

Economic Indicators

	Quote at 12h00 previous day	Current quote	Change	% Change
Rand/Dollar	11.91	11.88	-0.03	-0.25
Euro/Dollar	1.2277	1.2275	-0.0002	-0.02
Gold	1342.9	1328.1	-14.80	-1.10
Platinum	923.2	909	-14.20	-1.54
Brent Crude	66.91	68.32	1.41	2.11
JSE Top 40	48179	48051	-128.00	-0.27
Dow Jones Indus Avg	24033	24264	231.00	0.96

The changes in the table above is from previous Safex close (12h00)

- The rand did come under some pressure yesterday with the rand trading as high as R11.93/\$ but the rand has pulled off that level and is quoted at R11.88/\$ this morning. South African equities initially sold off along with global equities in our session yesterday but the JSE Top40 managed to recover most of the intraday losses ending the day 0.27% lower.
- In the US the dollar is mostly flat compared to the levels seen yesterday and is quoted at 1.2275 to the euro this morning. US equities sold off sharply following the decision by China to impose tariffs on some US commodities. The Dow managed to recover ending the day 0.96% higher and the US equity futures are also higher this morning.
- Gold prices initially surged higher on safe haven buying after the decision by China with gold trading as high as \$1348 but have since come under pressure and are 1.10% lower than the levels seen at Safex close. Platinum prices are 1.54% lower while crude oil prices are 2.11% higher this morning.

US Dollar/South African Rand



Key data releases:

- Weekly South African producer deliveries
- European Union PPI
- European Union retail sales data
- ECM monetary meeting minutes
- US trade balance
- US initial jobless claims

International Market

	Quote at 12h00 previous day	Current quote	Change	% Change
CME May maize	377.5	381.75	4.25	1.13
CME Jul maize	386.25	390.5	4.25	1.10
CME May wheat	453.5	460.25	6.75	1.49
KCBT May wheat	484	491.75	7.75	1.60
KCBT Jul wheat	503	510.25	7.25	1.44
Matif May wheat (Euro/ton)	165.5	166.25	0.75	0.45
CME Jul soybeans	1008.5	1030	21.50	2.13
May CME maize R/ton	1770	1785	15.42	0.87
Jul CME maize R/ton	1811	1826	15.32	0.85
May CME wheat R/ton	1985	2009	24.47	1.23
May KCBT wheat R/ton	2118	2147	28.49	1.35
Jul KCBT wheat R/ton	2201	2227	26.10	1.19
Jul CME soybeans R/ton	4413	4496	82.73	1.87

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Corn

- US CME maize prices ended lower in the daytime session yesterday with the news that China plans to impose import tariffs on several US commodities weighing on the market. This morning the electronic maize prices are slightly higher.
- China yesterday announced that their plan to impose import tariffs on US maize, soybeans and beef in retaliation for the decision by the US to impose import tariffs on goods from China.
- On the technical chart for July CME maize we see that the market initially slumped lower trading to a low of \$3.80 ½ and in that breaking below the 40-day average. The market managed to end the day well off the session lows. Support is seen at \$3.89 and resistance is seen at \$4.00/bushel.

