Grain SA's Morning Grain Market Commentary

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	2015/10/13				2015/10/06			2015/09/15			2014/10/14			
	Data	Δ	Δ%	Data		Δ%	Data	_	Δ%	Data		Δ%	Data	
DJIA-index	17132	47.37	0.3%	17084	1	2.0%	16790	1	3.2%	16600	1	5.0%	16315	
Goud (Spot)	1154.55	-1.98	-0.2%	1156.53	1	0.6%	1148.23	1	4.5%	1104.95	 	-5.8%	1225.90	
Brent \$/vat	50.24	-2.66	↓ -5.0%	52.90	!	-3.8%	52.24	1	5.0%	47.86	\downarrow	-41.5%	85.86	
1 €: ? US\$	1.1369	-0.001	-0.1%	1.1383	1	1.0%	1.1261	•	0.7%	1.1290	₩	-10.1%	1.2644	
1 US\$: ? ZAR	13.37	0.064	0.5%	13.30	₩	-0.8%	13.48	₩	-0.7%	13.46		20.7%	11.07	
ΔCBOT 8vm : 12nm*	R 2 000.86	-5	-0.2%	R 2 005.75	*CBOT Corn Dec cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Corn Dec 12:00 the previous day									
ΔCBOT 8vm : 12nm*	R 2 485.07	-2	-0.1%	R 2 486.69	* CBOT Wheat Dec cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Wheat Dec 12:00 the previous day									
ΔCBOT 8vm : 12nm*	R 4 368.51	12	0.3%	R 4 356.30	* CBOT Soybean Nov cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Soybean Nov 12:00 the previous day									
	Latest CBOT prices during overnight trading (Recorded between 6 a.m. to 07:00 am vs 12:00 pm the previous trading day)													
Corn Dec 15	380.25	-2.75	-0.7%	383.00	₩.	-4.5%	398.25	₩.	-2.6%	390.50	₩	-5.4%	401.75	
Wheat Dec 15	506.00	-2.75	-0.5%	508.75	₩	-3.8%	526.25	₽	2.3%	494.75	↓	-10.0%	562.00	
Soybeans Nov 15	889.50	-1.75	-0.2%	891.25	1	0.2%	888.00	î	0.1%	889.00	₩	-9.4%	981.25	
Latest MTM prices (Recorded between 07:00 am - 08:00 am on the last two dates) SPOT = nearest contract month (Rands / tonne)														
SORGHUM Dec 15	3040.00	0.00	0.0%	3040.00	r	0.0%	3040	Î	0.0%	3040	Î	22.6%	2480	
WMAZ Dec 15	3234.00	-9.00	-0.3%	3243.00	\	-1.6%	3285	1	1.0%	3203	1	64.7%	1963	
WMAZ Jul 16	2877.00	5.00	0.2%	2872.00	₩	-0.2%	2883	r	5.8%	2718		44.5%	1991	
YMAZ Dec 15	2848.00	-40.00	-1.4%	2888.00	₩	-3.1%	2938	₩	-2.8%	2931		43.4%	1986	
YMAZ Jul 16	2668.00	-25.00	-0.9%	2693.00	₩	-0.7%	2686	r	3.2%	2586	1	34.3%	1987	
SOY Dec 15	5510.00	14.00	0.3%	5496.00	₩	0.0%	5512	1	2.4%	5380		6.2%	5188	
SOY Mar 16	5470.00	49.00	0.9%	5421.00	1	0.1%	5463	r	5.2%	5200	1	9.8%	4980	
SUN Dec 15	6447.00	27.00	0.4%	6420.00	1	1.4%	6360	1	6.1%	6076	1	3 6.9%	4709	
SUN Mar 16	5740.00	0.00	0.0%	5740.00	^	1.1%	5680	Ŷ	6.1%	5725	r	28.6%	4464	
WHEAT Oct 15	4094.00	19.00	0.5%	4075.00	1	0.7%	4066	1	0.3%	4106	1	13.8%	3598	
WHEAT Dec 15	4169.00	24.00	0.6%	4145.00	1	0.5%	4149	企	2.3%	4077	1	13.9%	3660	
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External Market Factors: This morning the Rand has weakened by 0.5% against the US dollar from the level seen at midday yesterday, at the time of writing the Rand traded around R13.37. A weaker Rand is supportive of domestic grain and oilseeds prices. Weather forecasts still show signs of possible rains in the eastern and central parts of South Africa between 13 and 20 October 2015 (see weather outlook: http://www.wxmaps.org/pix/prec10.html). The northern hemisphere is at the harvesting stages of their summer crops and that might, in short term might add downward pressure to grain and oilseeds prices.

MAIZE: Domestic and International perspective – in yesterday's trade session domestic maize prices closed lower, with the exception of white maize July 16 contract month price which was up by R5/ton from the previous day's price and closed at R2877/ton. This downward pressure on prices originated from the low parity prices. Chicago maize prices were down this morning following a 1.4% price decrease on US ethanol prices. A decline in ethanol prices lowers the margins for producers of biofuel, which in the US is mainly produced from maize and in turn affects maize demand. On the bullish side; the USDA in their World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimate (WASDE) report indicated that the 2015/16 global maize production might reach 972.6 million tons, which is a 0.6% decrease from the previous month's estimate. Crop decreases were mainly projected for the US and Argentina. In the same season, the global ending stocks were projected at 187.83 million tons, which is a 1% decrease from the previous month estimate.

Outlook – the calculated parity prices were down this morning and that might, in short term add downward pressure to domestic maize price movements. SAGIS weekly import and export data is due for release at midday. Last week's total maize imports were reported at 29 315 tons, with white maize at 633 tons and yellow maize at 28 682 tons. The 2015/16 total maize imports are currently at 397 748 tons, white maize at 8 925 tons and yellow maize at 388 823 tons. The USDA's crop progress report is due for release this evening and that will indicate the US harvest progress as well as the rating of the crop.

WHEAT: Domestic and International perspective — domestic wheat prices closed higher yesterday, despite the low parity prices. The Western Cape province continues to experience dry weather conditions which is negatively affecting the crops. Chicago wheat prices were down this morning owing to forecasted rains in the southern regions of the US. This might benefit the winter wheat which is still at the sowing stages. Moreover, there's still bearish pressure from the USDA's WASDE report which indicated that 2015/16 global wheat production might reach 732.79 million tons, which is a 0.2% month-on-month increase. Production increases were mainly projected for Canada, Australia and the EU. In the same season the global ending stocks were forecasted at 228.49 million tons, which is a 0.9% month-on-month increase.

Outlook – the calculated parity prices were down this morning and that might, in short-term add downward pressure to domestic wheat price movements. SAGIS weekly import and export data is due for release at midday. Last week's 2015/16 wheat imports were reported at 75 642 tons. About 82.4% of that total came from Russia, 15.2% from Ukraine and 2.4% from Germany.

Domestic Market Insights & Data: <u>SAGIS Weekly Export and Import Data: 13/10/2015</u> International Market Insights & Data: <u>USDA's Crop Progress Report: 13/10/2015</u>

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