


## Grain SA's Morning Grain Market Commentary

	DATE	DATE			+ - LAST WEEK		+ - LAST MONTH		+ - LAST YEAR					
	2017/02/17	2017/02/16			2017/02/06		2017/01/16		2016/02/15					
	Data	Δ	Δ%	Data	Δ%	Data	Δ%	Data	Δ%	Data				
DJIA-index	20620	7.91	↑	0.0%	20612	↑	2.7%	20071	↑	3.2%	19986	↑	29.1%	15974
Goud (Spot)	1238.12	3.31	↑	0.3%	1234.81	↑	1.2%	1223.55	↑	2.9%	1203.14	↑	3.7%	1193.85
Brent \$/vat	55.78	0.03	↑	0.1%	55.75	↓	-2.1%	56.98	↑	0.2%	55.65	↑	60.9%	34.66
1 € / US\$	1.0669	0.003	↑	0.3%	1.0638	↓	-0.9%	1.0762	↑	0.6%	1.0609	↓	-4.3%	1.1152
1 US\$ / ZAR	13.01	0.000	↑	0.0%	13.01	↓	-2.0%	13.27	↓	-3.8%	13.53	↓	-17.2%	15.72
Corn	R 1,910.42	-20	↓	-1.1%	R 1,930.90	*CBOT Corn Mar cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Corn Mar 12:00 the previous day								
Wheat	R 2,136.82	-29	↓	-1.3%	R 2,165.50	*CBOT Wheat Mar cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Wheat Mar 12:00 the previous day								
Soybeans	R 4,985.91	-62	↓	-1.2%	R 5,048.06	*CBOT Soy Mar cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Soy Mar 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 Mar '17	373.00	-4.00	↓	-1.1%	377.00	↑	3%	363.75	↑	4%	358.50	↓	-5%	391.00
Wheat Mar '17	447.00	-6.00	↓	-1.3%	453.00	↑	6%	422.50	↑	5%	426.00	↓	-11%	502.00
Soybeans Mar '17	1043.00	-13.00	↓	-1.2%	1056.00	↑	1%	1036.00	↓	0%	1046.25	↑	17%	893.50
Latest MTM prices (Recorded between 07:00 am - 08:00 am on the last two dates) SPOT = nearest contract month (Rands / tonne)														
SORGHUM Jul '17	3168.00	0.00	↑	0.0%	3168.00	↑	0.0%	3168.00	↓	-4.0%	3300.00	↓	-13.2%	3650
WMAZ Spot	2881.00	4.00	↑	0.1%	2877.00	↓	-3.5%	2985.00	↓	-20.3%	3614.00	↓	-41.7%	4938
WMAZ Mar 17	2828.00	11.00	↑	0.4%	2817.00	↓	-3.7%	2937.00	↓	-20.5%	3559.00	↓	-39.2%	4653
WMAZ Jul 17	2025.00	-12.00	↓	-0.6%	2037.00	↓	-5.4%	2140.00	↓	-11.7%	2294.00	↓	-40.4%	3398
YMAZ Spot	2790.00	0.00	↑	0.0%	2790.00	↓	-5.2%	2944.00	↓	-14.4%	3260.00	↓	-25.8%	3761
YMAZ Mar 17	2749.00	-1.00	↓	0.0%	2750.00	↓	-5.5%	2908.00	↓	-13.0%	3159.00	↓	-21.1%	3483
YMAZ Jul 17	2120.00	-12.00	↓	-0.6%	2132.00	↓	-4.1%	2211.00	↓	-10.2%	2361.00	↓	-38.4%	3441
SOY Spot	6220.00	70.00	↑	1.1%	6150.00	↓	-5.0%	6550.00	↓	-2.6%	6385.00	↓	-10.5%	6950
SOY May 17	5530.00	-27.00	↓	-0.5%	5557.00	↓	-5.6%	5855.00	↓	-7.0%	5945.00	↓	-11.4%	6240
SUN Spot	4990.00	-20.00	↓	-0.4%	5010.00	↓	-4.0%	5200.00	↓	-9.3%	5500.00	↓	-39.3%	8220
SUN May 17	5100.00	-26.00	↓	-0.5%	5126.00	↓	-4.5%	5340.00	↓	-7.9%	5540.00	↓	-24.4%	6750
WHEAT Spot	3959.00	-16.00	↓	-0.4%	3975.00	↓	-0.5%	3980.00	↑	0.1%	3955.00	↓	-14.3%	4620
WHEAT May 17	4069.00	-1.00	↓	0.0%	4070.00	↓	-0.4%	4085.00	↓	-1.0%	4111.00	↓	-14.0%	4729
LATEST MARKET INFORMATION TO 23:00 (RSA TIME) AS OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS MARKET REPORTS														
<p><b>Market Overview:</b> This morning, the rand trades unchanged from yesterday midday. The rand has been hovering at exactly R13 to the dollar following an improvement in emerging market sentiment. What remains a focus area from a currency perspective is the upcoming budget speech. At the time of writing, the rand was trading at R13.01 to the dollar. On the commodities, Brent crude oil has also stayed relatively the same as yesterday's reported level. Russia said it can reduce its oil output by 300 000 barrels per day by April as part of a concerted effort to combat a global oil glut. Efforts are still in place to reduce oil cuts and concerns still remain as the oil stocks had raised in this week's report. At the time of writing, Brent crude oil was trading at US\$55.78 per barrel.</p> <p><b>Maize:</b> US maize ended the day lower following a good run this week. Maize prices are now lower for the week, with the March contract remaining above key moving averages. The weekly export sales were disappointing with weekly USDA indicating that 784 901 tons of the old crop was sold and 284 495 of the new crop. Mexico is likely to move import demand to South America instead of the US and South Korea passed on offers to buy 65 000 tons of US maize because prices are too high. <b>Local:</b> South African maize prices have eased on the stronger dollar, closing mixed with the exception of the yellow maize which continues to be under pressure. White maize prices ended the day mostly higher for earlier months and lower for later months. The white maize spot and March contract showed off a few gains closing higher by 0.1% and 0.4% at R2 881 and R2 828, respectively. Yellow maize spot ended the day unchanged while closing lower for most contract months.</p> <p><b>Soybeans:</b> US soybeans ended the day in the negative territory with the March contract under the 20-day moving average and at a one week low. With Brazil's harvest underway, traders are watching as the harvest is rapidly moved. Harvest has progressed in Brazil with some dryness this week which aided combines. Meanwhile, central Argentina still has a few showers but the soybean harvest is still a few weeks away. On the export sales reported by USDA, soybean weekly sales amounted to 889 941 of the old crop and 206 836 tons of the new crop. <b>Local:</b> Soybean prices ended the day mostly lower with exception on the spot price which saw a few gains, closing higher by 1.1%. The soybean March and May contract remained under pressure, closing the day lower with prices below the R6 000 level. The pressure on soybean prices can be attributed to a stronger Rand to the dollar.</p> <p><b>Wheat:</b> In Thursday's trading session, wheat prices tumbled in late session with the March soft red winter wheat wiping out nearly a week's worth of gains. The selling of the wheat came despite better than expected weekly export sales. Export sales reported for the wheat amounted to 568 800 of the old crop while the crop sales amounted to 19 051 tons. On the weather outlook, next week's forecast has mild and dry conditions for winter wheat which will be exiting winter dormancy in a few weeks. <b>Local:</b> South African wheat prices ended the day in the negative territory. The spot and March contract slipped lower by 0.4% and 0.2%. The May contract was lower a R1 while the July contract slipped by 0.2% at R4 124. The spot and March contract losses have placed them below the R4000 level seen last week.</p>														
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