

Economic Indicators

	Quote at 12h00 previous day	Current quote	Change	% Change
Rand/Dollar	11.96	11.93	-0.03	-0.25
Euro/Dollar	1.2262	1.2296	0.0034	0.28
Gold	1321.28	1324.7	3.42	0.26
Platinum	966.5	974	7.50	0.78
Brent Crude	63.93	62.99	-0.94	-1.47
JSE Top 40	49287	49544	257.00	0.52
Dow Jones Indus Avg	24190	24601	411.00	1.70

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

- The rand is slightly stronger this morning and is quoted at R11.93/\$ this morning. The dollar is slightly weaker against the euro. South African equities posted some gains with the JSE Top40 ending 0.52% higher yesterday.
- The ANC NEC after their meeting yesterday has given Zuma 48 hours to step down or be recalled. Key data for the South African market in the session today will be the South African unemployment rate.
- In the US the dollar is slightly weaker this morning and is currently trading at 1.2295 to the euro and US equities posted some good gains with the Dow ending 1.70% higher in the daytime session yesterday and this morning the Dow futures are slightly lower.
- Commodity prices are mixed with precious metal prices higher on the back of the weaker dollar with gold and platinum prices 0.26% and 0.78% higher than the levels seen yesterday while crude oil prices are 1.47% lower this morning.

US Dollar/South African Rand



Key data releases:

- Weekly South African grain trade data
- South African unemployment rate
- US FOMC member speaks
- US crude oil stocks report

International Market

	Quote at 12h00 previous day	Current quote	Change	% Change
CME Mar maize	365.5	366.75	1.25	0.34
CME Jul maize	381.5	382.25	0.75	0.20
CME Mar wheat	457	466.75	9.75	2.13
KCBT Mar wheat	474	481.5	7.50	1.58
KCBT May wheat	489.25	497	7.75	1.58
Matif Mar wheat (Euro/ton)	160.5	160.25	-0.25	-0.16
CME Mar soybeans	1002.25	1002.25	0.00	0.00
Mar CME maize R/ton	1721	1722	1.55	0.09
Jul CME maize R/ton	1796	1795	-0.98	-0.05
Mar CME wheat R/ton	2008	2046	37.70	1.88
Mar KCBT wheat R/ton	2083	2111	27.65	1.33
May KCBT wheat R/ton	2150	2179	28.58	1.33
Mar CME soybeans R/ton	4404	4393	-11.05	-0.25

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Corn

- CME maize prices managed some gains in the daytime session with the spillover strength from the higher US wheat and soybean prices adding some support. This morning the electronic maize prices are slightly lower.
- The weekly US export inspections of maize released yesterday was reported at 835 131 tons which was at the lower end of the market expectation seen ranging between 800 000 and 1 million tons.
- On the technical chart for March CME maize we see that the market posted some good gains ending the day near the session high and the electronic prices are slightly lower. The moving averages and indicators are pulling higher but the market is overbought.

