


Grain SA's Morning Grain Market Commentary

	DATE	DATE			+ - LAST WEEK		+ - LAST MONTH		+ - LAST YEAR	
	2017/05/24	2017/05/23			2017/05/15		2017/04/24		2016/05/23	
	Data	Δ	Δ%	Data	Δ%	Data	Δ%	Data	Δ%	Data
DJIA-index	20938	43.08 ↑	0.2%	20895 ↓	-0.2%	20982 ↑	1.9%	20548 ↑	19.7%	17493
Goud (Spot)	1251.78	-10.59 ↓	-0.8%	1262.37 ↑	1.7%	1230.46 ↓	-1.9%	1275.90 ↑	0.5%	1246.00
Brent \$/vat	54.15	0.51 ↑	1.0%	53.64 ↑	1.7%	51.72 ↑	3.7%	52.24 ↑	12.5%	48.15
1 € / US\$	1.1173	-0.009 ↓	-0.8%	1.1260 ↑	1.7%	1.0988 ↑	1.9%	1.0862 ↓	-0.4%	1.1213
1 US\$ / ZAR	13.11	-0.150 ↓	-1.1%	13.26 ↓	-0.5%	13.17 ↑	0.7%	13.02 ↓	-16.7%	15.74
Corn	R 1,904.46	-21 ↓	-1.1%	R 1,925.10	*CBOT Corn May cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Corn May 12:00 the previous day					
Wheat	R 2,066.54	-38 ↓	-1.8%	R 2,104.80	* CBOT Wheat May cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Wheat May 12:00 the previous day					
Soybeans	R 4,566.61	-67 ↓	-1.4%	R 4,633.48	* CBOT Soy May cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Soy May 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 May '17	369.00	-4.00 ↓	-1.1%	373.00 ↑	1%	367.00 ↑	3%	357.00 ↓	-11%	413.25
Wheat May '17	429.00	-3.00 ↓	-0.7%	432.00 ↑	1%	423.00 ↓	6%	405.00 ↓	-17%	517.50
Soybeans May '17	948.00	-3.00 ↓	-0.3%	951.00 ↓	-2%	965.00 ↓	0%	951.00 ↓	-6%	1011.50
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	2900.00	0.00 ↑	0.0%	2900.00 ↓	-0.0%	3020.00 ↓	-1.0%	3020.00 ↓	-22.0%	3720.00
WMAZ Spot	1784.00	-13.00 ↓	-0.7%	1797.00 ↓	-0.0%	1839.00 ↓	-1.7%	1852.00 ↓	-64.9%	5076.00
WMAZ July 17	1798.00	-12.00 ↓	-0.7%	1810.00 ↓	-0.0%	1853.00 ↓	-1.9%	1833.00 ↓	-46.3%	3346.00
WMAZ Sept 17	1857.00	-14.00 ↓	-0.7%	1871.00 ↓	-0.6%	1907.00 ↓	-1.8%	1892.00 ↓	-64.1%	5166.00
YMAZ Spot	1909.00	-13.00 ↓	-0.7%	1922.00 ↓	-1.5%	1939.00 ↓	-1.1%	1950.00 ↓	-46.6%	3575.00
YMAZ July 17	1927.00	-9.00 ↓	-0.5%	1936.00 ↓	-1.2%	1971.00 ↓	-1.0%	1947.00 ↓	-38.3%	3125.00
YMAZ Sept 17	1979.00	-6.00 ↓	-0.3%	1985.00 ↓	-1.0%	2020.00 ↓	-0.9%	1996.00 ↓	-45.9%	3655.00
SOY Spot	4646.00	-6.00 ↓	-0.1%	4652.00 ↓	-1.7%	4775.00 ↓	-1.3%	4705.00 ↓	-35.7%	7230.00
SOY July 17	4704.00	1.00 ↑	0.0%	4703.00 ↓	-2%	4862.00 ↓	-1.2%	4808.00 ↓	-35.3%	7276.00
SUN Spot	4695.00	-5.00 ↓	-0.1%	4700.00 ↑	0.1%	4692.00 ↑	6.4%	4413.00 ↓	-30.9%	6795.00
SUN July 17	4787.00	-12.00 ↓	-0.3%	4799.00 ↓	-0.2%	4797.00 ↑	9.4%	4540.00 ↓	-26.9%	6549.00
WHEAT Spot	4465.00	1.00 ↑	0.0%	4464.00 ↑	1.7%	4390.00 ↓	0.7%	4435.00 ↓	-12.4%	5097.00
WHEAT July 17	4408.00	0.00 ↑	0.0%	4408.00 ↑	0.9%	4370.00 ↓	-1.1%	4455.00 ↓	-14.9%	5180.00
WHEAT Dec 17	4215.00	-10.00 ↓	-0.2%	4225.00 ↑	0.7%	4185.00 ↑	1.6%	4150.00 ↓	-13.0%	4845.00

