08/26		2014/08/26			-	2014/08/25
	New (12:00pm)	Δ	Δ%		Prev (12:00pm)		New FOB	Δ	Δ%	; !	Prev FOB
1 EURO: ? USD	1.3183	-0.0007	- 4	.05%	1.3190	USA MAIZE	193	0	0.09	%	19
1 USD: ? ZAR	10.56	-0.1226	P	.16%	10.68	ARG MAIZE	177	-1	-0.6	%	17
Corn Sep 14 (c/bu)	355.00	-3.00	J 📕	0.8%	358.00	USA HRW WHEAT	280	0	0.09	%	28
Corn Dec 14 (c/bu)	363.50	-3.50	J 📕	1.0%	367.00	GERMANY WHEAT	247	1	0.49	%	24
Soybean Sep 14 (c/bu)	1070.25	-32.50	\checkmark	3.0%	1102.75	USA SOY	489	-11		%	50
Soybean Nov 14 (c/bu)	1031.25	7.00	1	0.7%	1024.25	USA SORG	221	-1	-0.5	%	22
Wheat Sep 14 (c/bu)	541.25	3.00	♠	0.6%	538.25	FRANSBARL	207	0	0.0%	%	20
Wheat Dec 14 (c/bu)	556.00	3.00	1	0.5%	553.00	ARG WHEAT	280	0	0.0%	%	28
WMAZ Sep 14 (R/t)	1709	-15		-0.9%	1724	ARG SOY	466	-3	-0.6	<mark>%</mark>	46
WMAZ Jul 15 (R/t)	1863	-10	↓ ■	-0.5%	1873	ARG SORG	142	-1	-0.7	%	14
YMAZ Sep 14 (R/t)	1766	-17	→ ■	1.0%	1783	EU SUNS	427	0	0.09	%	423
YMAZ Jul 15 (R/t)	1884	-11	↓ ■	0.6%		CANADA CANOLA	436	0	0.0%	%	43
WHEAT Sep 14 (R/t)	3710	5	♠	0.1%	3705	ARG GROUNDNUT	1265	0	0.09	%	126
WHEAT Dec 14 (R/t)	3641	-9	↓ ∎	0.2%	3650	USA GROUNDNUT	1260	0	0.09	%	126
						Commodities	Import parity	Imp parity	Safex min	us Exp	Export parity
SUN Sep 14 (R/t)	4220	30	-	0.7%	4190		(Randfontein)	minus Safex	parit	ty	(Randfontein)
SUN May 15 (R/t)	4200			0.0%	4200	White maize (USA)	3 002	1 293		190	1 519
SOY50 Sep 14 (R/t)	5295	55		1.0%	5240	Yellow maize (USA)	3 002	1 139		247	1 519
SOY50 May 15 (R/t)	4630	45	♠	1.0%	4585	Yellow maize (ARG)	2 755	989		417	1 349
SORGHUM Sep 14 (R/t)	2400	-20	↓ 💻	0.8%	2420	Wheat (ARG)	3 869	1 985		1269	2 44:
Malting Barley (Caledon)(R/t)	3152	5	↑	0.2%	3147	Wheat (Germany)	3 557	-153		1621	2 08
CANOLA(Swellendam)(R/t)	4530	0	♠	0.0%	4530	HRW Dec 14	3 987	346		1227	2 48
GROUNDNUTS(Vaalharts)(R/t)	Choice: R12000/t,Sundry: R7500/t and Crushing: R3750-R4500/t					Wheat (HRW)	3 944	-276		12 <mark>69</mark>	2 44
	Silo certificates premiums traded (21/08/2014)				Soybean (USA)	6 609	2 409		624	4 67	
	Grade	Silo owner	Silo Location		Traded premium	Soybean (ARG)	6 266	971		-226	4 42
Yellow maize	YM1	NWK	Koster			Sunflower	5 978	1 348		289	3 93:
White Maize	WM1	NWK	Sannieshof		R 18.00	Malt Barley (France)	3 138	738		1490	1 66
Soybeans	SB	AFG	Dannhauser		R 10.00	Sorghum (USA)	3 381	228		589	1 81:
Sunflower	FH	SWK	De Brug		R 5.00	Canola	6 162	1 632		-953	4 10
						Groundnuts (ARG)	16 786	4 786		-576	12 57
White Maize	WM1	SWL	Swl Kameel		R 70.00	USA Groundnuts	16 727	4 727		-522	12 52
Soybeans	SB	AFG	Dannhauser			USA Groundnuts 3.5%	16 253	4 253		-52	12 05
Sunflower	FH	SWK	Petrusburg		-	USA WM Jul 14	3 040	1 177		199	1 66
Silo certificates premiums traded (11/08/2014)						USA YM Jul 14	3 040	1 156		220	1 66
White Maize	WM1	SWK	Van Tonder		R 160.00	Soybean (USA) May 14	6 421	1 791		145	4 48
External factors	1		ran rander		11 100.00	50,000 (00R) May 14	0421	1751	· -	145	