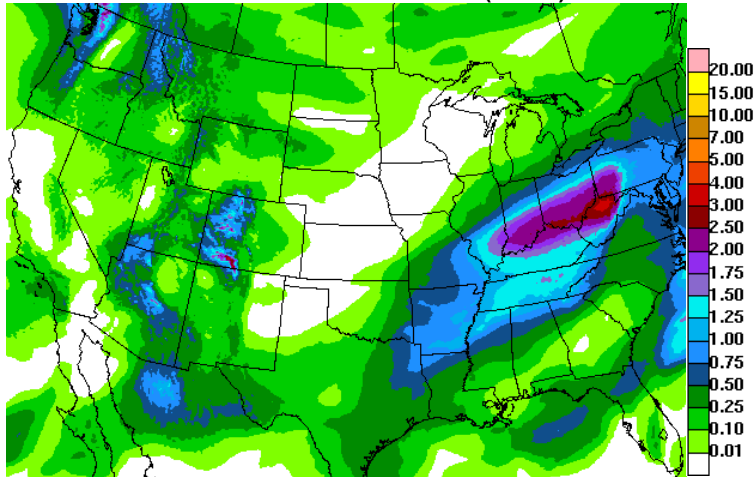
Soybeans

- CEM soybean prices posted some strong gains in the daytime session yesterday with soybean meal futures leading the way higher with the weather conditions in Argentina providing support. This morning the electronic soybean prices are also slightly higher.
- The weekly US export inspections of soybeans released yesterday was reported at 1.319 million tons which was higher than the market expectation seen ranging between 800 000 and 1.1 million tons, which also added some support.
- In the US export market the USDA announced private sales of 314 000 tons of 2017/18 soybeans to unknown destination and another 116 000 tons of 2018/19 soybeans. However China also cancelled a purchase of 455 000 tons.
- On the technical chart for March CME soybeans we see that the market broke above \$10.00/bushel and found some resistance at \$10.05/bushel. Resistance is seen at \$10.05 and \$10.20 while support is seen at \$10.00 and the 100-day average seen at \$9.88/bushel.

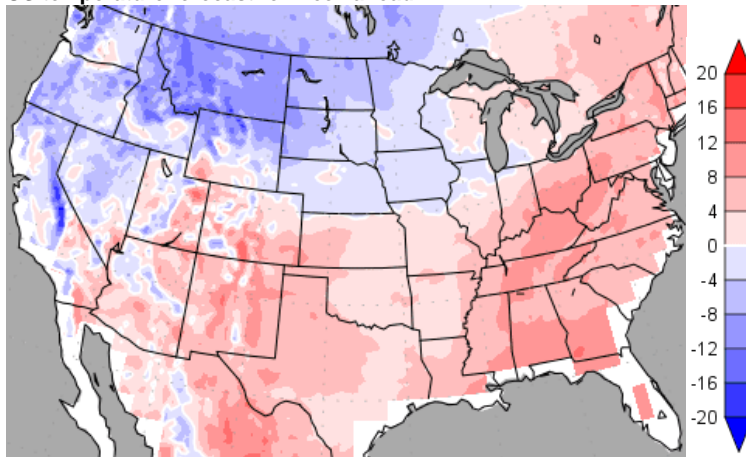
Wheat

- US CME and KCBT wheat prices posted some gains in the daytime session yesterday with concerns that the dry weather conditions in the US winter wheat areas could damage their wheat crop. This morning the electronic wheat prices are also higher.
- The weekly US export inspections of wheat released yesterday was reported at 487 902 tons which was in line with the market expectation seen ranging between 325 000 and 575 000 tons.
- On the technical chart for March KCBT wheat we see that the market posted some good gains in the daytime session ending the day near the session high. The moving averages and indicators are pulling higher but the market is overbought and immediate resistance is seen in the \$4.82-\$4.84 area.

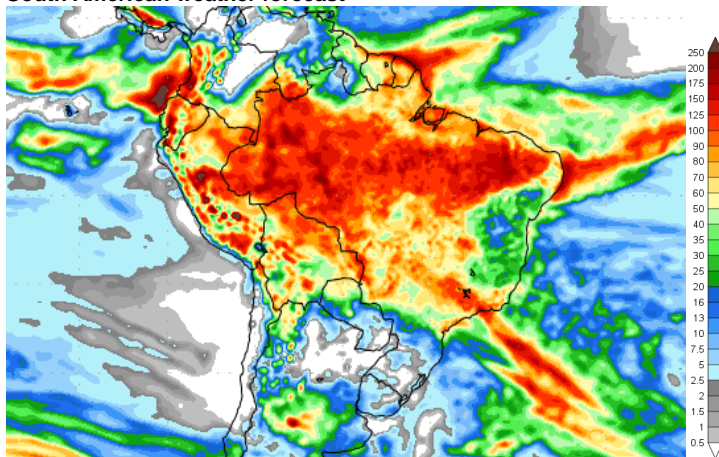
US cumulative rainfall forecast for week ahead (inches)



US temperature forecast for week ahead



South American weather forecast



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South African Market – 12 February 2018

White Maize				
	MTM	Change	High	Low
Mar-18	1827.00	-12.00	1831.00	1814.00
May-18	1887.00	-8.00	1890.40	1874.00
Jul-18	1934.00	-14.00	1939.00	1920.00
Yellow Maize				
Mar-18	1922.00	-12.00	1926.00	1906.00
May-18	1962.00	-13.00	1964.00	1951.00
Jul-18	2002.00	-11.00	2005.00	1988.00
Wheat				
Mar-18	3653.00	1.00	3660.00	3635.00
May-18	3721.00	-4.00	3730.00	3716.00
Jul-18	3770.00	4.00	3770.00	3763.00
Sunflower				
Mar-18	4740.00	50.00	4745.00	4700.00
May-18	4770.00	42.00	4781.00	4701.00
Soybeans				
Mar-18	4581.00	65.00	4600.00	4525.00
May-18	4665.00	69.00	4700.00	4600.00
CME Corn				
Mar-18	1726.00	-12.00	1729.40	1723.00
Jul-18	1829.00	-12.00	1834.00	1825.20

