

Economic Indicators

	Quote at 12h00 previous day	Current quote	Change	% Change
Rand/Dollar	13.99	14.12	0.13	0.93
Euro/Dollar	1.1418	1.1352	-0.0066	-0.58
Gold	1222.74	1220.32	-2.42	-0.20
Platinum	870.8	854.6	-16.20	-1.86
Brent Crude	72.68	70.69	-1.99	-2.74
JSE Top 40	48295	47638	-657.00	-1.36
Dow Jones Indus Avg	26180	26191	11.00	0.04

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

- The rand is weaker this morning and is trading at R14.12/\$. The dollar is stronger against the euro this morning. On the technical chart we see the rand is currently testing the 100-day average as resistance. South African equities did come under pressure with the JSE Top40 ending 1.36% lower yesterday.
- In the US the dollar is stronger trading at 1.1352 to the euro this morning and US equities gave up all of the early gains that were seen with the Dow ending mostly flat and this morning the Dow futures are 0.20% lower. The dollar posted some gains after the Fed kept interest rates unchanged.
- Commodity prices are lower this morning on the back of the stronger dollar. Gold and platinum prices are 0.20% and 1.86% lower than the levels seen yesterday while crude oil prices are sharply lower giving 2.74% compared to the levels seen at Safex close yesterday.

US Dollar/South African Rand



Key data releases:

- US consumer sentiment
- UK 3rd quarter GDP



International Market

	Quote at 12h00 previous day	Current quote	Change	% Change
CME Dec maize	373.25	373.25	0.00	0.00
CME Mar maize	385	385.5	0.50	0.13
CME Dec wheat	512.25	507	-5.25	-1.02
KCBT Dec wheat	504.25	495.75	-8.50	-1.69
KCBT Mar wheat	525.75	518.5	-7.25	-1.38
Matif Dec wheat (Euro/ton)	201.25	200	-1.25	-0.62
CME Jan soybeans	880.25	876.5	-3.75	-0.43
Dec CME maize R/ton	2056	2075	19.10	0.93
Mar CME maize R/ton	2120	2143	22.48	1.06
Dec CME wheat R/ton	2633	2630	-2.77	-0.11
Dec KCBT wheat R/ton	2592	2572	-20.01	-0.77
Mar KCBT wheat R/ton	2703	2690	-12.50	-0.46
Jan CME soybeans R/ton	4525	4547	22.59	0.50

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Corn

- US maize prices ended slightly higher in the daytime session yesterday with the lower than the expected USDA crop and yield estimates adding some support. The sharply higher world maize ending stocks limited some of the gains. This morning the electronic prices are mostly flat.
- The USDA in their report estimated the 2018 US maize crop at 14.626 billion bushels which was based on a yield estimate of 178.9 bushels/acre which was lower than the market expectation seen at 14.721 billion bushels.
- The 2018/19 US maize ending stocks was estimated at 1.736 billion bushels which was once again lower than the market expectation seen at 1.773 billion bushels and down from the October estimate seen at 1.813 billion bushels.
- The 2018/19 world maize ending stocks was estimated at 307.51 million bushels which was significantly higher than the October estimate seen at 159.35 million bushels. USDA made massive upward revision in Chinese maize stocks.
- The weekly US export sales figures of maize released yesterday was reported at 701 500 tons which was in line with the market expectations.

