



# Daily Market Report

22 February 2024

# Implied move

USA Movement (Overnight)		Cents	Currencies	22-Feb-24	07:00:16
CORN CBOT (Mar24)	407.75	-10.25	R/\$ last	18.9184	0.0079
SOY CBOT (Mar24)	1,160.50	-12.50	Euro=	1.0830	0.0032
W1 CBOT (Mar24)	580.25	0.50	GOLD	2,029	0.9910
W1 KCBT (Mar24)	577.25	-6.75	BRENT	83.22	1.20
BlackSea Weat (Mar24)	198.00	0.00			
Index Change					
Maize (Mar24)	3,037	R -75.04	Wheat CBOT (Mar24)	4,034	R5.16
Soya (Mar24)	8,066	R -83.48	Wheat Kansas (Mar24)	4,013	R -45.23
BlackSea Weat Near	3,746	R 1.56	RAND EFFECT ON WHEAT PARITY	4,060	R 1.70

# CBOT latest news

GRAINS-Bearish investors push US corn to lowest level since November 2020 - Reuters News

22 Feb 2024 03:43:25 AM

CANBERRA, Feb 22 (Reuters) - Chicago corn futures fell on Thursday to their lowest level since November 2020 as speculators bet on further price drop amid ample supply from the United States and South America.

- Soybeans hovered near a three-year low reached in the previous session amid pressure from cheap and plentiful Brazilian exports.
- Wheat fell, with market under pressure from cheap Russian shipments.

## FUNDAMENTALS

- The most-active corn contract on the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) [Cv1](#) was down 0.4% at \$4.09-1/2 a bushel, as of 0107 GMT, after falling as low as \$4.09. CBOT soybeans [Sv1](#) were flat at \$11.60-1/2 a bushel, having touched \$11.58 on Wednesday.
- Wheat [Wv1](#) was down 0.4% at \$5.75-3/4 a bushel, and not far from last September's three-year low of \$5.40.
- All three contracts are down between 8% and 13% so far this year amid selling by speculative investors who think plentiful supply and falling Chinese demand for animal feed will lead to further losses.
- Funds were net sellers again on Wednesday, [traders said](#).
- Expected rainfall over the next few days in Argentina's Pampas region will likely boost 2023/24 soybean and corn crops there, the Buenos Aires grains exchange [said in a report](#).
- Argentina's Rosario grains exchange [cut its estimates](#) for the country's 2023/24 soybean and corn harvests, but the 49.5 million metric tons of soy and 57 million tons of corn are still a huge improvement on the previous season.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) [said last week](#) that U.S. ending stocks of soybeans, corn and wheat would rise sharply from a year ago.
- Ukrainian farmers [are reviewing](#) their planting plans for 2024 after low corn prices led to steep losses last year but their ability to switch to more profitable soybeans is limited by scarce funding, producers said.
- French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal [tried to ease tensions with farmers](#) on Wednesday by outlining the implementation of measures announced this month and promising a new law to better safeguard their income.
- Denmark's farmers on Wednesday [voiced concerns](#) that plans to levy a carbon emission tax on farming as part of efforts to meet Denmark's ambitious climate goals would force them to reduce production and close farms.

## MARKETS NEWS

- Treasury yields rose on Wednesday after minutes from the Federal Reserve's last meeting showed concerns about cutting interest rates too soon, while global shares closed flat ahead of Nvidia results that could determine the near-term outlook for equities. [MKTS/GLOB](#)

[Market recap movements and news for yesterday ->](#)

