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Daily Market Report

27 July 2023

Implied move

USA Movement (Overnight)		Cents	Currencies	27-Jul-23	07:29:50
(DEC23) CORN	548.25	-8.50	R/\$ last	17.5835	-0.1047
(NOV23) SOYA	1,427.50	9.00	Euro=	1.1091	0.0016
W1 CBOT (Dec23)	751.50	-10.50	GOLD	1,976	4.3000
W1 KCBT (Dec23)	886.25	-21.50	BRENT	83.64	0.67
BlackSea Weat (JuL23)	233.00	0.75			
Index Change					
Maize (Dec23)	3,795	R -81.79	Wheat CBOT (Dec23)	4,855	-R97.15
Soya (Nov23)	9,222	R 3.58	Wheat Kansas (Dec23)	5,726	R -173.83
BlackSea Weat Near	4,097	R -11.13	Rand Effect on WEAT Parity*		R -29.64

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



South African Rand

UPDATE 2-Rand weakens as Fed outcome seen posing a big risk - Reuters News

JOHANNESBURG, July 26 (Reuters) - The South African rand slumped on Wednesday, as analysts said the outcome of a U.S. Federal Reserve policy meeting later in the day could leave it open to losses after strong gains this month.

- At 1735 GMT, the rand traded at 17.6750 against the dollar ZAR=D3, around 0.7% weaker than its previous close, after earlier being down almost 1% against the greenback.
- "(There is) quite a lot of caution in the market because of the Fed rate decision tonight," said Greg Davies, head of wealth at asset manager Cratos Capital.
- Rand Merchant Bank said in a morning briefing that after recent gains "the rand is stretched too far".
- Referring to the Fed's interest rate announcement later on Wednesday, it said "event risk is huge tonight" and that a sharp fall in the rand should not be ruled out.
- Markets are betting on a 25-basis-point hike from the Fed on Wednesday, but <u>they are split</u> on the odds of another later in the year. If the Fed's language is hawkish it could boost the dollar and leave emerging market currencies like the rand exposed.
- The rand has gained more than 6% against the greenback so far in July, helped by dollar weakness in the first half of the month, a commitment from Chinese policymakers to support their economy, and foreign buying of South African government bonds.
- Kevin Lings, an economist at asset manager Stanlib, linked the foreign bond-buying to a decline in South African inflation and a decision by the Reserve Bank last week to leave its main interest rate on hold.
- "(This) reflects the power of a credible central bank," he wrote on Tuesday on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter.
- On the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, the blue-chip Top-40 index <u>.JTOPI</u> closed nearly flat. South Africa's benchmark 2030 government bond <u>ZAR2030=</u> was slightly stronger, with the yield down 3 basis points to 10.255%.





Corn

CBOT corn ends lower, following wheat futures - Reuters News

CHICAGO, July 26 (Reuters) - Chicago Board of Trade corn futures slid on Wednesday, following wheat on news of a better-than-expected spring wheat forecast in parts of North Dakota, even as a heat wave stretched across the U.S. Midwest and part of the Mississippi Valley, traders said.

- CBOT September corn CU3 settled Wednesday down 17-1/4 cents at \$5.40-1/4 per bushel.
- Most-active CBOT December corn CZ3 ended down 17 cents at \$5.48-1/4 per bushel.
- Rain forecasts for some hot and dry areas of U.S. Midwest pressured the corn market, as the crop nears the end of its yield-determining phase of pollination.
- Scouts on the first day of an annual U.S. crop tour on Tuesday projected spring wheat in southern and east-central North Dakota will produce yields that are slightly lower than last year but bigger than the five-year average.
- That weighed on corn futures, as traders predicted that corn yields this fall might be larger than expected.
- <u>NATO said on Wednesday</u> it was stepping up surveillance of the Black Sea region, as it condemned Russia's exit from a deal assuring the safe passage of ships carrying Ukrainian grain.





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Soyabean

CBOT soybeans firm on export news, U.S. dollar weakness - Reuters News

CHICAGO, July 26 (Reuters) - Chicago Board of Trade soybean futures were steady to higher on Wednesday, bolstered by weakness in the U.S. dollar and news of export sales of U.S. soybeans to unknown destinations, the U.S. Agriculture Department said.

