Grain SA's Morning Grain Market Commentary

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	Data	Δ	Δ Δ%		Data	Δ%		Data	Δ%		Data	Δ%		Data	
DJIA-index	16655	369.26	Ŷ	2.3%	16286	₩.	-4.9%	17511	Ţ	-5.5%	17630	1	-2.6%	17107	
Goud (Spot)	1131.03	3.20	^	0.3%	1127.83	企	1.2%	1117.61	个	3.1%	1097.16	₩.	-11.9%	1284.05	
Brent \$/vat	48.13	4.00	^	9.1%	44.13	₽	-0.9%	48.56	1	-9.3%	53.09	\uparrow	-53.2%	102.74	
1 €: ? US\$	1.1254	-0.003	↓	-0.3%	1.1287	r	1.7%	1.1061	Ŷ	1.9%	1.1049	↓ ■	-14.5%	1.3163	
1 US\$: ? ZAR	13.12	0.066	^	0.5%	13.06	î	1.7%	12.91	Î	4.5%	12.56		23.0%	10.67	
ΔCBOT 8vm : 12nm*	R 1 892.41	20	1	1.1%	R 1 872.54	*CBOT Corn Sept cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Corn Sept 12:00 the previous day									
ΔCBOT 8vm : 12nm*	R 2 344.97	-16	₽	-0.7%	R 2 360.68	* CBOT Wheat Sept cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Wheat Sept 12:00 the previous									
ΔCBOT 8vm : 12nm*	R 4 304.13	24	r	0.6%	R 4 279.93	* CBOT Soybean Sept cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Soybean Sept 12:00 the									
	Latest CBOT p	rices durin	g overn	ight trading	(Recorded be	tween 6	a.m. to 07	:00 am vs 12	2:00 pm	the previou	ıs trading d	ay)			
Corn Sept 15	366.25	2.00	个	0.5%	364.25	企	0.0%	366.25	\uparrow	-2.3%	375.00		-8.6%	400.50	
Corn Dec 15	377.25	1.75	r	0.5%	375.50	企	0.0%	377.25	₽	-2.1%	385.50		-7.5%	408.00	
Wheat Sept 15	486.25	-5.75	. ↓	-1.2%	492.00	₩	-1.6%	494.25	₽	-4.8%	510.75	↓	-19.6%	604.75	
Soybeans Sept 15	892.50	0.50	r	0.1%	892.00		-2.3%	913.25	₽	-8.4%	974.75	↓	-14.5%	1044.00	
L	atest MTM prices	s (Recorded	betwe	en 07:00 an	n - 08:00 am o	n the la	st two dates	s) SPOT = ne	arest co	ontract mon	th (Rands /	tonne)			
SORGHUM Sep 15	3050.00	0.00	Î	0.0%	3050.00	Î	0.0%	3050		0.0%	3050	Î	26.0%	2420	
WMAZ Sep 15	3019.00	-42.00	\	-1.4%	3061.00	r	2.1%	2956	1	-2.2%	3088	Î	75.1%	1724	
WMAZ Jul 16	2732.00	-13.00	₽	-0.5%	2745.00	_	3.8%	2631	r	6.5%	2565	1	45.9%	1873	
YMAZ Sep 15	2750.00	-21.00	↓	-0.8%	2771.00	r	3.3%	2663	Ŷ	2.7%	2679	6	54.2%	1783	
YMAZ Jul 16	2541.00	-24.00	↓	-0.9%	2565.00	r	3.5%	2454	Ŷ	6.8%	2379	Ŷ	34.1%	1895	
SOY Sep 15	5115.00	15.00	?	0.3%	5100.00	î	2.5%	4989		3.6%	4937	P	-2.4%	5240	
SOY Mar 16	5081.00	21.00	?	0.4%	5060.00	个	1.3%	5016	1	0.6%	5050	₩.	-3.6%	5272	
SUN Sep 15	5615.00	-12.00	₩.	-0.2%	5627.00	₩	-1.7%	5715	?	2.2%	5493	1	34.0%	4190	
SUN Mar 16	5393.00	0.00	r	0.0%	5393.00	₩	-0.1%	5400	r	2.2%	5288	r	23.3%	4375	
WHEAT Sep 15	4110.00	-5.00	₽	-0.1%	4115.00	r	1.5%	4050	Ŷ	2.6%	4 004	r	10.9%	3705	
WHEAT Dec 15	4137.00	-12.00	₽	-0.3%	4149.00	î	1.6%	4070	î	6.1%	3900	?	13.3%	3650	

External Market Factors: This morning the Rand has weakened by 0.5% against the US dollar from the levels seen at midday yesterday, at the time of writing, the Rand traded around R13.12.

MAIZE: Domestic view - in yesterday's trade session maize prices closed lower on the back of low parity prices. Today however the parity prices are up and that might provide upward pressure to prices. Grain SA's has maintained this season's (2015/16) maize import estimate at 750 000 tons, with yellow maize import estimate at 700 000 tons and white maize import estimate at 50 000 tons. About 29% (217 750 tons) of this estimated volume has already been imported.

International view - the Chicago maize prices were up this morning, with support emanating from better than expected US weekly export figures. US weekly maize export sales came out at 986 600 tons, well above the market expectations of 450 000 tons. On the other hand, there was bearish news from the International Grains Council. The Council revised up the 2015/16 global maize production by 2 million tons. The current global estimate stands at 968 million tons. The upward revision was due to favourable prospects of US maize crop.

SOYBEAN: *Domestic view* – soybean prices closed higher in yesterday's trade session. Today prices are likely to maintain the same trend due to high parity prices. *International view* – soybean prices were up this morning owing to better than expected US weekly export figures. The US weekly export figures came out at 1 475 400 tons, well above the market expectations of 600 000 tons. On the bearish side, *International Grain Council revised* up the global soybean production by 2 million tons to 310 million tons. However, this is still below the previous season's production estimate of 316 million tons.

WHEAT: International view - wheat prices were down this morning due to an upward revision in global wheat production. The International Grain Council placed their 2015/16 global wheat production estimate at 720 million tons, which is 10 million tons higher than their previous estimate. The global stocks were also revised up by 5 million tons to 206 million tons. Outlook – in short term wheat prices might remain under pressure due to low parity prices.

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Domestic Market Insights & Data: <u>SAGIS Weekly Export and Import Data</u>: <u>01/09/2015</u>

International Market Insights & Data: USDA's Crop Progress Data: 31/08/2015