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GSA Afternoon Market Commentary 31 October 2014

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	2014/10/31				2014/10/30		2014/10/30			2014/10/29
	New (12:00pm)	Δ	Δ%		Prev (12:00pm)		New FOB	Δ	Δ%	Prev FOB
1 EURO: ? USD	1.2580	-0.0004	4	-0.04%	1.2585	USA MAIZE	193	6	3.2%	187
1 USD: ? ZAR	10.86	-0.1110	4	-1.02%	10.97	ARG MAIZE	180	5	2.9%	175
Corn Dec 14 (c/bu)	374.25	-3.25		-0.9%	377.50	USA HRW WHEAT	290	2	0.7%	288
Corn Jul 15 (c/bu)	402.00	-3.25		-0.8%	405.25	GERMANY WHEAT	245	3	1.2%	242
Soybean Nov 14 (c/bu)	1032.25	-16.00		-1.6%	1048.25	USA SOY	442	13	3.0%	429
Soybean Mar 15 (c/bu)	1043.25	-17.00	↓	-1.6%	1060.25	USA SORG	250	4	1.6%	246
Wheat Dec 14 (c/bu)	534.00	-9.00	↓ 	-1.7%	543.00	FRANSBARL	211	1	0.5%	210
Wheat Mar 15 (c/bu)	546.75	-8.50	↓	-1.6%	555.25	ARG WHEAT	270	0	0.0%	270
WMAZ Nov 14 (R/t)	1886	-41	Ŷ	-2.2%	1927	ARG SOY	464	13	2.9%	451
WMAZ Jul 15 (R/t)	1930	-39	Ŷ	-2.0%	1969	ARG SORG	155	4	2.6%	151
YMAZ Nov 14 (R/t)	1932	-22	•	-1.1%	1954	EU SUNS	412	9	2.2%	403
YMAZ Jul 15 (R/t)	1968	-31	↓	-1.6%	1999	CANADA CANOLA	431	18	4.4%	413
WHEAT Nov 14 (R/t)	3600	-1	*	0.0%	3601	ARG GROUNDNUT	1405	10	0.7%	1395
WHEAT Dec 14 (R/t)	3625	-17	J 📕	-0.5%	3642	USA GROUNDNUT	1330	0	0.0%	1330
						Commodities	Import parity	Imp parity	Safex minus Exp	Export parity
SUN Nov 14 (R/t)	4780	65	-	1.4%	4715		(Randfontein)	minus Safex	parity	(Randfontein)
SUN May 15 (R/t)	4180	-75	•	-1.8%	4255	White maize (USA)	3 084	1 198		1 573
SOY50 Nov 14 (R/t)	5437	-48	×	-0.9%		Yellow maize (USA)	3 084	1 154	359	1 573
SOY50 May 15 (R/t)	4675	-55		-1.2%		Yellow maize (ARG)	2 852	920	501	1 431
SORGHUM Dec 14 (R/t)	2460	-1		0.0%		Wheat (ARG)	3 855	1 887	1190	2 410
Malting Barley (Caledon)(R/t)	3042			0.0%		Wheat (Germany)	3 644	44	1464	2 136
CANOLA(Swellendam)(R/t)		-		0.0%		HRW Dec 14	4 186	561	950	2 650
GROUNDNUTS(Vaalharts)(R/t)	Choice: R12000/t,Sundry: R7500/t and Crushing: R3750-R4500/t				Wheat (HRW)	4 164	-616	<mark>9</mark> 71	2 629	
	Silo certificates premiums traded (17/10/2014)					Soybean (USA)	6 233	2 053	1144	4 293
	Grade		Silo Location		Traded premium	Soybean (ARG)	6 408	971	-354	4 534
White Maize	WM1	SWK	Protespan		R 40.00	Sunflower	5 995	1 320	<mark>8</mark> 94	3 886
	Silo certificates pre	miums traded	(14/10/2014	.)		Malt Barley (France)	3 279	819	1279	1 764
White Maize	WM1	SWK	Heuningspru	it	R-30.00	Sorghum (USA)	3 804	761	269	2 191
Sunflower	FH	nwk	Bodenstein		R 10.00	Canola	6 274	1 744	-1130	4 173
	Silo certificates pre	miums traded	(13/10/2014)	-	Groundnuts (ARG)	18 947	6 947	-2463	14 463
Yellow Maize	YM1	SWK	Wolwehoek		R 20.00	USA Groundnuts	18 034	6 034	-1641	13 641
Soybeans	SB	TWK	Panbult		R 10.00	USA Groundnuts 3.5%	17 519	5 519	-1132	13 132
	Silo certificates pre	miums traded	(30/09/2014	.)		USA WM Jul 14	3 208	3 163	124	1 806
Yellow maize	YM1	SWK	Heilbron		R 15.00	USA YM Jul 14	3 208	1 240	162	1 806
	YM1	NWK	Oppaslaagte		R 3.00	Soybean (USA) May 14	6 308	1 633	308	4 367

