

Economic Indicators

	Quote at 12h00 previous day	Current quote	Change	% Change
Rand/Dollar	13.91	13.92	0.01	0.07
Euro/Dollar	1.1490	1.1422	-0.0068	-0.59
Gold	1233.6	1222.8	-10.80	-0.88
Platinum	872.5	870.6	-1.90	-0.22
Brent Crude	72.32	72.05	-0.27	-0.37
JSE Top 40	48124	48295	171.00	0.36
Dow Jones Indus Avg	25635	26180	545.00	2.13

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

- The rand posted some good gains yesterday breaking below R14.00/\$ and trading as low as R13.85 which was its strongest level since mid-August 2018 with the dollar weakness seen yesterday supporting the rand. South African equities posted some gains with the JSE top40 ending 0.36% higher yesterday.
- In the US the dollar has pulled off the highs seen yesterday with the dollar trading at 1.1420 to the euro this morning and US equities posted some strong gains with the Dow ending 2.13% higher in the daytime session yesterday and this morning the Dow futures are flat. US Fed decide on interest rates later today.
- Commodity prices are lower this morning as the dollar gained back some ground and the rally in equities limited the demand for safe haven investments. Gold and platinum prices are 0.88% and 0.22% lower this morning and crude oil prices are 0.37% lower.

US Dollar/South African Rand



Key data releases:

- USDA supply and demand estimates
- South African mining production
- US initial jobless claims
- US Fed interest rate decision



International Market

	Quote at 12h00 previous day	Current quote	Change	% Change
CME Dec maize	373	371.5	-1.50	-0.40
CME Mar maize	384.75	383.25	-1.50	-0.39
CME Dec wheat	513.25	508.25	-5.00	-0.97
KCBT Dec wheat	508.5	500.25	-8.25	-1.62
KCBT Mar wheat	532.25	522.25	-10.00	-1.88
Matif Dec wheat (Euro/ton)	201	201.25	0.25	0.12
CME Nov soybeans	872.75	866	-6.75	-0.77
Dec CME maize R/ton	2043	2036	-6.75	-0.33
Mar CME maize R/ton	2107	2100	-6.71	-0.32
Dec CME wheat R/ton	2623	2600	-23.69	-0.90
Dec KCBT wheat R/ton	2599	2559	-40.33	-1.55
Mar KCBT wheat R/ton	2720	2671	-49.19	-1.81
Nov CME soybeans R/ton	4461	4429	-31.32	-0.70

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Corn

- US maize prices ended lower in the session yesterday with some technical selling and position squaring ahead of the USDA report due later today. This morning the electronic maize prices are also slightly lower.
- In the USDA report due today the average market expectation of the US 2018 maize crop is seen at 14.721 billion bushels which is down from the October USDA estimate seen at 14.778 billion bushels.
- The average market expectation of the 2018/19 maize ending stocks is seen at 1.773 billion bushels which is down from the October USDA estimate seen at 1.813 billion bushels.
- The weekly US export sales figures of maize to be released today are expected to range between 600 000 and 900 000 tons.

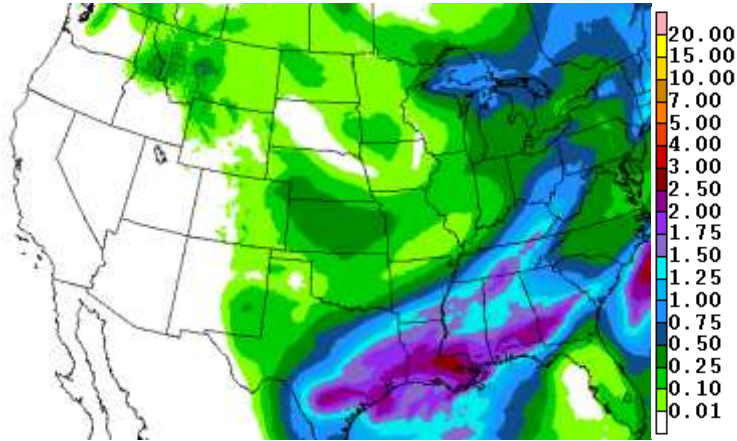
Soybeans

- US soybean contracts traded lower in the session yesterday with some positioning that was seen ahead of the USDA supply and demand estimates due later today. This morning the electronic soybean prices are also slightly lower.
- In the USDA report later today the average market expectation of the US 2018 soybean crop is seen at 4.676 billion bushels which is down from the October estimate seen at 4.690 billion bushels.
- The average market expectation of the US 2018/19 US soybean ending stocks is seen at 898 million bushels which is slightly higher than the October estimate seen at 885 million bushels.
- The weekly US export sales figures of soybeans to be released today are expected to range between 400 000 and 700 000 tons.

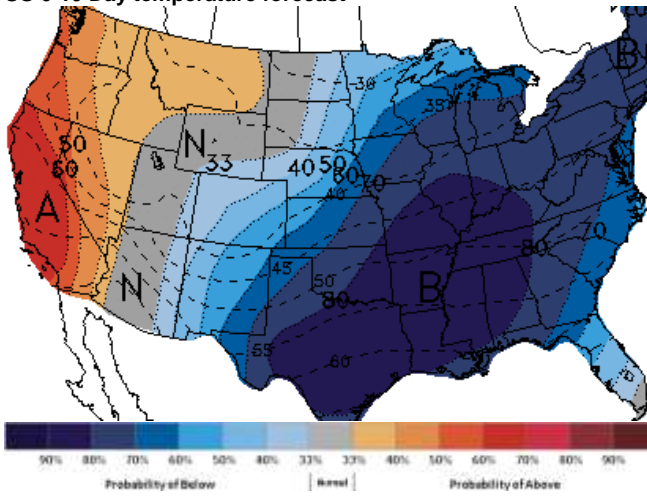
Wheat

- US wheat futures ended slightly lower in the daytime session yesterday on some technical selling that was seen while the slow export progress for US wheat also added some pressure. This morning the electronic prices are also slightly lower.
- In the USDA report due later today the average market expectation of the US 2018/19 all wheat ending stocks is seen at 958 million bushels which is very much flat from the October estimate seen at 956 million bushels.
- The weekly US export sales figures of wheat to be released today are expected to range between 300 000 and 600 000 tons.

