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Daily Market Report

19 July 2023

USA Movement (Overnight)		Cents	Currencies	19-Jul-23	07:45:03
(DEC23) CORN	542.25	30.00	R/\$ last	17.8802	-0.0170
(NOV23) SOYA	1,401.25	16.00	Euro=	1.1228	-0.0019
W1 CBOT (Dec23)	700.25	24.00	GOLD	1,977	14.0000
W1 KCBT (Dec23)	842.00	19.00	BRENT	79.48	0.51
BlackSea Weat (JuL23)	230.50	-0.50		_	
Index Change					
Maize (Dec23)	3,817	R 207.75	Wheat CBOT (Dec23)	4,601	R153.45
Soya (Nov23)	9,205	R 96.45	Wheat Kansas (Dec23)	5,532	R 119.69
BlackSea Weat Near	4,121	R -12.87	Rand Effect on WEAT Parity*		R -4.60

* Average based on Prev. Spot FOB - US, Baltic and Australian Wheat.



South African Rand

UPDATE 1-South African rand gains; analyst says it had looked undervalued - Reuters News

JOHANNESBURG, July 18 (Reuters) - The rand gained strongly on Tuesday, with one analyst saying it had looked undervalued after year-to-date losses and citing support from rising prices for precious metals, a key South African export.

- At 1550 GMT, the rand <u>ZAR=D3</u> traded at 17.8550 against the dollar, about 1% stronger than its previous close.
- Danny Greeff, a financial market analyst at ETM Analytics, said sentiment towards emerging markets had been lifted by softer-than-expected U.S. retail sales.
- "The rand is outperforming, however, owing to its stretched undervaluation after a dismal year-to-date performance. All the while, gold, platinum, and palladium markets have also seen healthy gains today, providing further support," Greeff said.
- Major local economic data points this week that could influence rand trading are local inflation data out on Wednesday and an interest rate announcement on Thursday.
- Analysts polled by Reuters are predicting inflation <u>ZACPIY=ECI</u> to further decline to 5.6% in June from 6.3% in May, putting it back within the central bank's 3% to 6% target range for the first time since April 2022.
- The majority of economists expect no change in the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) repo rate <u>ZAREPO=ECI</u> on Thursday, but a significant minority are predicting a further 25 basis points (bps) increase to 8.50%.
- The SARB has raised rates at its last 10 monetary policy meetings to try to bring inflation back to target, in a hiking cycle that started in November 2021.
- "Although the market has been paring bets on an extended rate-hike cycle in SA, there is still a strong chance that the SARB hikes by 25 bps to keep the rand on the front foot," Greeff said.
- The Johannesburg Stock Exchange's All-share index <u>JALSH</u> closed down 0.2% on Tuesday. South Africa's benchmark 2030 government bond <u>ZAR2030=</u> was firmer, as the yield fell 12 basis points to 10.325%.





Corn

CBOT corn rises on US crop risk, Black Sea tensions - Reuters News

CHICAGO, July 18 (Reuters) - Chicago Board of Trade corn futures reached their highest price since late June on Tuesday on concerns about U.S. crop weather and spillover support from gains in soybeans, analysts said.

- September corn CU3 settled 29-1/2 cents stronger at \$5.28-3/4 per bushel.
- New-crop December corn CZ3 ended up 28-1/2 cents at \$5.34-1/2 a bushel. The contract touched its highest price since June 29 at \$5.40-3/4.
- · Expectations for a shift to warmer, drier weather in late July and early August helped support corn and soy futures amid concerns about the risk for crop stress, traders said.
- The USDA on Monday rated 57% of the U.S. corn crop as good to excellent, up 2 percentage points and in line with expectations. That was the second-lowest rating since 2012, a historic drought year.
- In the Black Sea region, Ukrainian officials said Russia launched missile and drone strikes on southern and eastern Ukraine overnight that damaged infrastructure in the port of Odesa.
- The strikes diminished some expectations that Russia may renew the Black Sea grain export deal that Moscow quit on Monday, analysts said.





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Soyabean

CBOT soybeans end higher on jitters over US crop weather - Reuters News

CHICAGO, July 18 (Reuters) - Chicago Board of Trade soybean futures rose on Tuesday on concerns that warmer, drier U.S. crop weather could hurt yields, analysts said.