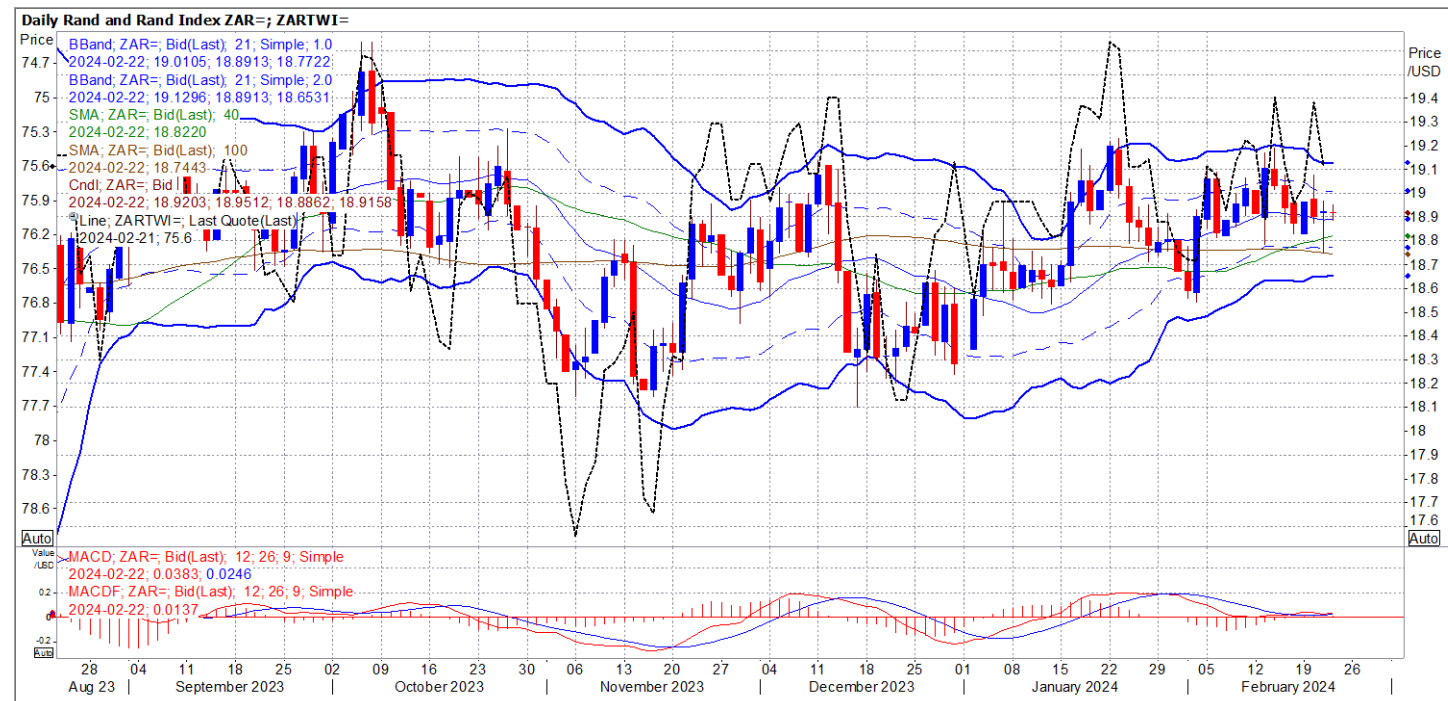
# South African Rand

## UPDATE 1-South African rand, dollar bonds jump after budget - Reuters News

**JOHANNESBURG, Feb 21 (Reuters)** - The South African rand and international dollar bonds jumped on Wednesday, after the finance minister said the government would [tap 150 billion rand](#) (\$7.99 billion) from a central bank-administered contingency account in order to limit borrowing.

