



SOYBEAN MARKET REPORT

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International & Local Market Trends

Bearish and Bullish Factors



Bullish Factor

Record-high crush demand & biofuel mandates

The May 2026 WASDE projects U.S. soybean crush at a record 2.75 billion bushels for 2026/27, a 5% increase year-on-year, driven by higher EPA Renewable Volume Obligations.

Futures at three-year highs after WASDE

After the May 2026 WASDE report, November 2026 soybean futures rose above \$12/bushel for the first time in three years, driven by increased domestic and global usage.

Sharp drawdown in U.S. inventories

USDA grain stocks data showed U.S. soybean inventories plunged to 2.10 billion bushels in Q1 2026 — a substantial fall from 3.29 billion previously.

Geopolitical supply risk from the Strait of Hormuz

The ongoing conflict in the Persian Gulf has driven soybean oil prices to three-year highs, with energy and freight cost increases supporting the broader soy complex.

Bearish Factor

Record Brazilian harvest flooding global supply

Brazil's 2025/26 soybean crop is estimated at a record 177–180 million metric tons, with CONAB projecting export volumes of over 114 million metric tons. Brazil's ending stockpiles are expected to be the highest in nine years, weighing heavily on global prices.

U.S. export share at a 13-year low

U.S. soybean exports for 2025/26 are forecast to decline to their lowest level in 13 years and their smallest-ever share of global trade (23%).

China is redirecting demand to Brazil

Brazil supplied 73.6% of China's total soy imports in 2025, up from 71% the prior year, as the U.S.–China trade war pushed Beijing to shift purchasing away from American suppliers.

High soybean production forecast keeps stocks comfortable

U.S. soybean production for 2026/27 is projected to rise 4% to 4.4 billion bushels due to increased planted area and trend yields.

Farmers shifting acreage toward soybeans

U.S. farmers intend to increase soybean plantings to 84.70 million acres for the 2026 season.