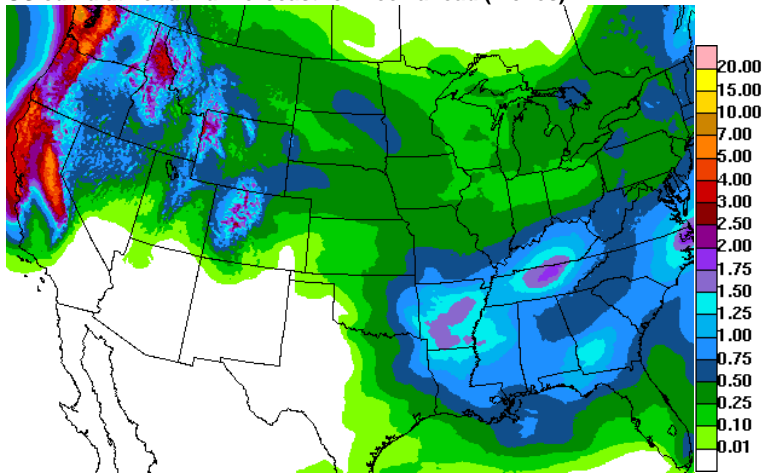
Soybeans

- US soybean contracts traded sharply lower in the daytime session yesterday after China announced that they plan to impose import tariffs on US soybeans. The market did pull well off the levels seen during our trading session and this morning the electronic soybean prices are slightly higher.
- In the US export market the USDA yesterday confirmed sales of 130 000 tons of US old crop soybeans that was sold to an unknown destination and another 324 000 tons of new crop soybeans sold to China and unknown destination.
- On the technical chart for July CME soybeans we see that the market slumped lower yesterday with the market breaking below the 40-day, 100-day and 200-day averages trading as low as \$9.95 but the market recovered well off the session lows. Key support is seen at \$10.20 and \$10.10.

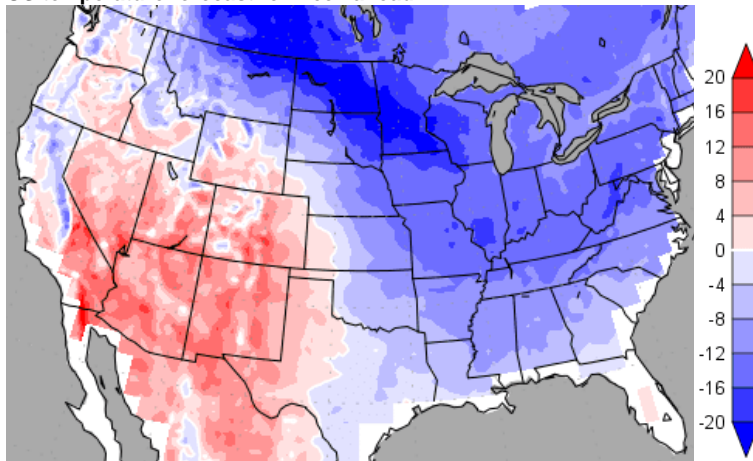
Wheat

- US CME and KCBT wheat prices did come under pressure from the spillover weakness from the lower US maize and soybean prices following the decision by China. This morning the electronic wheat prices are higher.
- The market is concerned about the dry weather conditions in the key US winter wheat areas especially given the current winter wheat crop rating. Most dry conditions are expected in Kansas in the week ahead with some moisture seen in the far eastern parts of Oklahoma and Texas.
- On the technical chart for July KCBT wheat we see that the market traded both sides of unchanged given the volatility in maize and soybeans. KCBT wheat is still caught between the averages with the 100-day as support at \$4.84 and the 40-day as resistance seen at \$5.14/bushel.

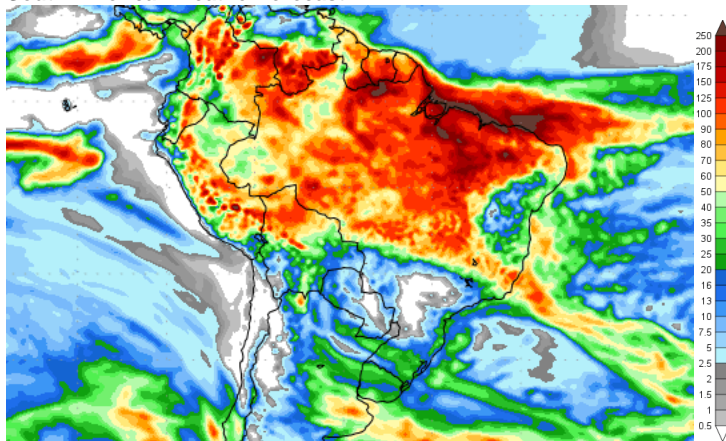
US cumulative rainfall forecast for week ahead (inches)



US temperature forecast for week ahead



South American weather forecast



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South African Market – 04 April 2018

White Maize				
	MTM	Change	High	Low
May-18	1919.00	-40.00	1955.00	1898.80
Jul-18	1961.00	-38.00	2000.00	1933.00
Dec-18	2081.00	-33.00	2108.80	2058.00
Yellow Maize				
May-18	2013.00	-34.00	2045.00	2000.00
Jul-18	2045.00	-32.00	2077.00	2020.00
Dec-18	2154.00	-24.00	0.00	0.00
Wheat				
May-18	3828.00	20.00	3835.00	3810.00
Jul-18	3847.00	23.00	3852.00	3830.00
Dec-18	3800.00	22.00	3800.00	3787.00
Sunflower				
May-18	4635.00	-26.00	4683.80	4595.00
Jul-18	4720.00	-20.00	4750.00	4690.00
Soybeans				
May-18	4523.00	-96.00	4643.80	4480.00
Jul-18	4634.00	-95.00	4742.00	4600.00
CME Corn				
May-18	1768.00	-33.00	1760.00	1760.00
Jul-18	1833.00	-33.00	1874.20	1801.00