- August soybeans SQ3 settled 8 cents higher at \$14.92 per bushel, while most-active November soybeans SX3 ended up 17-1/4 cents at \$13.95-1/4 a bushel.
- The most-active contract <u>Sv1</u> hit a one-month high at \$14.05 a bushel
- CBOT August soymeal SMQ3 rose \$8.30 to finish at \$442.70 per short ton and touched its highest price since April 19. August soyoil BOQ3 fell 0.71 cent to 64.05 cents per lb.
- Commodity Weather Group said there are risks for hotter weather in two weeks in the Midwestern crop belt. Forecasts for heat and dryness raise concerns heading into August, the key development period for soybeans.
- The USDA on Monday rated 55% of the nation's soybean crop in good to excellent condition, up 4 points from a week earlier and above analysts' expectations for 53%.
- The rating was still the lowest for this time of year since 2019 and the second lowest since 2012, a historic drought year.





Soyabean

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Sunflower

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Wheat

CBOT wheat futures end firmer amid Black Sea supply worries - Reuters News

CHICAGO, July 18 (Reuters) - Chicago Board of Trade wheat futures finished stronger on Tuesday after Ukrainian officials said Russian air strikes damaged infrastructure at the port of Odesa, a day after Moscow quit the Black Sea grain export deal.

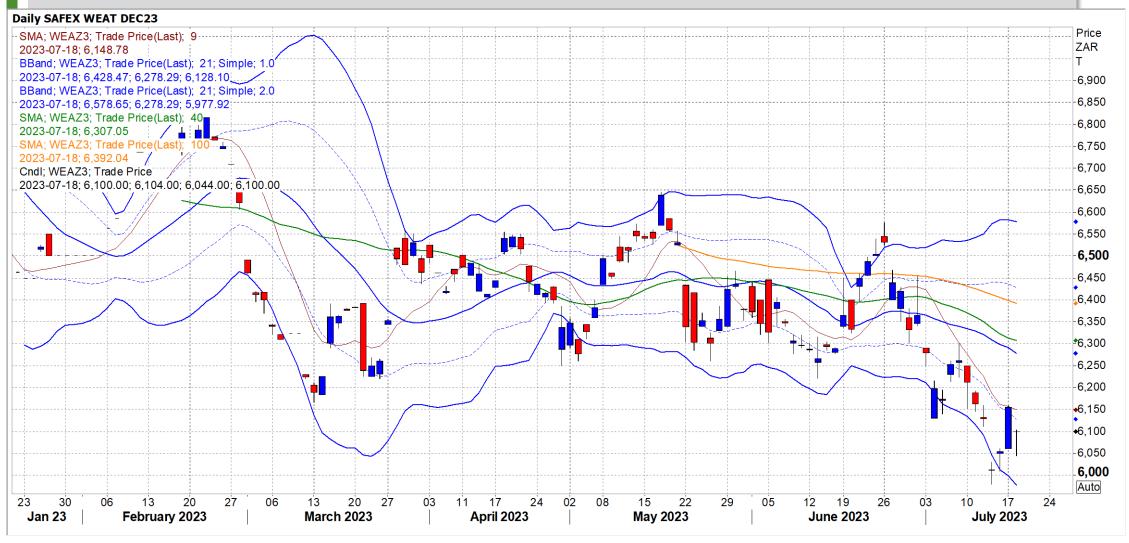
- The strikes diminished some expectations that Russia may still renew the export deal, analysts said.
- Markets had been expecting the Ukrainian shipping deal to be canceled and Moscow's decision to leave on Monday had largely been priced in already, traders said.
- The United Nations on Tuesday said there are a "number of ideas being floated" to help get Ukrainian and Russian grain and fertilizer to global markets.
- CBOT September soft red winter wheat <u>WU3</u> settled up 17 cents at \$6.70-3/4 per bushel.
- Spillover support from gains in CBOT soybeans and corn, along with money flowing into the markets, helped support prices, analysts said.
- K.C. September hard red winter wheat <u>KWU3</u> rose 12 cents to end at \$8.27-1/4 a bushel, while MGEX September spring wheat <u>MWEU3</u> dipped 3/4 cent to \$8.77-1/2 a bushel.
- A bigger-than-expected increase in condition ratings for the U.S. spring wheat crop weighed on MGEX futures, analysts said.





Wheat

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Short Term Precipitation Outlooks