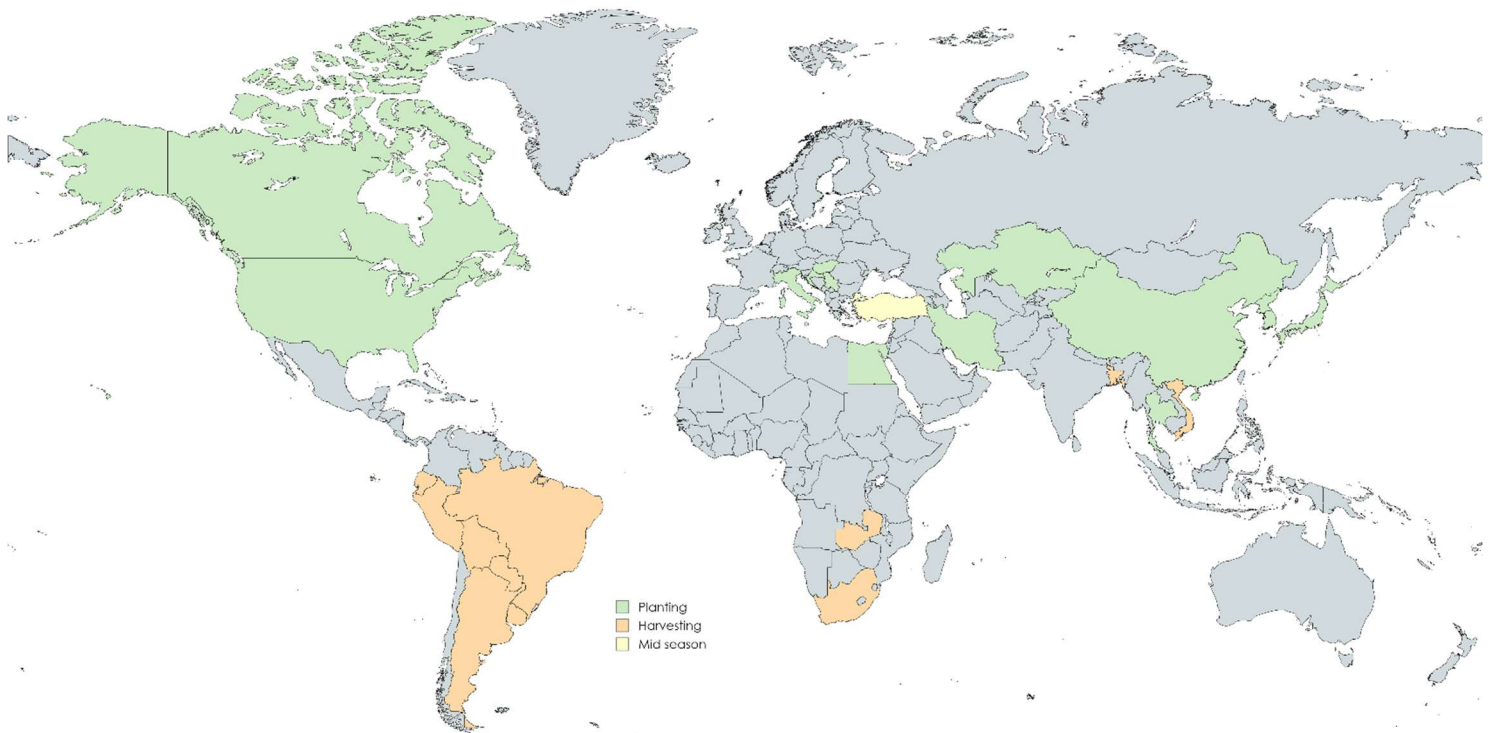
Prices well below production breakeven

Even with projected year-on-year price increases, national breakeven yields for soybeans in 2026/27 are 12% above current yield expectations, meaning many producers remain under margin pressure.

Local Harvest Pressure

The soybean harvest in South Africa is progressing well, prompting the CEC to raise their production estimates, which has increased pressure on local prices.

International Production



Comments on El Niño:

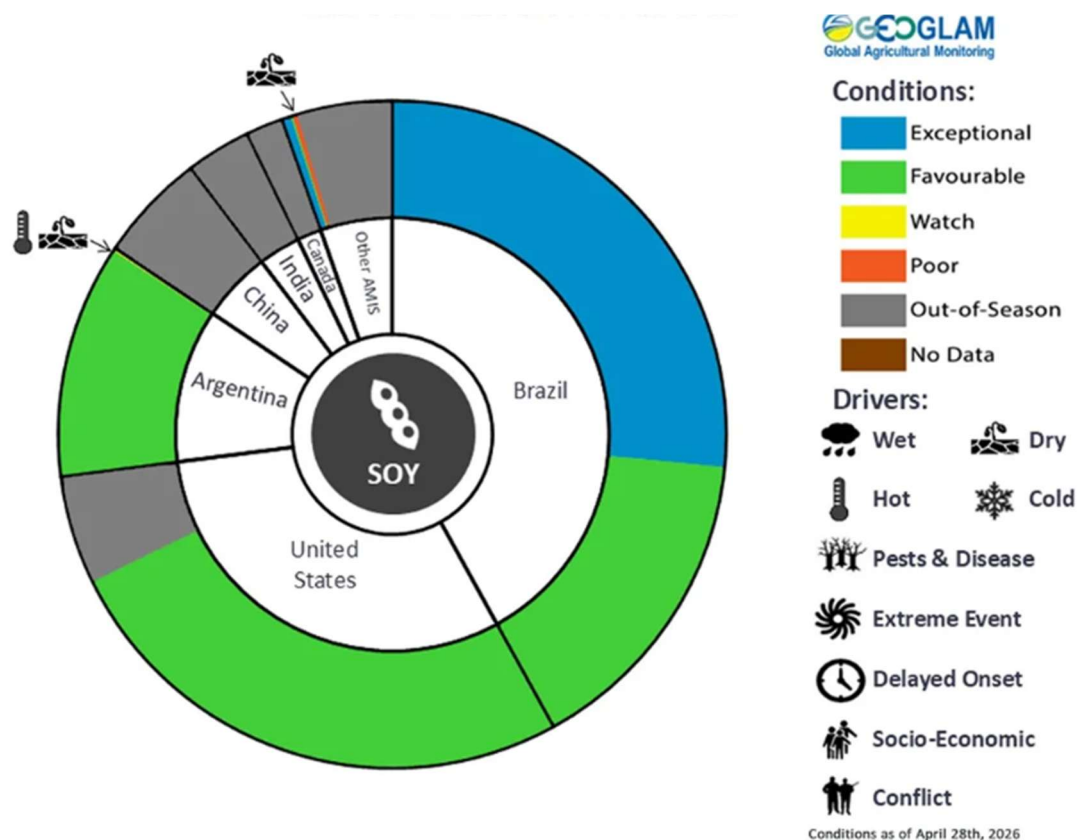
The ENSO cycle remained neutral throughout most of May, but as the tropical Pacific continues to warm, the likelihood of a transition into El Niño this winter increases. El Niño conditions are confidently forecast from mid-2026 to early 2027 by the UCSB Climate Hazards Centre.