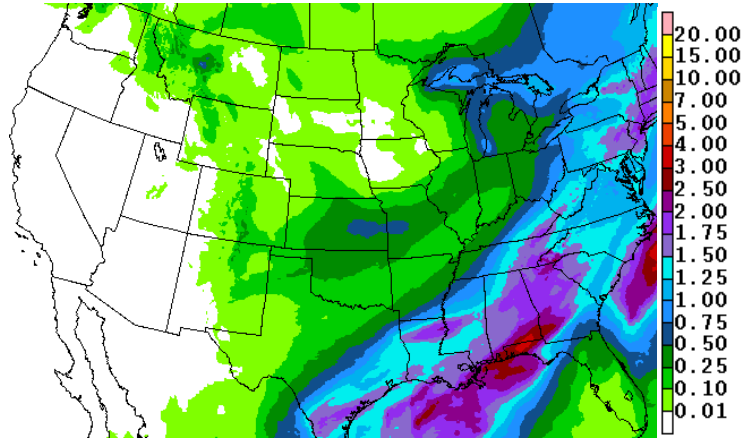
Soybeans

- US soybean contracts ended slightly lower in the session yesterday with the larger than expected US soybean ending stocks reported by the USDA weighing on prices. Soybean prices ended well off the session lows. This morning the electronic soybean prices are slightly lower.
- The USDA in their report estimated the 2018 US soybean crop at 4.600 billion bushels which was based on a yield estimate of 52.1 bushels/acre which was lower than the market expectation seen at 4.676 billion bushels.
- The 2018/19 US soybean ending stocks was estimated at 955 million bushels which was higher than the market expectation seen at 898 million bushels and the October estimate seen at 885 million bushels. The larger ending stocks were due to a lower US soybean export estimate.
- The weekly US export sales figures of soybeans was reported at 391 400 tons which was lower than the market expectation seen ranging between 400 000 and 700 000 tons.

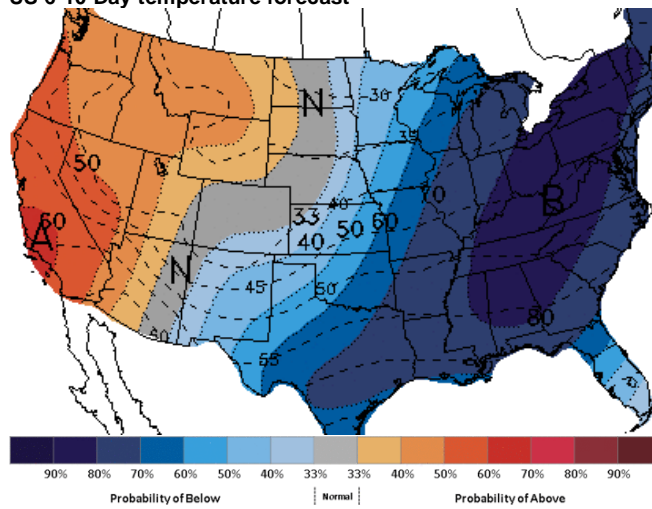
Wheat

- US wheat prices traded lower in the session yesterday with some more technical selling that was seen while the larger than expected world wheat ending stocks also added some pressure. This morning the electronic prices are slightly lower.
- The USDA in their report estimated the 2018/19 US all wheat ending stocks at 949 million bushels which was slightly lower than the market expectation seen at 958 million bushels and down from the October estimate seen at 956 million bushels.
- The weekly US export sales figures of wheat released yesterday was reported at 661 200 tons which was slightly higher than the market expectation seen ranging between 300 000 and 600 000 tons.

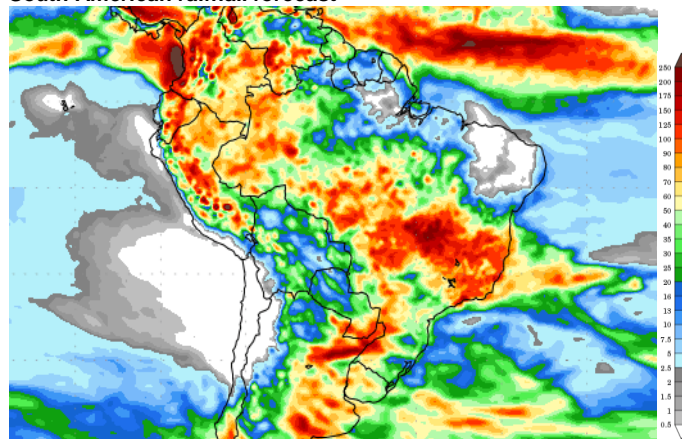
US rainfall forecast for the week ahead



US 6-10 Day temperature forecast



South American rainfall forecast



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South African Market – 08 November 2018

