

Grain SA's Morning Grain Market Commentary

GRAIN SA GRAIN SA	DATE	DATE			+ - LAST WEEK		+ - LAST MONTH		+ - LAST YEAR					
	2017/03/24	2017/03/23			2017/03/13		2017/02/20		2016/03/21					
	Data	Δ	Δ%	Data	Δ%	Data	Δ%	Data	Δ%	Data				
DJIA-index	20657	-4.62	↓	0.0%	20661	↓	-1.2%	20903	↑	0.2%	20624	↑	17.2%	17624
Goud (Spot)	1243.91	-2.19	↓	-0.2%	1246.10	↑	0.1%	1206.70	↑	0.8%	1234.15	↓	-0.9%	1255.30
Brent \$/vat	50.72	-0.26	↓	-0.5%	50.98	↓	-0.6%	51.01	↓	-0.1%	55.81	↑	22.3%	41.46
1 € / US\$	1.0766	-0.001	↓	-0.1%	1.0772	↑	0.6%	1.0698	↑	1.4%	1.0615	↓	-4.3%	1.1247
1 US\$ / ZAR	12.49	-0.090	↓	-0.7%	12.58	↓	-0.9%	13.13	↓	-4.4%	13.07	↓	-13.1%	15.25
Corn	R 1,750.47	-10	↓	-0.6%	R 1,760.30	↑	0.6%							
Wheat	R 1,932.09	-19	↓	-1.0%	R 1,950.64	↑	0.9%							
Soybeans	R 4,547.99	-51	↓	-1.1%	R 4,599.25	↑	1.1%							
*CBOT Corn Mar cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Corn Mar 12:00 the previous day														
*CBOT Wheat Mar cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Wheat Mar 12:00 the previous day														
*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	356.00	-2.00	↓	-0.6%	358.00	↓	-1%	358.00	↓	-3%	368.00	↓	-10%	396.25
Wheat Mar '17	421.00	-1.00	↓	-0.2%	422.00	↓	0%	422.00	↓	-5%	441.00	↓	-17%	510.00
Soybeans Mar '17	991.00	-4.00	↓	-0.4%	995.00	↓	-1%	996.00	↓	-4%	1032.00	↑	8%	919.75
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	↑	0.0%	3168.00	↓	-3.2%	3650.00
WMAZ Spot	1969.00	-38.00	↓	-1.9%	2007.00	↓	-1.1%	2293.00	↓	-33.0%	2940.00	↓	-58.7%	4762.00
WMAZ May 17	1822.00	-8.00	↓	-0.4%	1830.00	↓	-5.7%	1953.00	↓	-39.5%	2914.00	↓	-62.0%	4792.00
WMAZ Jul 17	1793.00	-12.00	↓	-0.7%	1805.00	↓	-5.9%	1906.00	↓	-11.5%	2025.00	↓	-47.3%	3402.00
YMAZ Spot	2080.00	-117.00	↓	-5.3%	2197.00	↓	-11.5%	2350.00	↓	-25.8%	2802.00	↓	-37.5%	3330.00
YMAZ May 17	1901.00	-22.00	↓	-1.1%	1923.00	↓	-7.5%	2055.00	↓	-31.7%	2785.00	↓	-41.4%	3245.00
YMAZ Jul 17	1899.00	-18.00	↓	-0.9%	1917.00	↓	-5.8%	2016.00	↓	-10.3%	2117.00	↓	-35.7%	3002.00
SOY Spot	4889.00	-126.00	↓	-2.5%	5015.00	↓	-10.4%	5454.00	↓	-19.2%	6050.00	↓	-22.5%	6306.00
SOY May 17	4854.00	-62.00	↓	-1.3%	4916.00	↓	-4.8%	5099.00	↓	-11.8%	5505.00	↓	-19.8%	6051.00
SUN Spot	4330.00	-60.00	↓	-1.4%	4390.00	↓	-5.1%	4610.00	↓	-12.0%	4918.00	↓	-44.5%	7800.00
SUN May 17	4400.00	-65.00	↓	-1.5%	4465.00	↓	-5.8%	4720.00	↓	-12.8%	5048.00	↓	-34.3%	6700.00
WHEAT Spot	4020.00	3.00	↑	0.1%	4017.00	↓	-0.2%	4027.00	↑	1.4%	3966.00	↓	-12.7%	4605.00
WHEAT May 17	4073.00	2.00	↑	0.0%	4071.00	↓	-0.8%	4107.00	↑	0.0%	4071.00	↓	-12.6%	4660.00

LATEST MARKET INFORMATION TO 23:00 (RSA TIME) AS OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS MARKET REPORTS

Market Overview: This morning, the Rand slipped below the R12.50 mark continuing its strength against the dollar. The Rand is 0.7% stronger than the level seen at Thursday midday, and gained strength at the back of strong local economic indicators released on Wednesday and a weaker dollar. The dollar rose a little higher on Thursday, but not enough to weigh down on the performing Rand. At the time of writing, the rand was trading at R12.49 to the dollar. On the commodities front, Brent crude oil prices inched lower, unable to hold onto any gains at the back of increasing US inventories. This week, it was reported that the US rig count increased by 14, extending a drilling surge. Saudi Arabia is ready to extend cuts if supplies stay above the five-year average. At the time of writing, Brent crude oil was trading at around US\$50.64 per barrel.

Maize: US maize ended the day lower for the fourth straight session with pressure from the South American harvest, while the May contract still settled below the key moving averages. In the weekly export sales data, the old and new crop export sales came in better than expected at 1.5 million tons with South Korea, Japan and Mexico noted as the top buyers. The old crop export sales exceeded the weekly pace needed to meet USDA's annual forecast. On the weather outlook, rain is forecast for the Midwest this week which should help with soil moisture for spring plantation next month. **Local:** White and yellow maize prices extended losses into the week's session. Yellow maize spot showed off 3-digit losses, while the white spot also ended the day in the negative territory. White maize prices are more under pressure, with almost all contract months trading below the R2 000 mark. Continuous pressure on the maize prices can be attributed to the stronger Rand as well as a bullish harvest ahead.

Soybeans: US soybeans settled the day lower for the day with pressure emanating from a bullish Brazil harvest. A private forecast put Brazil's harvest at 111 million tons, while the USDA forecast 108 million tons while another forecast placed Argentina's soybean forecast at 56.5 million tons, with USDA's forecast at 55.5 million tons. Soybean weekly export sales reported by USDA amounted to 891 181 tons, which came in higher than the weekly pace needed to meet USDA's annual forecast. USDA will be releasing acreage estimates next week and the markets expects are higher acreage for soybeans. **Local:** Soybean futures came in under pressure, ending the day lower in Thursday session. The soybean spot ended the day lower with 3-digit losses closing in at R4 889 while the May and July contract also showed big losses landing them below the R5 000 mark for most contracts.

Wheat: US winter wheat ended the day lower in light trading, pressured by rain forecast this week and next week. The soft red and hard red winter wheat still remains at their lowest since early January. Spring wheat futures managed to end the day higher. On the export sales, winter wheat weekly sales amounted to 568 800 tons, coming in higher than expected. Wheat conditions in Kansas and Oklahoma were rated good to excellent, at 38% and 42%, respectively, however the conditions declined a little last week due to dry conditions. **Local:** South African wheat came in under a little pressure, ending the day mixed. Wheat spot ended the day a little higher at R4 020. The May and July contract also inched higher, showing off a few gains despite a stronger Rand.

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