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Daily Market Report

16 February 2024

USA Movement (Overnight)		Cents	Currencies	16-Feb-24	06:59:31
CORN CBOT (Mar24)	417.25	-5.50	R/\$ last	18.9532	-0.0494
SOY CBOT (Mar24)	1,166.75	-0.75	Euro=	1.0757	0.0026
W1 CBOT (Mar24)	561.50	-20.00	GOLD	2,004	7.8083
W1 KCBT (Mar24)	571.75	-13.50	BRENT	82.78	1.23
BlackSea Weat (Mar24)	202.00	-1.00			
Index Change					
Maize (Mar24)	3,113	R -49.26	Wheat CBOT (Mar24)	3,910	-R149.84
Soya (Mar24)	8,125	R -26.41	Wheat Kansas (Mar24)	3,982	R -104.64
BlackSea Weat Near	3,829	R -28.98	RAND EFFECT ON WHEAT PARITY	4,076	-R 10.62

South African Rand

UPDATE 1-South African rand strengthens against weaker dollar - Reuters News

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 15 (Reuters) - The South African rand strengthened on Thursday as the dollar fell after a mixed batch of U.S. economic data.

- At 1608 GMT, the rand traded at 18.9800 against the U.S. dollar ZAR=D3, about 0.4% stronger than its previous close.
- The dollar <u>=USD</u> was down about 0.25% against a basket of global currencies, after new data including U.S. retail sales and jobless claims kept the Federal Reserve on track to start cutting interest rates mid-year.
- There were no local economic data releases in South Africa, and President Cyril Ramaphosa gave little news in his response to a parliamentary debate on his state of the nation address.
- The president used the <u>speech</u> last week to play up his party's achievements in an election year, but he did not give much detail on his plans to address major challenges like power shortages and a logistics crisis.
- On Thursday he said that he planned to sign a National Health Insurance bill that is on his desk, but did not say when.
- On the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, the Top-40 index <u>JTOPI</u> closed 0.43% higher. South Africa's benchmark 2030 government bond <u>ZAR2030=</u> was stronger, with the yield down 12 basis points to 10.045%.





Corn

CBOT corn drops to fresh three-year low on big US supply outlook - Reuters News

CHICAGO, Feb 15 (Reuters) - Chicago Board of Trade corn futures finished lower on Thursday after forecasts of increasing U.S. ending stocks knocked the market to a new three-year low.

- CBOT March corn CH24 closed down 6-1/2 cents at \$4.17-3/4 a bushel. The most-active contract Cv1 touched a session low of \$4.17-1/4, the lowest since December 2020.
- · Fund selling weighed on the market, brokers said.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture projected at an annual outlook forum that U.S. <u>corn stocks would balloon</u> to 2.532 billion bushels by the end of the 2024/25 marketing year, the most since 1987/88.
- The forecast was slightly below analysts' estimates for 2.594 billion bushels, but up from ending stocks of 2.172 billion bushels in 2023/24.
- The government projected U.S. 2024 corn plantings at 91 million acres, down from 94.6 million for 2023, and the season-average corn price received by farmers at \$4.40 per bushel, down 40 cents.
- The USDA separately reported <u>export sales</u> of U.S. 2023/24 corn in the week to Feb. 8 at 1.3 million metric tons, toward the high end of trade expectations for 800,000 to 1.5 million tons.





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Soyabean

CBOT soybeans set new three-year low, meal hits contract lows - Reuters News

CHICAGO, Feb 15 (Reuters) - Chicago Board of Trade soybean futures set a three-year low on Thursday as the U.S. projected large ending stocks for 2024/25, while soymeal hit contract lows.