Crop Conditions Commentary

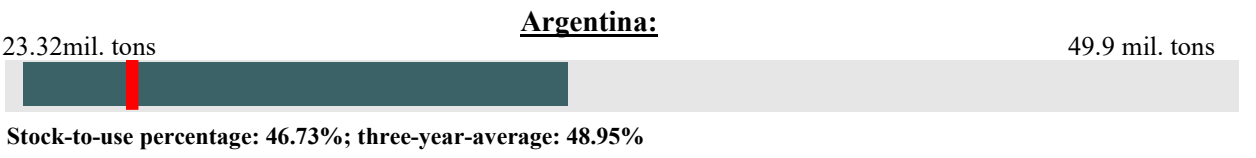
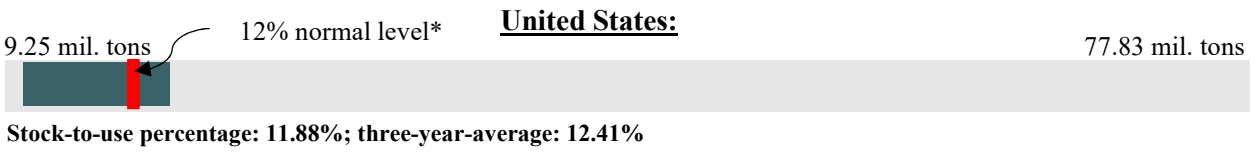
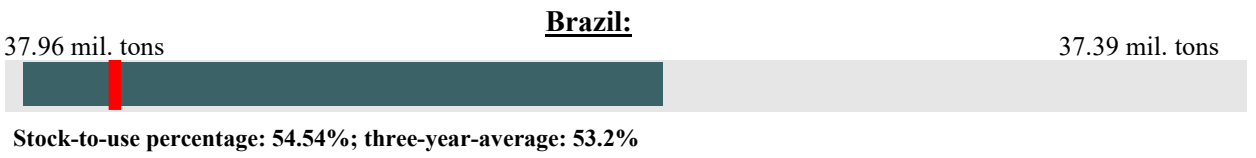
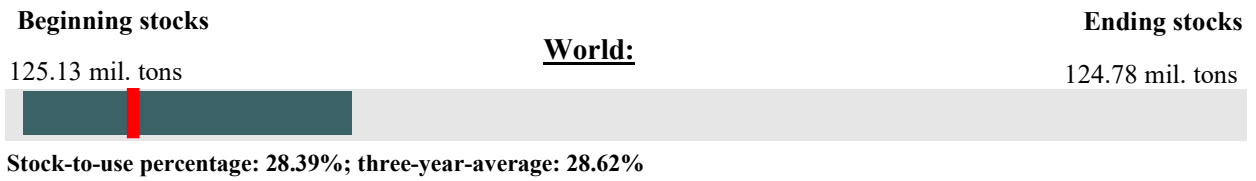
Country	Current situation
Brazil	The harvest is wrapping up under exceptional conditions.
Argentina	Harvesting of the early-planting crop is underway, with good yields aided by recent rainfall despite delays. The late-planted crop is maturing well, with harvest beginning in the north.
South Africa	Harvesting is ongoing, also with exceptional yields, due to good weather throughout the growing season
USA	Planting is ramping up under generally favourable conditions, with an expected increase in total sown area compared to last year.
Ukraine	The planting process has just begun under favourable conditions, with an anticipated increase in the total area sown compared to last year.