- At 1249 GMT, the rand traded at 18.825 against the dollar [ZAR=D3](#), around 0.49% stronger than its previous close. Just before Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana's 2024 budget speech, it had been trading close to its previous close.
- South Africa's longer-dated international bonds rose the most in response to the 2024 budget speech, with the 2052 maturity jumping 1.58 cents on the dollar at 1249 GMT to trade at 87.8 cents, according to Tradeweb data [US836205BE37=TE](#).
- Africa's most industrialised economy has barely grown in a decade while revenue collection has also been weak, leading to rising debt levels.
- The Treasury said in the 2024 budget that it was able to tap the Gold and Foreign Exchange Contingency Reserve Account (GFECRA) - which had a balance of 507.3 billion rand in January 2024 - because it was "now larger than any plausible losses on foreign exchange reserves from rand appreciation". It said the settlement would be used to cut borrowing and the rise in debt servicing costs, meaning gross debt is projected to stabilise at 75.3% of GDP in 2025/26, lower than 77.7% of GDP seen in November.
- "The government opted for the easy way and tapped R150bn of the valuation gains in the GFECRA," Jee-A van der Linde, senior economist at Oxford Economics, said in a note to clients.
- "The GFECRA profits, which will be distributed over the next three years, helps to offset the government's net borrowing requirement, and reduces debt-service costs. That said, government has not actually reduced spending nor is it borrowing less."

- South Africa's bleak economic backdrop, with GDP growth averaging 0.8% since 2012, is looming over national elections due on May 29 that could see the governing African National Congress (ANC) party lose its parliamentary majority for the first time since the end of apartheid 30 years ago.
- Meanwhile, data from Stats SA showed earlier on Wednesday that annual inflation [ZACPIY=ECI](#) quickened to 5.3% in January from 5.1% in December. Economists polled by Reuters had predicted an increase in to 5.4%.
- The South African Reserve Bank likes to see inflation around the mid-point of its 3% to 6% target range and has said it wants to see a [clearer disinflation trend](#) before cutting interest rates.
- "Interest rates will be kept steady in the first half of the year, with the first cut of 25 basis points (bps) expected in July, followed by cuts of similar magnitude in September and November," Nedbank economists said in a research note.



# Corn

## CBOT corn falls to fresh three-year low on ample supplies - Reuters News

**CHICAGO, Feb 21 (Reuters)** - Benchmark Chicago Board of Trade corn futures fell nearly 2% on Wednesday, inching closer to the \$4-per-bushel mark as plentiful domestic grain supplies and strong South American crop prospects weighed on sentiment, traders said.

- CBOT March corn [CH24](#) settled down 7-3/4 cents, or 1.85%, at \$4.11 per bushel after hitting \$4.10, a life-of-contract low and the lowest since November 2020 on a continuous chart of the most-active [Cv1](#) corn contract.
- Some analysts attributed the sell-off to commodity funds adding to their already-large [net short position](#) in CBOT corn futures.
- Others cited increased cash grain sales by farmers who have been holding large stocks from a record U.S. 2023 harvest.
- However, spot cash basis bids for corn have been steady to firmer in the Midwest this week. [GRAM](#)
- Expected [rainfall](#) over the next few days in Argentina's Pampas region will likely boost the 2023/24 soybean and corn crops, the Buenos Aires grains exchange said in a report.
- Farmers in Ukraine are reviewing their [planting plans](#) for 2024 after low corn prices led to steep losses last year, but their ability to switch to more profitable soybeans is limited, producers said.