Maize

South African maize prices started the day mostly flat to slightly lower before selling off sharply in the 2nd half of the session. July white maize opened the day at R1995 and traded to a high of R2000 before selling off. July white maize traded sharply lower after that with the market trading to an intraday low of R1933 but white maize managed to end the day well off the session lows and white maize managed to end the day above the 40-day moving average.

The weekly South African maize exports for the past week was reported at 11 820 tons including 8 199 tons of white maize and 3 621 tons of yellow maize.

This morning the US maize prices are higher than the levels seen at Safex close yesterday but the rand is slightly stronger which is still resulting in higher parity prices this morning. Our market recovered off the session lows yesterday and the slightly higher parity prices could be supportive for local maize in the session today.

Wheat

South African wheat contracts opened the day unchanged to slightly higher with some buying interest that was seen after that. Local wheat prices managed to hold its intraday gains despite the massive selloff that was seen in local maize and oilseeds. May-18 wheat contracts started the day at R3811 which was also the intraday low with our market gaining some ground after that with the weaker rand providing support. The market traded to an intraday high of R3835 and pulled slightly off the highs into the close.

This morning the US CME and KCBT wheat prices are higher than the levels seen yesterday which is supporting parity prices despite the slightly stronger rand seen this morning. We did see some buying interest in our wheat market yesterday but the stronger rand seen this morning could limit some of the buying in our market.

Oilseeds

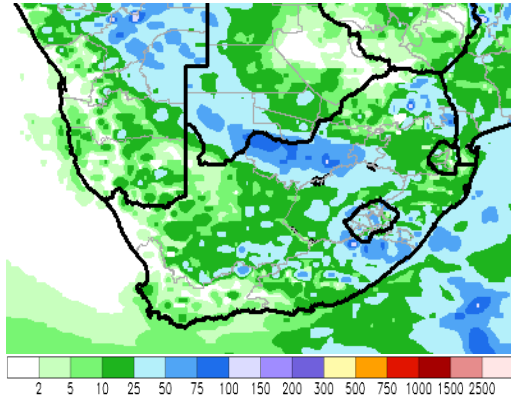
South African soybean contracts opened the day slightly lower with our market trading sharply lower after that. May-18 soybean contracts opened the day at R4610 and briefly traded to a high of R4643 before tumbling lower after the electronic US soybean prices sold off on news that China imposed import tariffs on US soybeans. Our market sold off sharply trading to a low of R4480 and the market did pull off the lows into the close of the session. Critical support remains in the R4460-R4450 area.

South African sunflower seed contracts opened the day higher with our market trading lower after US electronic prices sold off sharply. May-18 sunflower seed contracts opened the day at R4670 and briefly traded to a high of R4683 before selling off sharply. The market traded to an intraday low of R4595 and pulled well off the lows into the close. Key support for May sunflower seed is still seen in the R4600 area.

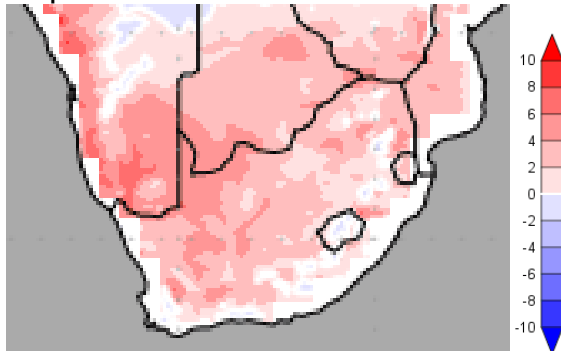
This morning the US soybean contracts are well above the levels seen at Safex close yesterday which despite the stronger rand is still resulting in sharply higher parity prices which could be supportive for local sunflower seed and soybean contracts in the session today.

Weather conditions

Rainfall forecast for week ahead



Temperature forecast for week ahead



Technical Graphs

- Safex July WM prices
- CME July corn prices



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