


Grain SA's Morning Grain Market Commentary

	DATE 2020/03/27	DATE 2020/03/26		+ - LAST WEEK 2020/03/16		AT THE MONEY PUT OPTION FOR JUL 2020 DELIVERY			
	Data	Δ	Δ%	Data	Δ%	Data	WM	YM	
DJIA-index	22552	1351.62	6.38%	21201	2.7%	23186	Jul '20 FUTURES PRICE	R 2 517.00	R 2 677.00
Goud (Spot)	1627.57	25.29	1.58%	1602.28	5.1%	1548.2	Put STRIKE PRICE	R 2 520.00	R 2 680.00
Brent \$/vat	26.53	-0.76	-2.8%	27.29	9.1%	32.79	Put PREMIUM	R 157.63	R 141.23
1 € / US\$	1.1060	0.01	1.33%	1.0915	0.6%	1.1124	MIN SAFEX PRICE	R 2 362.37	R 2 538.77
1 US\$ / ZAR	17.33	-0.02	-0.1%	17.35	6.4%	16.28			
Corn Mar 20	R 2 378.31	-1	-0.1%	R 2 379.69	*CBOT Corn Mar cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Mar 12:00 the previous day				
Wheat Mar 20	R 3 623.21	-74	-2.0%	R 3 697.52	*CBOT Wheat Mar cents / bushel 08:00 today vs. CBOT Wheat Mar 12:00 the previous day				
Soybeans Mar 20	R 5 604.84	-14	-0.3%	R 5 618.95	*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)									
Corn May 20	348.60	0.20	0.1%	348.40	Parity prices delivered in				
Wheat May 20	569.00	-11.00	-1.9%	580.00	Randfontein. WEAT BDN				
Soybeans May 20	880.20	-1.20	-0.14%	881.40	import par not export par				
Latest MTM prices (SPOT = nearest contract month (Rand / ton))					Import parity	Export parity			
SORGHUM Mar '20	3161.00	0.00	0.0%	3161.00	3660.00	2114.00			
WMAZ Spot	3253.00	313.00	10.6%	2940.00	4415.00	1950.00			
WMAZ May 20	2666.00	83.00	3.2%	2583.00	3570.00	2220.00	week 47	MAIZE PRODUCER DELIVERIES	
WMAZ Jul 20	2517.00	43.00	1.7%	2474.00	3640.00	2280.00	WEEK TOTAAL	6 583	7 806 14 389
YMAZ Spot	2690.00	23.00	0.9%	2667.00	3350.00	1950.00	JTD TOTAAL	5 407 121	5 388 681 10 795 802
YMAZ May 20	2683.00	45.00	1.7%	2638.00	3570.00	2220.00	NOK SKATTING + REGSTELLINGS	5 385 000	5 380 000 10 765 000
YMAZ Jul 20	2677.00	40.00	1.5%	2637.00	3640.00	2280.00	% GELEWER VAN OES	100.4%	100.2% 100.3%
SOY spot	6549.00	-49.00	-0.7%	6598.00	6540.00	4670.00			
SOY May 20	6576.00	-39.00	-0.6%	6615.00	7040.00	5030.00	WEEK 25	WHEAT IMPORTS	
SUN Spot	5740.00	-30.00	-0.5%	5770.00	6370.00	4890.00	2019/20	2018/19	5 Jr. GEM
SUN May 20	5865.00	65.00	1.1%	5800.00	6370.00	4890.00	WEEK TOTAL	0	44 918 30 658
WHEAT Spot	5250.00	0.00	0.0%	5250.00	5000.00	4680.00	YTD TOTAL	717 834	127 813 338 965
WHEAT May 20	5226.00	26.00	0.5%	5200.00	5061.00	4740.00	TOTAL NEEDED	1 750 000	1 355 881 1 671 817
WHEAT Jul 20	5223.00	28.00	0.5%	5195.00	5061.00	4740.00	YTD AS % OF NEEDED	41%	9% 20%
LATEST MARKET INFORMATION TO 23:00 (RSA TIME) AS OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS MARKET REPORTS									
<p>Market Overview: As the nation prepared for the 21-day lockdown to start at midnight on the 26th of March 2020, the local market rallied for the third day in a row, boosted by mining counters. Both the All Share and the Top 40 closed 4.09% higher. The rand lost more than 1% on Thursday and was the worst performing emerging market currency ahead of the national lockdown. A dollar traded at R17.31 at 18h15. The rand has moved sideways since yesterday and traded this morning at R17.33/\$. Gold prices reached a two-week high on Thursday as the release of jobless claims figures knocked the dollar. An ounce of gold traded at \$1 627.88 at 18h15. Oil prices fell on Thursday as the worldwide travel restrictions dented fuel demand. At 18h15, a barrel of Brent crude traded at \$26.91. The SA Reserve Bank said on Thursday that its decision to buy government bonds as part of its attempts to stabilise markets is not a form of quantitative easing and that it does not seek to influence prices or fund the government directly. The Bank announced on Wednesday that it would enter the secondary, short-term funding markets to provide liquidity for maturities of up to 12 months to deal with liquidity strains in funding markets in the wake of market volatility sparked by the spread of the coronavirus. Mineral resources & energy minister Gwede Mantashe has gazetted an updated schedule to the Electricity Regulation Act with the provision that any entity that wants to generate energy greater than 1MW must obtain a licence from the National Energy Regulator of SA (Nersa). The schedule is an updated version of one first published in 2017 and was revised to remove certain errors.</p> <p>Maize: Maize prices spent most of Thursday's session in the red but finally came out slightly ahead by the close as traders attempted to balance spill over weakness from wheat with a bullish set of export sales data from USDA. Ahead of USDA's 2020 planting intentions report, which is released next Tuesday, analysts expect the agency to mark this year's corn acreage at 38.17 million hectares. That would be moderately higher than USDA's February estimate of 38.04 million hectares and significantly above last year's tally of 36.3 million hectares, if realized. Local: Maize prices yesterday showed an increase on all contracts traded.</p> <p>Soybeans: Soybean prices tried to overcome moderate overnight losses but couldn't quite make it out of the red yesterday, suffering a minor setback due to some spill over weakness from wheat. Ahead of USDA's 2020 planting intentions report next Tuesday, analysts offered an average guess of 34.34 million soybean hectares, which is slightly lower than the agency's February estimate of 34.39 million hectares but still significantly higher than 2019's tally of 30.78 million hectares, if realized. Local: Soybeans had been suppressed and closed mainly in the red.</p> <p>Wheat: Wheat prices were mostly down double digits today on a round of profit-taking after jumping substantially higher the past two weeks. Prices eroded throughout the session despite getting some positive export data from USDA this yesterday. Ahead of USDA's 2020 planting intentions report, out next Tuesday, analysts expect the agency to show all-wheat hectares this year at 18.203 million hectares, including 12.5 million winter wheat hectares. That would be modestly down from 2019's tally of 18.27 million hectares, if realized. Local: Wheat was volatile yesterday and ended the day's trading mainly in the green.</p>									
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