Maize

South African maize prices started the day lower with some more selling that was seen after the opening. The rainfall seen the past weekend, the forecast for some more showers and the stronger rand added some pressure. March white maize opened the day at R1826 and sold off after that with the market trading to an intraday low of R1814 but the market managed to pull off the lows after that ending the day around the opening levels. Support is seen at R1800 and R1785 and resistance is seen at R1840.

This morning the US maize prices are slightly higher than the levels seen at Safex close yesterday but the stronger rand is limiting the gains in the parity prices. We did see some overnight rainfall and some more showers are forecasted which could limit some of the buying interest in our market.

Wheat

South African wheat contracts started the day mostly flat with the market coming under some pressure after that. March wheat contracts opened the day at R3656 and briefly traded to a high of R3660 before some selling was seen. The market came under some pressure after that with the stronger rand adding some pressure and March wheat contracts traded to an intraday low of R3635 and the market did pull off the lows into the close. Support is seen at R3615 and R3600.

This morning the US CME and KCBT wheat prices are higher than the levels seen at Safex close yesterday which is supporting parity prices despite the stronger rand. The strength of the rand this morning could limit some of the buying interest in our market this morning.

Oilseeds

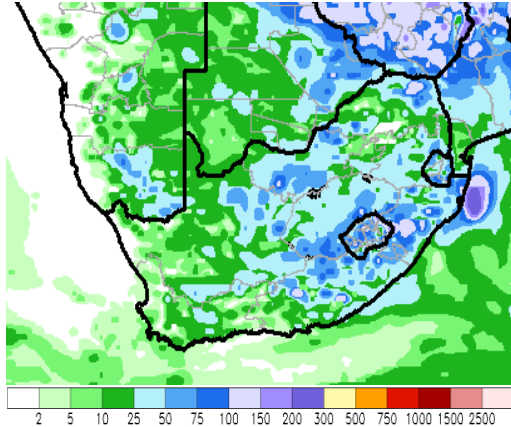
South African soybean contracts opened the day higher with some more buying interest that was seen after the opening. March soybean contracts opened the day at R4536 and traded to a low of R4525 before some strong buying was seen with the higher US electronic soybean prices supporting our market. March soybean contracts traded to an intraday high of R4600 with the market finding some resistance at the 40-day average and the market ended the day slightly off the session lows.

South African sunflower seed contracts opened the day slightly higher with some more strong buying interest that was seen after the opening. March sunflower seed contracts opened the day at R4700 which was also the intraday low of the session with our market posting some more gains after that. The market broke above the 100-day average and traded to a high of R4745 ending the day close to the session high. The strong performance and close that was seen could be supportive for our market in the sessions ahead.

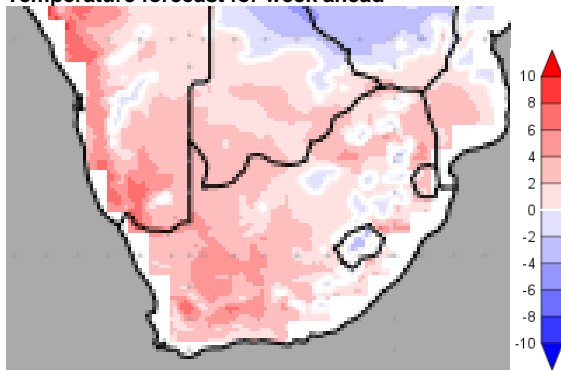
This morning the US soybean contracts are slightly higher than the levels seen at Safex close yesterday but the stronger rand is putting some pressure on parity prices. We did see some strong buying interest in our oilseed market this morning but the stronger rand could limit some of the buying interest today.

Weather conditions

Rainfall forecast for week ahead



Temperature forecast for week ahead



Technical Graphs

- Safex March WM prices
- CME March corn prices





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