

Economic Indicators

	Quote at 12h00 previous day	Current quote	Change	% Change
Rand/Dollar	11.84	11.78	-0.06	-0.51
Euro/Dollar	1.2326	1.2403	0.0077	0.62
Gold	1318.31	1327.46	9.15	0.69
Platinum	961.6	968.3	6.70	0.70
Brent Crude	65.09	64.6	-0.49	-0.75
JSE Top 40	52440	52371	-69.00	-0.13
Dow Jones Indus Avg	25178	25007	-171.00	-0.68

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

- The rand posted some gains with the rand trading as low as R11.74/\$ and is quoted at R11.78/\$ this morning. The weaker dollar is supporting the rand. South African equities did end slightly lower with the JSE Top40 ending 0.13% lower in the daytime session yesterday.
- In the US the dollar is slightly weaker breaking above 1.2400 to the euro. President Trump fired his Secretary of State yesterday and talk of additional tariffs on China weighed on the dollar and equity markets. The Dow ended 0.68% lower in the daytime session yesterday and this morning the Dow futures are also slightly lower.
- Commodity prices are higher with the weaker dollar and some safe haven buying that was seen in gold. Gold and platinum prices are 0.69% and 0.70% higher than the levels seen yesterday while crude oil prices are 0.75% lower.

US Dollar/South African Rand



Key data releases:

- Weekly South African producer deliveries
- South African business confidence
- European Union industrial production
- US retail sales data
- US Feb PPI

International Market

	Quote at 12h00 previous day	Current quote	Change	% Change
CME May maize	391.25	391	-0.25	-0.06
CME Jul maize	399.25	399	-0.25	-0.06
CME May wheat	494.5	486	-8.50	-1.72
KCBT May wheat	527	519.75	-7.25	-1.38
KCBT Jul wheat	543.75	536.5	-7.25	-1.33
Matif May wheat (Euro/ton)	163.75	164	0.25	0.15
CME Jul soybeans	1056	1064	8.00	0.76
May CME maize R/ton	1824	1813	-10.40	-0.57
Jul CME maize R/ton	1861	1850	-10.59	-0.57
May CME wheat R/ton	2151	2104	-47.69	-2.22
May KCBT wheat R/ton	2293	2250	-43.00	-1.88
Jul KCBT wheat R/ton	2366	2322	-43.37	-1.83
Jul CME soybeans R/ton	4594	4605	11.35	0.25

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Corn

- CME maize prices ended slightly higher in the daytime session yesterday with some technical buying that was seen as well as the strong demand for US maize. This morning the electronic maize prices are slightly lower.
- The drought in Argentina continues to support the demand for US maize. The USDA once again announced a private export sale of 210 000 tons of US maize that was sold to South Korea.
- On the technical chart for July CME maize we see that the market traded to new recent highs of \$4.02 ¼ but prices pulled well off the intraday highs. The moving averages remain well supported but the indicators are under pressure with the RSI recovering from the overbought territory.

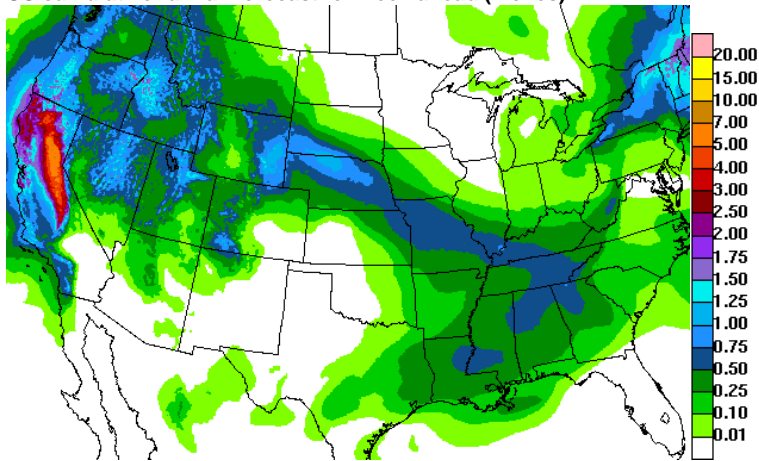
Soybeans

- US soybean contracts posted some gains in the daytime session yesterday with some technical buying that was seen while the surge in soybean meal futures as a result of the drought in Argentina also added some support. This morning the electronic soybean prices are also slightly higher.
- The drought conditions in Argentina continues to drive soybean prices higher keeping in mind that Argentina is the 3rd largest exporter of soybeans and the largest exporter of soybean meal globally.
- On the technical chart for July CME soybeans we see that the market posted some good gains with the market ending the day off the session highs. The moving averages are pulling higher but some of the indicators are under some pressure.