External factors

The Rand slightly strengthened by 1.16% to the US dollar from levels seen at mid-day yesterday. The US\$ slightly strengthened by 0.05% to the Euro. The rand held steady against the US dollar after the release of second-quarter GDP. Real GDP expanded by a seasonally adjusted annualised 0,6% q-o-q after contracting by the same amount in the first-quarter. However, this was slower than market expectations of 0,9% q-o-q.

Summer grains (White maize, Yellow maize and Sorghum)

Maize: Domestic maize prices were bearish; prices for white and yellow maize nearest contract month were down by 0.9% and 1.0%, respectively. In addition, white and yellow maize (Jul 15) contract month prices were down by 0.5% and 0.6%, respectively. Domestic maize prices closed lower following a soft demand, low international prices coupled with a stronger rand value. The CEC's seventh production forecast for 2014 maize is at 14.3 million tons, which is 290 200 tons higher than the previous estimate. White maize is expected to be at 7.69 million tons unchanged from the previous estimate. Yellow maize is expected to be at 6.6 million tons, which is 290 200 tons higher than the previous estimate.

SAGIS weekly white maize exports amounted to **11 827** tons, compared to **11 688** tons the previous week, with all exported to African markets. Additionally, weekly yellow maize exports amounted to 55 693 tons compared to 119 453 tons the previous week, with 25 790 tons exported to Taiwan, **27 747** tons to Japan and the rest to African markets. Total 2014/15 maize exports to date amounts to **1 118 436** tons vs. **1 170 062** tons same time the previous year.

SAGIS weekly 2014/15 maize producer deliveries totalled 156 295 tons, with white maize at 102 719 tons and yellow maize at 53 576 tons; lower than last week's quantity of 255 390 tons. Furthermore, this season's total maize deliveries pace to date is at 89.5%, lower than last year's pace of 90.8%.

International corn prices for (Sep14) and (Dec 14) decreased from the levels seen yesterday by 0.8% and 1.0%, respectively; owing to prospects of a record US crop coupled with worries of fewer buyers in the market. There is still some buying interest, with Taiwan reported to have tendered about 2.4 million bushels either from Brazil or South Africa, excluding US originations.

Sorghum: The CEC's seventh production forecast for 2014 sorghum is at 268 920 tons which is 5.17% higher than the previous estimate.

Winter Grains (Wheat and Barley)

Wheat: Domestic wheat prices were mixed from the levels seen yesterday; (Sep 14) contract showed an increase of 0.1%; at the same time (Dec14) contract month was down by 0.2%. According to the CEC, the first production forecast is at 1.78 million tons tons, which is 4,82% less than the previous seasons' crop of 1,87 million tons.

International wheat prices were bullish; with (Sept 14) showing an increase of 0.6% from yesterday's price levels, and (Dec 14) up by 0.5%; respectively. The gains were due to lingering concerns of EU's wheat quality as well as harvest delays due to excessive rain. However there is still an ample supply of wheat expected from the world market.

Oilseeds (Soybean, Sunflower, Canola and Groundnuts)

Soybeans: Domestic soybean prices were up from the price levels seen yesterday; both (Sep 14) and (May 15) contracts showed an increase of 1%. The CEC's seventh production forecast for 2014 soybeans remained unchanged from the previous estimate (944 340 tons). International soybean prices were mixed from the price levels seen yesterday, despite reports of a record US crop, soybean prices managed to gain some momentum owing to expected new crop demand from China.

Sunflower: Domestic sunflowerseed prices were mixed from levels seen yesterday; (Sep 14) contract showed an increase of 0.7% and (May 15) contract remained unchanged. The CEC's seventh production forecast for 2014 sunflower remained unchanged from the previous estimate (853 325 tons).

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