Source: Geoglam Crop Monitor for AMIS report May Edition



Supply and Demand (WASDE)

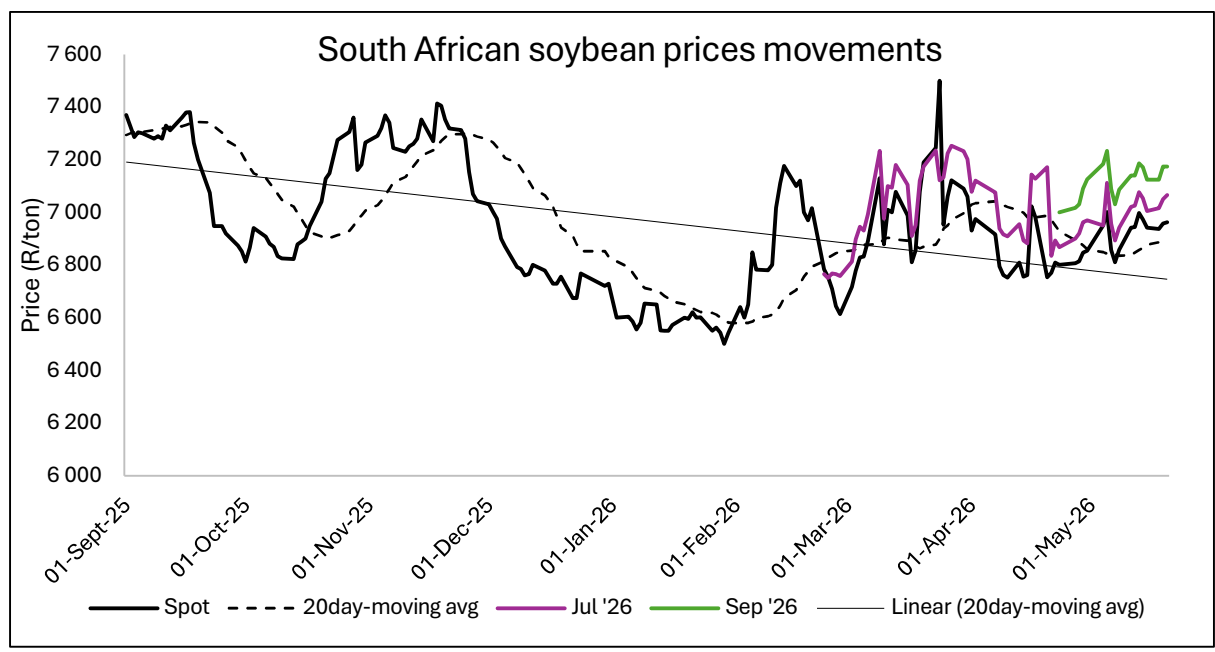
World Agricultural Supply and Demand (WASDE) May 2026/2027 Overview



*Below the normal stock-to-use level, prices tend to react sharply in the market environment. By comparing current-year stock-to-use percentages to the norm, an indication of the direction of price trends can be inferred.