White Maize				
	MTM	Change	High	Low
Dec-18	2470.00	20.00	2474.80	2452.00
Mar-19	2526.00	25.00	2527.60	2507.00
Jul-19	2595.00	18.00	2600.00	2585.00
Yellow Maize				
Dec-18	2433.00	30.00	2436.60	2412.40
Mar-19	2476.00	20.00	2479.00	2459.00
Jul-19	2510.00	10.00	2520.80	2505.00
Wheat				
Dec-18	4349.00	-17.00	4360.00	4338.00
Mar-19	4472.00	-16.00	4477.00	4460.00
Jul-19	4583.00	-15.00	0.00	0.00
Sunflower				
Dec-18	5150.00	43.00	5162.00	5095.00
Mar-19	5115.00	33.00	5127.00	5046.00
Soybeans				
Dec-18	4621.00	33.00	4623.00	4570.00
Mar-19	4739.00	30.00	4744.00	4692.20
CME Corn				
Dec-18	2063.00	12.00	2063.00	2049.00
Mar-19	2149.00	8.00	2149.80	2135.00

Maize

South African maize prices opened the day slightly higher with some buying interest that was seen after the opening. December white maize opened the day at R2453 and traded to a low of R2452 with some buying that was seen after that. The buying gained some momentum late in the session trading to a high of R2474 and December white maize ended the day slightly off the session highs. Resistance is seen at R2487 and the R2500-R2505 area.

The weekly South African maize exports for the week was reported at 28 753 tons including 23 745 tons of white maize and 5 008 tons of yellow maize.

US maize prices are mostly flat this morning and the rand is weaker which is resulting in higher parity prices. We did see some late strength in our market yesterday and the higher parity prices could support local maize. The weather forecast still expects very little rainfall relief in the week ahead especially in the central and western parts of the country.

Wheat

South African wheat contracts opened the day lower with some more weakness that was seen after the opening with the strength of the rand adding some more pressure. December wheat opened the day at R4355 and traded to a high of R4360 with our market coming under some more pressure after that breaking below the 100-day average and traded to a low of R4338 and the market ended the day slightly off the session lows. The weak close and break below the 100-day average could limit some of the buying interest in our market.

The weekly South African wheat imports for the past week was reported at 10 115 tons. The wheat that was imported originated from Russia and the Ukraine.

US wheat prices are lower this morning with KCBT wheat prices leading the way lower. The rand is weaker which is probably limiting some of the losses in the parity prices. The weaker rand seen this morning could provide some support to local wheat in the session this morning.

Oilseeds

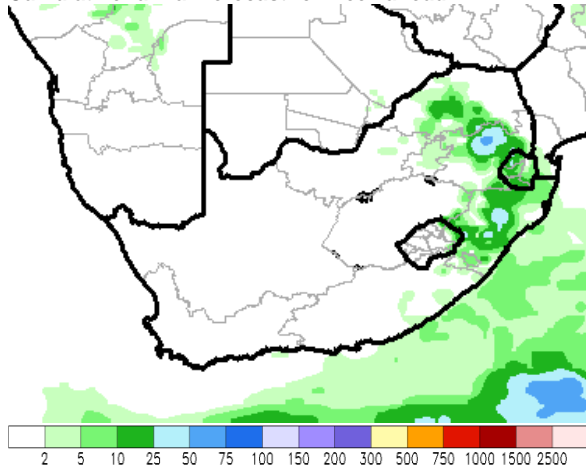
South African soybean contracts opened the day higher with the market with some more buying interest that was seen after that. December soybean contracts started the day at R4599 and initially traded lower to an intraday low of R4570 but some buying was seen after that. The market managed to break above the 100-day average and traded to a high of R4623 with the market ending the day at the session highs. Support is seen at R4604 and resistance at R4634.

Sunflower seed contracts opened the day higher with some more buying that was seen after the opening. December sunflower seed contracts started the day at R5135 and briefly traded to a low of R5095 before some buying was seen once again. December sunflower seed traded to a high of R5162 with the market getting some resistance around the 40-day average and the market ended the day slightly off the session highs.

US soybean contracts are slightly lower than the levels seen at Safex close yesterday but the weaker rand is supporting parity prices this morning. Local oilseeds posted some good gains yesterday and the weaker rand could be supportive for 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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