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# YMAZ

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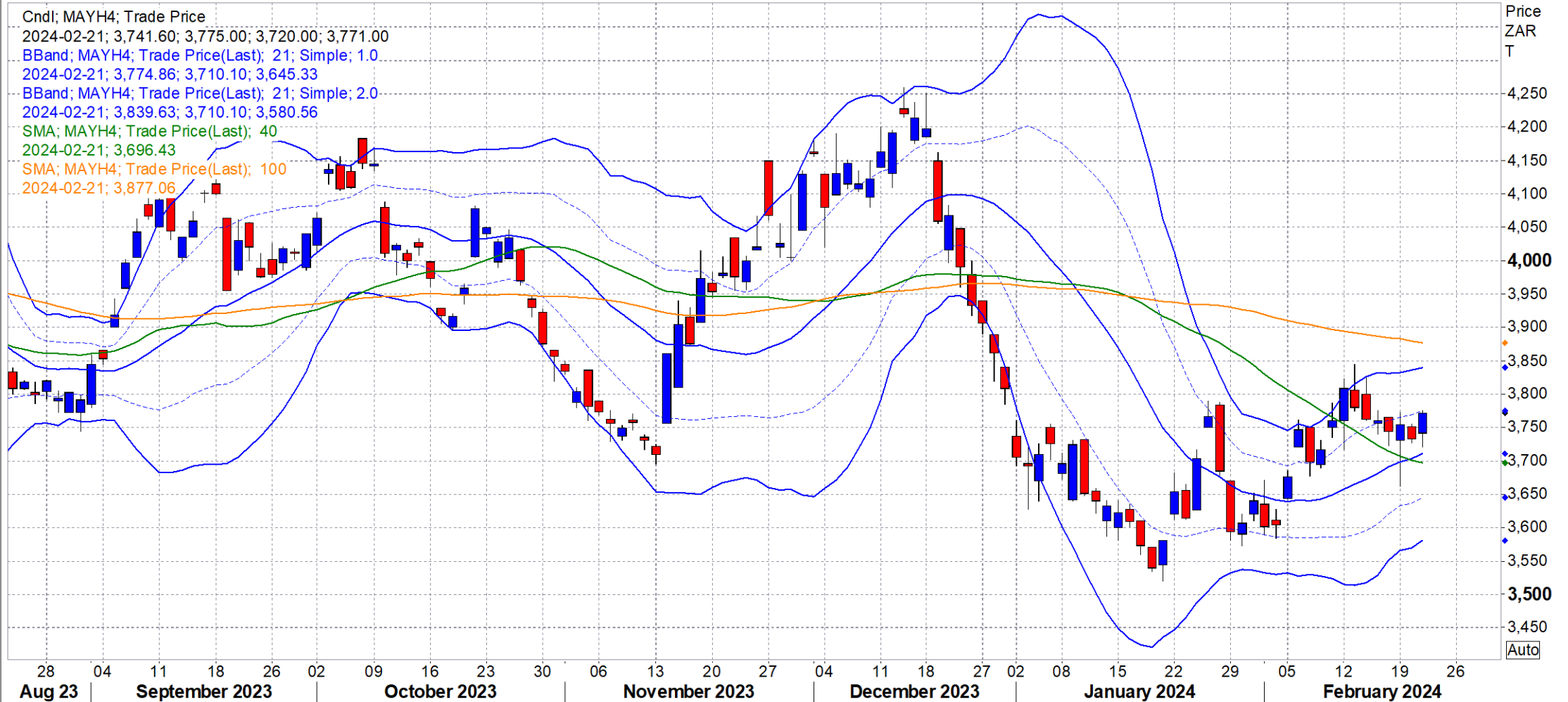
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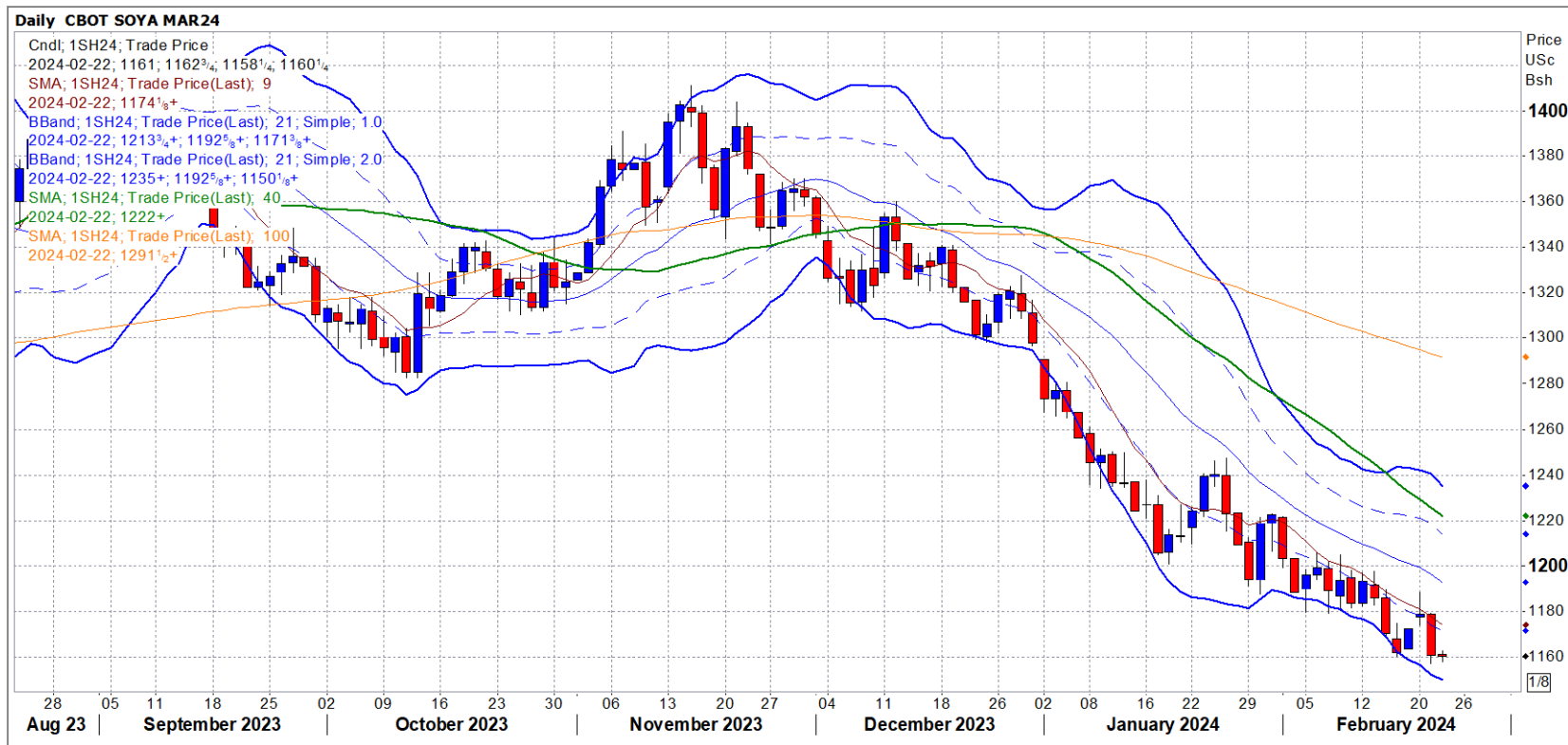