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

Market overview: The rand has lost some of its gains seen at yesterday midday, currently trading 0.8% lower this morning. The rand is trading in tight range as the markets await interest rate decisions this week by the SARB. There were no major economic data that drove the rand's movements on Monday. At the time of writing, the rand was trading at around R13.25 to the dollar. Brent crude oil prices fell on Monday after the US president Donald Trump proposed the sale of half of the country's strategic oil reserves in his budget plan and any release of the oil reserves would jolt up the market. This came just after OPEC released a statement to tighten the market. At the time of writing, Brent crude oil was trading at around US\$53.64 per barrel.

Maize: US maize continued to hold onto gains, settling the day higher as weather forecasts still favour cool and wet conditions which has recently caused delays in the spring plantings. Some parts of the maize producing areas in Illinois are likely to be replanted due to flood damage. USDA's crop progress report indicates that maize plantings are 84% done versus the 71% of the previous week. This is slightly less than the 85% 5 year average. In the weekly export sales reported by USDA, maize exports amounted to 1.1 million tons, which is higher-than-expected but less than the previous week's sales. Current market focus remains on the replanting of maize in Illinois however; there may be a risk of lower yields. **Local:** South Africa maize prices managed to end the day higher. White and yellow spot ended the day higher; with the white maize showing off small gains while the yellow maize showed off good gains. White and yellow July contract ended the day higher by 1% and 1.3% at R1 810 and R1 936, respectively. Maize prices managed to close higher for all contract months.

Soybeans: The US Soybean prices closed higher for the second day and were helped by fund buying. The prices did however still remain below some key moving averages. There are some wet weather expected for the next few days in the Midwest and it would be watched closely by traders as the US planting progress are currently a large contributor to the international price movements. The soybean plantings progressed well since last week and are reported by the USDA to be 53% done, while the 5 year average for this time of the season are 52% complete. The soybeans that are emerged are reported to be 19% which is slightly lower than the 5 year average of 21% for this time of the season. The expectation in the market were that the soybeans would be around 52% done after last week's plantings and the actual figure is more or less in line with what the market expectations were. In Brazil large farmer selling were seen last week with the Brazilian Real that weakened. The selling by farmers promoted Brazilian exports and that competed strongly with the US exports. The Real has stabilized since last week. The weather conditions in the Midwest, as well as the political situations in Brazil and the USA would be watched in the soybean markets. **Local:** The local soybean prices lost some ground yesterday trading lower for the day and end the day lower for most of the contract months which are currently listed.

Wheat: The US winter wheat market finished a little lower after fund selling after it hold some modest gains early in the session. The latest commitment of traders reports by the USDA indicated that the funds in the USA has turned net short on the hard red winter wheat after been net long the previous week. The weather in the Midwest and the Plains remain unfavourable for the winter wheat as there are widespread rain forecasted for this week. Most of the wheat are at a stage where they need dry weather. The US spring wheat also traded a few cents higher yesterday as there are rain that moves through the northern Plains the next few days. The winter wheat crop conditions are reported to be 52% good to excellent which is slightly better than last week, but well below the 62% of last year the same time. The spring wheat plantings are reported to be 90% done which is better than the 84% which is the 5 year average. The spring wheat emerged are reported to be 62%, while the 5 year average are 59% at this time of the year. **Local:** The local wheat market found some support yesterday and traded slightly higher for most of the contract months which are currently listed. The activity in the wheat market were still relatively low with contract volumes of around 600 contracts and below.

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