- Private exporters reported the sale of <u>272,000 metric tons</u> of soybeans to unknown destinations and 229,000 metric tons of soybeans received in the reporting period to unknown destinations, the U.S. Agriculture Department said.
- CBOT September soybean futures SU3 settled up 18 cents at \$14.68-1/2 per bushel while most-active November soybeans SX3 ended the day unchanged at \$14.20 a bushel.
- CBOT September soymeal <u>SMU3</u> finished up \$8.30 at \$444.60 per short ton.
- CBOT soyoil futures closed down. September soyoil BOU3 settled down 1.51 cents at 66.97 cents per lb while most-active December BOZ3 fell 1.07 cents to finish at 63.19 cents.
- Soybean futures were pressured on outlook for rain across the Midwest during the next two weeks, just as the crop enters its key development phase. Gains limited by concerns current high temperatures are stressing crops.
- Traders continue to monitor tensions in the Black Sea region after <u>Russia destroyed</u> Ukrainian grain warehouses on the Danube River, targeting a vital grain export route for Kyiv.





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Wheat

CBOT wheat falls on crop-friendly rains, spring wheat forecast - Reuters News

CHICAGO, July 26 (Reuters) - Chicago Board of Trade wheat futures sharply slid on Wednesday on news of a better-than-expected spring wheat forecast in parts of North Dakota, even as a heat wave stretched across the U.S. Midwest and Mississippi Valley, traders said.

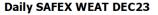
- NATO said on Wednesday it was stepping up surveillance of the Black Sea region, as it condemned Russia's exit from a deal assuring the safe passage of ships carrying Ukrainian grain.
- CBOT September soft red winter wheat <u>WU3</u> settled down 40-1/4 cents at \$7.20 per bushel.
- K.C. September hard red winter wheat KWU3 last traded down 49-1/4 cents at \$8.63-1/2 a bushel, and MGEX September spring wheat MWEU3 was down 38 cents at \$8.94 a bushel.
- As a heat wave overtook part of the mid-Mississippi Valley and the Midwest with some farmers in Missouri reporting high winds and blistering heat traders said reports of crop-friendly rains in the northern Midwest weighed on the markets, traders said.
- Scouts of an <u>annual U.S. crop tour</u> late on Tuesday projected that spring wheat in southern and east-central North Dakota will produce yields that are bigger than the five-year average.

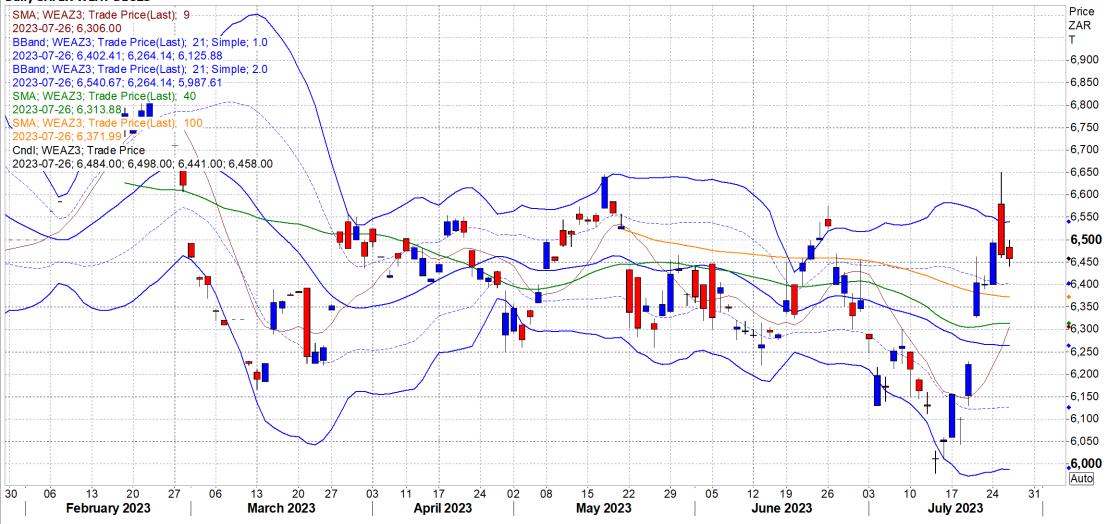




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Short Term Precipitation Outlooks