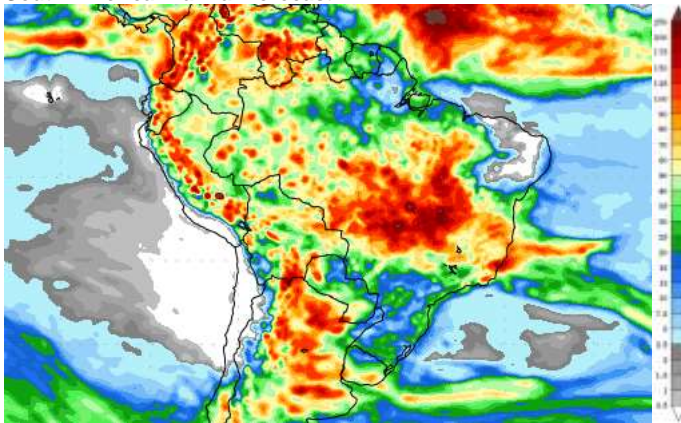
US rainfall forecast for the week ahead



US 6-10 Day temperature forecast



South American rainfall forecast



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South African Market – 07 November 2018

White Maize				
	MTM	Change	High	Low
Dec-18	2450.00	-26.00	2487.00	2447.00
Mar-19	2501.00	-27.00	2534.00	2498.00
Jul-19	2577.00	-21.00	2592.40	2574.00
Yellow Maize				
Dec-18	2403.00	-53.00	2453.00	2400.00
Mar-19	2456.00	-48.00	2496.80	2453.20
Jul-19	2500.00	-47.00	2540.00	2498.20
Wheat				
Dec-18	4366.00	-21.00	4380.00	4352.00
Mar-19	4488.00	-22.00	4499.00	4480.00
Jul-19	4598.00	-27.00	0.00	0.00
Sunflower				
Dec-18	5107.00	-49.00	5155.00	5102.00
Mar-19	5082.00	-84.00	5155.00	5077.00
Soybeans				
Dec-18	4588.00	-51.00	4616.00	4580.20
Mar-19	4709.00	-51.00	4735.00	4700.00
CME Corn				
Dec-18	2051.00	-56.00	2078.60	2050.00
Mar-19	2141.00	-53.00	2178.00	2140.00

Maize

South African maize prices opened the day lower with some more selling that was seen after the opening. December white maize started the day at R2473 and traded to a high of R2487 with some selling that was seen after that with the rand breaking below R14.00/\$ weighing on prices. White maize traded to an intraday low of R2447 with the market ending the day very close to the session lows.

US maize prices are lower this morning and the rand remains strong resulting in slightly lower parity prices this morning. Our market sold off yesterday as a result of the stronger rand/lower parity prices, which is once again the case this morning. However the weather forecast mostly dry for the week ahead which could limit the losses in our market.

Wheat

South African wheat contracts opened the day lower with the market trading on both sides of the opening levels after that. December wheat started the day at R4366 with wheat prices coming under some more pressure after that with the stronger rand adding pressure. December wheat traded to an intraday low of R4352 finding some support just above the 100-day average seen at R4346 and the market pulled off the session lows ending the day around the opening levels.

US wheat prices are lower this morning with KCBT wheat prices leading the way lower. Adding to this the rand is also stronger resulting in lower parity prices. The strength of the rand could limit some of the buying interest in local wheat prices.

Oilseeds

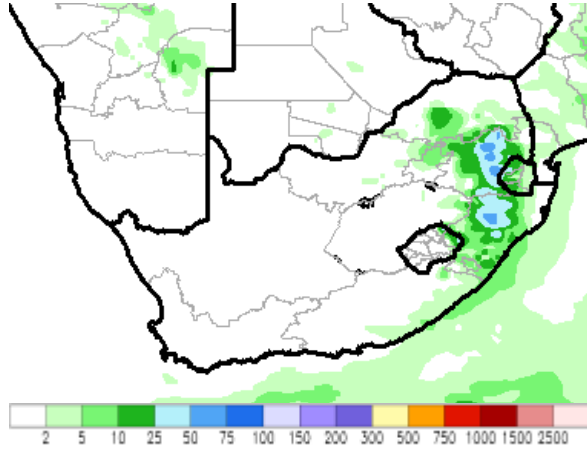
South African soybean contracts opened the day lower with some more selling that was seen after the opening with the lower parity prices and more specifically the stronger rand adding pressure. December soybean contracts started the day at R4613 and traded to a high of R4616 with prices selling off after that breaking below the 9-day and 100-day averages. Soybean contracts traded to a low of R4580 ending the day slightly off the session lows.

Sunflower seed contracts opened the day lower with some more selling interest that was seen after the opening. December sunflower seed contracts started the day at R5150 and traded to a high of R5155 with some strong selling that was seen after that. The market sold off for most of the session trading to a low of R5102 with the market ending the day slightly off the session lows.

US soybean contracts are lower this morning which is putting some pressure on parity prices. The lower parity prices could weigh on local sunflower seed and soybean contracts in the session today.

Weather conditions

Cumulative rainfall forecast for week ahead



Technical Graphs

- Safex Dec maize prices
- CME Dec corn prices



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