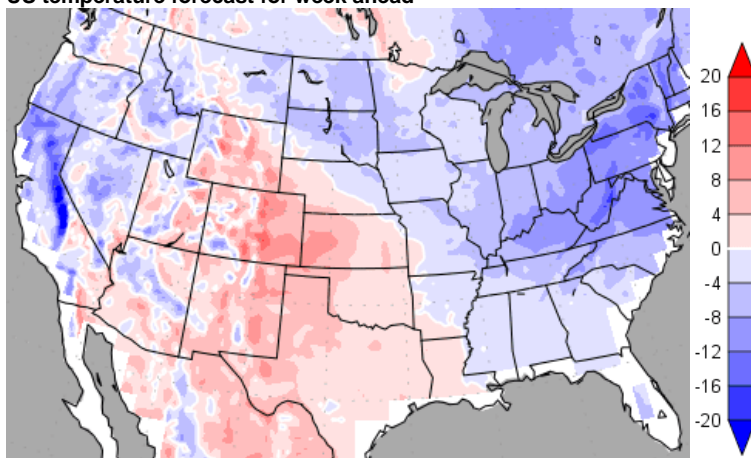
Wheat

- US CME and KCBT wheat prices ended lower in the daytime session yesterday with some profit taking by market longs and technical selling weighing on the market. This morning the electronic wheat prices are unchanged to slightly lower.
- Some of the weather models expect some moisture in the southern parts of the US Plains while some light rainfall is also expected in the eastern parts of the US winter wheat areas. However the winter wheat crop conditions remain under pressure.
- On the technical chart for July KCBT wheat we see that the market attempted to gain some ground but found resistance at the 9-day average and prices sold off into the close ending the day close to the session low. Support is seen at \$5.30 and resistance is seen at \$5.46 and \$5.60.

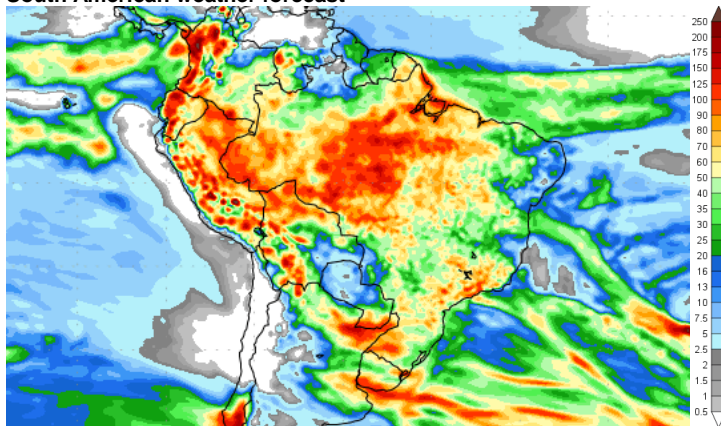
US cumulative rainfall forecast for week ahead (inches)



US temperature forecast for week ahead



South American weather forecast



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South African Market – 13 March 2018

White Maize				
	MTM	Change	High	Low
Mar-18	1955.00	2.00	1975.00	1950.00
May-18	2014.00	-1.00	2036.00	2010.00
Jul-18	2059.00	3.00	2083.00	2052.00
Yellow Maize				
Mar-18	2048.00	0.00	2065.00	2043.00
May-18	2102.00	-2.00	2123.00	2100.00
Jul-18	2130.00	-3.00	2153.00	2127.00
Wheat				
Mar-18	3656.00	16.00	3663.00	3648.00
May-18	3718.00	21.00	3727.00	3703.00
Jul-18	3755.00	15.00	3762.00	3747.00
Sunflower				
Mar-18	4840.00	40.00	4860.00	4820.00
May-18	4788.00	72.00	4795.00	4713.00
Soybeans				
Mar-18	4575.00	34.00	4576.00	4570.00
May-18	4654.00	23.00	4670.00	4635.00
CME Corn				
May-18	1842.00	19.00	1842.00	1840.00
Jul-18	1889.00	15.00	1893.00	1880.00

