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Daily Market Report

20 October 2023

Implied move

USA Movement (Overnight)		Cents	Currencies	20-Oct-23	07:43:11
(DEC23)	505.00	13.75	R/\$ last	19.0221	-0.0605
(NOV23)	1,313.75	0.00	Euro=	1.0574	0.0031
W1 CBOT (Dec23)	597.25	15.50	GOLD	1,978	28.1499
W1 KCBT (Dec23)	680.00	11.50	BRENT	93.26	3.46
BlackSea Weat (Dec23)	249.25	0.00	-	_	
Index Change					
Maize (Dec23)	3,782	R 91.27	Wheat CBOT (Decl23)	4,174	R95.40
Soya (Dec23)	9,181	R -29.20	Wheat Kansas (Dec23)	4,753	R 65.52
BlackSea Weat Near	4,741	R -15.08	B Rand Effect on WEAT Parity*		R -15.88

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

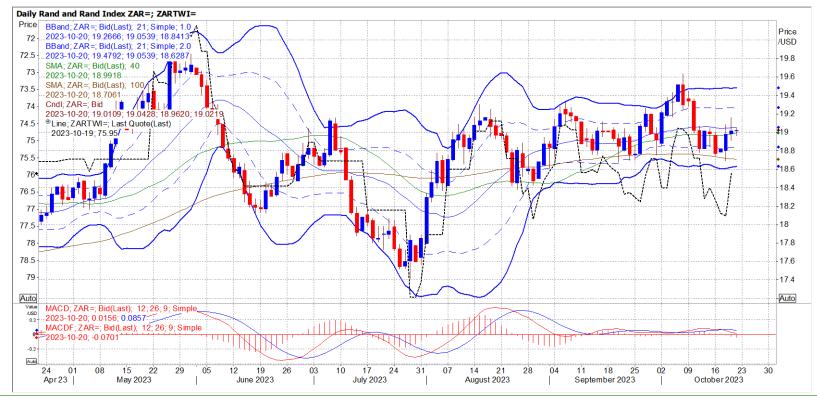


South African Rand

UPDATE 1-South African rand weaker on soaring US Treasury yields - Reuters News

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 19 (Reuters) - The South African rand was weaker on Thursday on soaring U.S. Treasury yields and market jitters over a wider Middle East conflict, ahead of a speech by Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell.

- At 1505 GMT, the rand traded at 19.0425 against the dollar ZAR=D3, about 0.3% weaker than its previous close.
- Market jitters intensified on concerns over the conflict in the Middle East and rate hike expectations in developed economies, ETM Analytics market analyst Bheki Mahlobo told Reuters.
- "The prospect of a prolonged war has also led to surging oil prices, weakening SA's trade dynamics and denting the outlook of the ZAR (rand)," he added.
- U.S. Treasury yields hit 16-year highs on Thursday, boosted by expectations that the Fed would keep interest rates higher for longer.
- The rand often takes cues from global factors such as U.S. monetary policy in addition to local factors.
- Global markets will turn their attention to a speech by Powell later in the day for hints on the future interest rate path of the world's biggest economy.
- Shares on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange closed lower, with the blue-chip Top-40 index .JTOPI down about 1.5% and the broader all-share index .JALSH about 1.4%.
- South Africa's benchmark 2030 government bond <u>ZAR2030=</u> was weaker, with the yield up 6 basis points to 10.885%





Corn

CBOT corn futures rally on export, Brazil drought questions - Reuters

CHICAGO, Oct 19 (Reuters) - Chicago Board of Trade corn futures closed higher on Thursday, as the market continued rebounded amid questions of how drought conditions in South America would impact that country's corn exports, traders said.

- Difficult logistics in Brazil could create a short-term window of opportunity for improvement in U.S. export demand, a broker said.
- A severe drought is disrupting barge traffic on the Tapajos river in the Amazon rainforest, shipping agencies told clients this week as Brazil enters the final months of 2023's corn export season.
- December corn CZ3 rose 13 cents to settle the day at \$5.05 a bushel. The most-active corn futures contract Cv1 touched a session high of \$5.05-1/2 a bushel, a nearly two-month high.
- Low water levels on the lower Mississippi River also are likely to persist through at least January despite expected above-normal precipitation across the southern United States this
 winter, forecasters with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said on Thursday.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported weekly U.S. corn export sales of 881,300 metric tons for 2023-24, down 15% from the prior four-week average but within analysts' estimates.
- Analysts had expected USDA to report weekly corn export sales of 500,000 to 1.1 million metric tons for 2023-24 and zero to 125,000 metric tons for 2024-25.





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Soyabean

CBOT soybeans touch four-week high on demand, South American drought - Reuters News

CHICAGO, Oct 19 (Reuters) - Chicago Board of Trade soybean futures touched a four-week high on Thursday, before easing back a bit, amid strong demand for U.S. supplies and ongoing drought concerns in Brazil.

- · A rally to August highs in soymeal helped support soybeans, traders said.
- They kept an eye on the world's biggest soy supplier Brazil, which has increased sales to China this year following a record harvest in the Latin American country.
- Now, a drought in Brazil has <u>slowed soybean plantings</u> and disrupted crop shipments on barges.
- CBOT November soybeans <u>SX3</u> settled the day up 4-1/2 cents at \$13.15-1/2 a bushel, after hitting its highest price since Sept. 21 at \$13.17-3/4.
- December soymeal <u>SMZ3</u> closed \$9.20 higher at \$423 per ton, after earlier touching its highest price since July 27 at \$424.3 per ton.
- December soyoil <u>BOZ3</u> slipped 1.75 cents to close at 53.11 cents per pound.
- Weekly U.S. soybean export sales of 1.4 million metric tons for 2023/2024 were up 92% from the prior four-week average and within analysts' estimates.
- · Soymeal export sales of 434,700 metric tons for 2023-24 were also within expectations.





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Wheat

CBOT wheat futures turn higher on short covering, corn strength - Reuters News

CHICAGO, Oct 19 (Reuters) - Chicago Board of Trade wheat futures finished higher on short covering and a boost in the corn futures markets on Thursday, traders said.

- Early in the session, wheat turned lower in profit-taking after the prior session's gains.
- CBOT December soft red winter wheat futures <u>WZ3</u> jumped 13-3/4 cents to close at \$5.94 a bushel.
- KC December hard red winter wheat futures KWZ3 last traded up 6-1/2 cents to \$6.77 a bushel. MGEX December spring wheat MWEZ3 last traded up 5-1/2 cents at \$7.39 a bushel.
- Low water levels on the lower Mississippi River are likely to persist through at least January despite expected above-normal precipitation across the southern United States this winter, forecasters with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said on Thursday.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said weekly U.S. wheat export sales were 632,800 metric tons for shipment in the 2023/24 marketing year and 30,000 tons for 2024/25, in line with trade estimates. China was the top buyer.
- India raised the price at which it buys locally produced new-season wheat by 7% to encourage farmers to expand the growing area as New Delhi tries to increase production.





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Short Term Precipitation Outlooks