External factors

The rand strengthened by 1.02% to the US dollar from levels seen at mid-day yesterday. The US\$ slightly strengthened by 0.04% to the Euro. South Africa's trade deficit narrowed to -R2.9 billion in September compared to -R16.3 billion in August as exports rose to R90.7 billion, while imports were essentially unchanged at R93.7 billion.

Summer grains (White maize, Yellow maize and Sorghum)

Maize: Domestic maize prices were bearish; white and yellow maize nearest contract month price were respectively down by 2.2% and 1.1%. In addition, white and yellow maize (Jul 15) contract month prices were also respectively down by 2.0% and 1.6%. Domestic maize prices came under pressure at the back expected rains over the weekend (especially the eastern parts of the country), strong rand and also the low Chicago prices.

International corn prices for (Dec 14) and (Jul 15) closed lower; down by 0.9% and 0.8%, respectively; owing to good harvest progress in the US as well as disappointing weekly exports sales. Weekly US corn export sales for 2014/15 came in at 489 800 tons, down by 53% from the previous week. Additionally expected production increase in the EU also weighed on the prices. EU's 2014/15 maize production is expected to increase by 3.6 million tons to 74 million tons compared to 64.5 million tons the previous year.

Winter Grains (Wheat and Barley)

Wheat: Domestic wheat prices were down from yesterday's price levels; both (Nov 14) and (Dec14) contract month prices were respectively down by 0.03% and 0.5%.

International wheat prices were bearish; both (Dec 14) and (Mar 15) contracts showed decreases 1.7% and 1.6% from yesterday's price levels; mainly pressured by prospects of favourable weather conditions over the southern and central plains of the United States. Disappointing weekly US wheat export sales also weighed on the prices. On the other hand, Michael Cordonnier noted that Brazil's wheat harvest is likely to be disappointing, owing to quality concerns of early harvested crop.

Oilseeds (Soybean, Sunflower, Canola and Groundnuts)

Soybeans: Domestic soybean prices were down from yesterday's price levels; both (Nov 14) and (May 15) contract month prices were down by 0.9% and 1.2%, respectively, mainly following the international price trend.

International soybean prices showed a bearish price view; owing to prospects of favourable weather conditions in the major growing regions of Brazil as well as good harvest progress in the United States. Cancellations of some US soymeal contracts also weighed on the prices. Argentina's 2014/15 soybean planting is estimated at 6% complete (2% last week, 5% a year ago). Weekly US soybean export sales were in line with market expectations.

Sunflower: Domestic sunflowerseed prices were mixed from vesterday's price levels: (Nov 14) contract month price closed higher by 1.4%; while (May 15) contract month price closed lower with a decrease of 1.8%

Internationally, Argentina's sunflowerseed plantings are reported to be advancing well, despite heavy rainfalls, currently estimated at 51% complete vs. 41% the previous week

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

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