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture, at its annual outlook forum, projected 2024/25 ending stocks would rise to 435 million bushels, from 315 million at the end of 2023/24. That would be the most since 2019/20,
- Analysts expected 411 million bushels for 2024/25.
- The USDA also predicted that U.S. farmers would harvest a soy crop of 4.505 billion bushels, up 8% from 2023, and pegged the soybean season-average farm price at \$11.20 per bushel, down \$1.45 from 2023/24.
- Separately, the USDA reported export sales of U.S. 2023/24 soybeans in the week to Feb. 8 at 353,800 metric tons, toward the low end of trade expectations for 300,000 to 800,000 tons.
- The January U.S. soybean crush dropped by more than expected from a record high the previous month, although it was still the largest crush on record for the first month of the year, the National Oilseed Processors Association said.
- CBOT March soybeans SH24 settled down 8-1/4 cents at \$11.62-1/4 per bushel. The most-active contract Sv1 touched a session low of \$11.60-1/4, its lowest level since December 2020.
- CBOT March soymeal futures <u>SMH24</u> fell \$3.80 to end at \$339.5 per short ton and set a contract low of \$339.0.
- CBOT March soyoil <u>BOH24</u> settled 0.35 cent weaker at 46.00 cents per pound.





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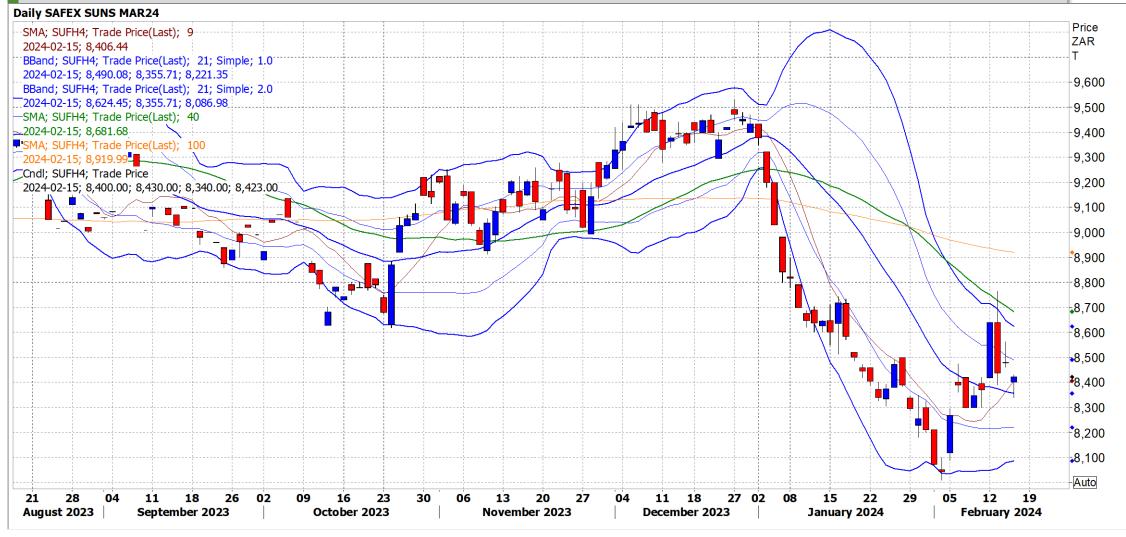
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Wheat

US wheat futures slide to contract lows on larger supply outlook - Reuters News

CHICAGO, Feb 15 (Reuters) - U.S. wheat futures dropped to new contract lows on Thursday after the federal government projected that domestic ending stocks in 2024/25 would exceed analysts' estimates.

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated 2024/25 ending stocks would rise to 769 million bushels, which would be a four-year high if realized and up from 658 million in 2023/24.
- Analysts had projected 2024/25 U.S. ending stocks at 717 million bushels.
- The USDA pegged the 2024/25 season-average farm price for wheat at \$6.00 per bushel, down \$1.20 from 2023/24 and the lowest since 2020/21.
- Weekly U.S. wheat export sales of 349,300 metric tons for 2023/24 were toward the low end of analysts' expectations for 300,000 to 550,000 tons.
- CBOT March soft red winter wheat <u>WH24</u> settled 18-1/2 cents lower at \$5.67 per bushel. Deferred months set contract lows.
- K.C. March hard red winter wheat KWH24 fell 12 cents to close at \$5.75-3/4 a bushel and set a contract low of \$5.73-1/2.
- MGEX March spring wheat MWEH24 hit a contract low of \$6.54 a bushel and last traded down 4-1/2 cents at \$6.58 a bushel.
- Euronext wheat also <u>extended losses</u> to new contract lows.





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Short Term Precipitation Outlooks