Maize

South African maize prices opened the day higher with some follow through buying that was seen after the opening. July white maize opened the day at R2064 and traded to an intraday high of R2083 (level last seen in mid-January) but the buying interest faded and some long liquidation was seen after that. The market sold off into the close with July white maize trading to an intraday low of R2052 and the market ended the day close to the session low. The weak close that was seen could limit some of the buying interest and support is seen at the moving averages around R2045-R2038.

The weekly South African maize exports was reported at 14 010 tons including 9 512 tons of white maize and 4 498 tons of yellow maize.

This morning the US maize prices are slightly lower than the levels seen at Safex close yesterday and adding to this the rand is also slightly stronger which is putting some pressure on parity prices. We did see some late selling in the session yesterday which could weigh on our market in the session today.

Wheat

South African wheat contracts opened the day unchanged to slightly higher with some more buying interest that was seen after that with the weaker rand providing some support. May-18 wheat contracts opened the day at R3703 which was also the intraday low of the session with our market gaining some more ground after that. The market traded to an intraday high of R3727 and the market ended the day very close to the session high. The strong performance and close that was seen could be supportive for our market in the sessions ahead.

The weekly South African wheat imports was reported at 55 958 tons. The wheat that was imported originated from Argentina, Latvia and Romania.

This morning the US CME and KCBT wheat prices are well below the levels seen at Safex close yesterday and the stronger rand is also weighing on parity prices. Local wheat prices did put in strong performance in the session yesterday but the stronger rand could weigh on our market in the session today.

Oilseeds

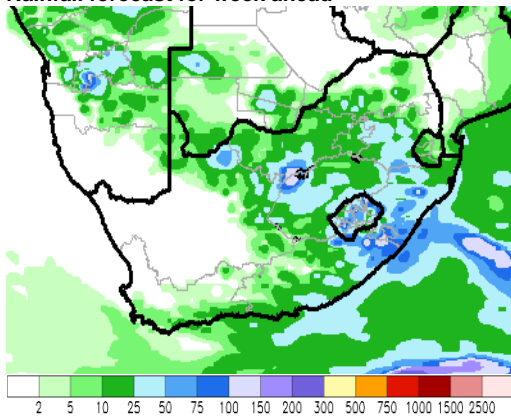
South African soybean contracts opened the day slightly higher with some buying interest/short covering that was seen after the opening. May-18 soybean contracts opened the day at R4637 and posted some gains after that with the market trading to an intraday high of R4670 but the buying interest faded and prices pulled well off the highs into the close. On the technical chart there is a gap back at R4710 and support is seen at the 40-day average seen at R4620.

South African sunflower seed contracts opened the day higher with some more buying interest that was seen after the opening. May-18 sunflower seed contracts opened the day at R4725 and traded to a low of R4713 before gaining some more ground. The market surged to a high of R4795 and the market ended the day slightly off the session highs.

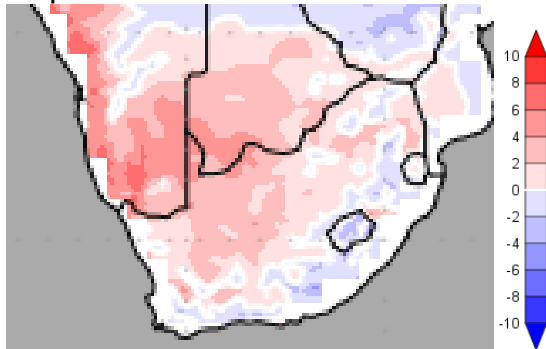
This morning the US soybean contracts are higher than the levels seen at Safex close yesterday but the stronger rand is limiting some of the gains in the parity prices this morning.

Weather conditions

Rainfall forecast for week ahead



Temperature forecast for week ahead



Technical Graphs

- Safex July WM prices
- CME July corn prices