Local Market

Price Movements



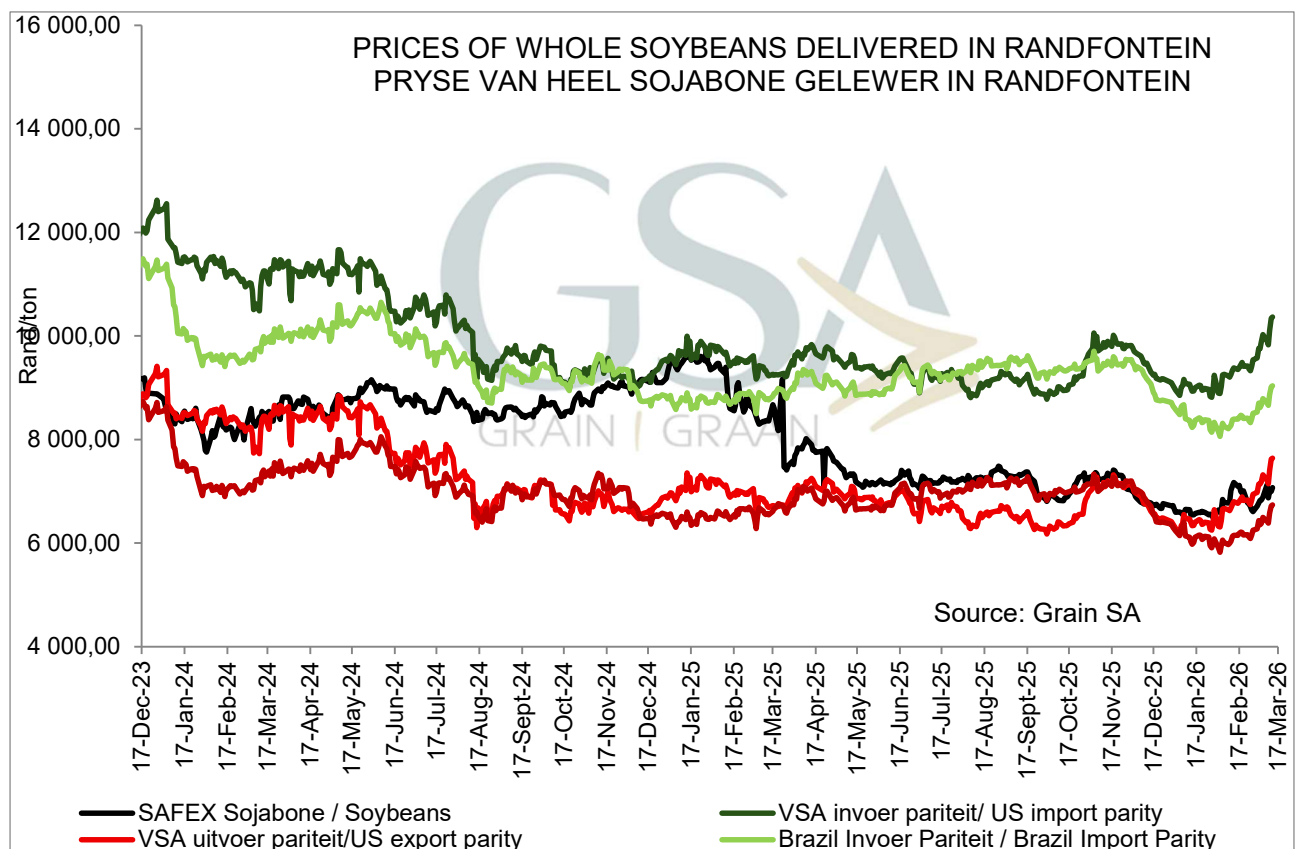
Source: JSE



Soybean prices have received some support in recent weeks. Factors such as geopolitical issues, a renewed interest in biodiesel, and an increase in Brent crude oil prices have contributed to the rise in international soybean prices. As a result, this has elevated the export parity of soybeans, subsequently boosting the local SAFEX price as well. Exports for this season are underway, providing further price support. For the 2026/2027 season, South Africa is expected to export 280 000 tons of soybean, compared to the 246 953 tons exported in the previous season. In the previous season, Zimbabwe imported 207 405 tons of South African soybeans. The current soybean harvest is, however, expected to apply further pressure to the commodity's price, which is leading to the soybean price trading more in a horizontal range.

International vs Local Markets

Parity Prices



Local prices remain trading close to export parity, which is expected considering the supply and demand outlook. Recently both the US- and Brazilian parities gained support, trading at R7 647/ton (+ R499/ton) and R6 742/ton (- R406/ton) respectively mid-May. At that stage, the local price traded at R7 148/ton.

