


Grain SA's Morning Grain Market Commentary

	DATE	DATE			+ - WEEK AGO		+ - MONTH AGO		+ - YEAR AGO					
	2015/08/04	2015/08/03			2015/07/28		2015/07/07		2014/08/05					
	Data	Δ	Δ%	Data	Δ%	Data	Δ%	Data	Δ%	Data				
DJIA-index	17598	-91.66	↓	-0.5%	17690	↓	-0.2%	17630	↓	-1.0%	17777	↑	7.1%	16429
Goud (Spot)	1083.28	-11.87	↓	-1.1%	1095.15	↓	-1.3%	1097.16	↓	-6.1%	1154.12	↓	-16.2%	1291.95
Brent \$/vat	49.69	-2.52	↓	-4.8%	52.21	↓	-6.4%	53.09	↓	-12.0%	56.49	↓	-52.6%	104.90
1 €: ? US\$	1.0942	-0.002	↓	-0.2%	1.0959	↓	-1.0%	1.1049	↓	-0.6%	1.1005	↓	-18.5%	1.3422
1 US\$: ? ZAR	12.68	-0.048	↓	-0.4%	12.73	↑	0.9%	12.56	↑	1.7%	12.47	↑	17.8%	10.76
ΔCBOT 8vm : 12nm*	R 1 837.93	6	↑	0.3%	R 1 832.37	*CBOT Corn Sept cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Corn Sept 12:00 the previous day								
ΔCBOT 8vm : 12nm*	R 2 340.79	31	↑	1.3%	R 2 309.92	* CBOT Soy Sept cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Soy Sept 12:00 the previous day								
ΔCBOT 8vm : 12nm*	R 4 543.00	125	↑	2.8%	R 4 417.60	* CBOT Wheat Sept cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Wheat Sept 12:00 the previous								
Latest CBOT prices during overnight trading (Recorded between 6 a.m. to 07:00 am vs 12:00 pm the previous trading day)														
Corn Sept 15	368.25	2.50	↑	0.7%	365.75	↓	-1.8%	375.00	↓	-13.0%	423.25	↓	-8.5%	402.25
Corn Dec 15	378.00	2.50	↑	0.7%	375.50	↓	-1.9%	385.50	↓	-12.7%	433.00	↓	-7.8%	410.00
Wheat Sept 15	502.50	8.50	↑	1.7%	494.00	↓	-1.6%	510.75	↓	-14.1%	585.25	↓	-19.4%	623.75
Soybeans Sept 15	975.25	30.50	↑	3.2%	944.75	↑	0.1%	974.75	↓	-1.0%	985.25	↓	-9.7%	1080.25
Latest MTM prices (Recorded between 07:00 am - 08:00 am on the last two dates) SPOT = nearest contract month (Rands / tonne)														
SORGHUM Sep 15	3050.00	0.00	↑	0.0%	3050.00	↑	0.0%	3050	↑	0.2%	3045	↑	23.5%	2470
WMAZ Aug 15	3131.00	-48.00	↓	-1.5%	3179.00	↑	2.2%	3063	↓	-1.7%	3185	↑	81.5%	1725
WMAZ Sep 15	3155.00	-49.00	↓	-1.5%	3204.00	↑	2.2%	3088	↓	-1.6%	3205	↑	80.2%	1751
YMAZ Aug 15	2675.00	-50.00	↓	-1.8%	2725.00	↑	0.1%	2672	↓	-4.7%	2806	↑	46.8%	1822
YMAZ Sep 15	2686.00	-48.00	↓	-1.8%	2734.00	↑	0.3%	2679	↓	-4.3%	2806	↑	45.8%	1842
SOY Aug 15	5000.00	-68.00	↓	-1.3%	5068.00	↑	2.2%	4893	↑	1.9%	4905	↓	-5.1%	5270
SOY Sep 15	5035.00	-73.00	↓	-1.4%	5108.00	↑	2.0%	4937	↑	0.3%	5020	↓	-5.1%	5308
SUN Aug 15	5550.00	0.00	↑	0.0%	5550.00	↑	1.4%	5473	↓	-1.1%	5610	↑	24.7%	4450
SUN Sep 15	5580.00	-15.00	↓	-0.3%	5595.00	↑	1.6%	5493	↓	-1.8%	5680	↑	23.8%	4507
WHEAT Aug15	3993.00	13.00	↑	0.3%	3980.00	↑	0.6%	3968	↑	1.8%	3 921	↑	8.9%	3666
WHEAT Dec 15	4014.00	17.00	↑	0.4%	3997.00	↑	2.9%	3900	↑	4.0%	3858	↑	10.5%	3634
LATEST MARKET INFORMATION TO 23:00 (RSA TIME) AS OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS MARKET REPORTS														
<p>External Market Factors: This morning, the Rand has strengthened by 0.4% against the US dollar from the levels seen at midday yesterday, currently quoted at R12.68. A stronger Rand is not supportive of domestic commodity grain prices.</p> <p>Maize: Yesterday's trade session was fairly quiet and maize prices closed lower on the back of low parity pieces. Today is likely to be different, parity prices are up on the back of high Chicago maize prices and this might add an upward pressure on domestic maize prices movements. On the data front, SAGIS weekly export and import data is due for release at midday. Last week, there were no imports reported. This season (2015/16), South Africa has already imported about 141 011 tons of maize, of that total, white maize imports account for a mere 0.2% (262 tons). All white maize imports came from Zambia and all yellow maize imports came from Argentina.</p> <p>This morning, Chicago maize prices were up from the level seen at midday yesterday, mainly getting support from disappointing US crop conditions data. Market participants had expected the US crop conditions rating to improve, following the favourable weather conditions in the previous weeks. Nonetheless, the rating came out at 70% good/excellent, unchanged from the previous week and still 3% lower than the previous season. Weather is expected to remain favourable across the Midwest, as such, some market players remain optimistic that the US crop conditions might show some improvement in next week's report</p> <p>Soybean: Yesterday, domestic soybean prices also closed lower, following the international price movements and low parity prices. This morning, international soybean prices were up owing to disappointing US crop conditions data. As we noted in our Oilseed note yesterday, market participants had expected significant improvement in US soybean crop conditions, but the data only showed a mere 1% improvement from last week's crop rating. Crop rating came out at 63% good/excellent. This is 8% lower than the previous season's crop rating. Nonetheless, it is important to highlight that these price gains/increases might not last for long owing to the bearish sentiment in the soybean market following the low Brent crude prices. A weaker Brent crude oil price brings particular pressure on row crops, as lower fossil fuel prices means less demand for maize ethanol and soyoil biodiesel.</p> <p>Groundnuts (Peanuts): US groundnuts were reported at 75% good/excellent, which is a 1% improvement from the previous week. In 2014, the US was the second largest global groundnut exporter after India. In the same year, South Africa had a good crop (74 500 tons), but still imported about 10 395 tons from the world market, according to Trade Map data. Of that total imported volume, US share was 11%. The other leading suppliers were Namibia (29% share), India (20% share) and Mozambique (15% share).</p> <p><i>For any queries, please contact: Wandile Sihlobo, Email: wandile.sihlobo@grainsa.co.za</i></p>														
<p>Domestic Market Insights & Data: <i>SAGIS Weekly Export and Import Data: 04/08/2015</i></p> <p>International Market Insights & Data: <i>US Export Sales Data: 06/08/2015</i></p>														