# Soyabean

## CBOT soybeans end lower on demand worries, weakness in corn - Reuters News

**CHICAGO, Feb 21 (Reuters)** - Chicago Board of Trade soybean futures closed lower on Wednesday, retreating after a two-session rally as corn futures sagged and traders worried about demand, even as analysts debated the size of South American crops.

- CBOT March soybeans [SH24](#) settled down 18-1/4 cents, or 1.5%, at \$11.60-3/4 per bushel.
- CBOT March soymeal [SMH24](#) ended down \$5.60, or 1.6%, at \$342 per short ton.
- CBOT March soyoil [BOH24](#) futures fell for a fifth straight session, settling down 0.58 cent, or 1.3%, at 44.83 cents per pound.
- Traders continue to watch for signs of renewed demand from top global soy buyer China following last week's Lunar New Year holidays and as the government tries to revive a property sector that has cast doubts over China's wider economy. [MKTS/GLOB](#)
- Expected [rainfall](#) over the next few days in Argentina's Pampas region will likely boost the 2023/24 soybean and corn crops, the Buenos Aires grains exchange said in a report.
- However, after the CBOT close, Argentina's Rosario grains exchange cut its [estimate](#) for the country's 2023/24 soybean harvest to 49.5 million metric tons, from 52 million previously, due to a heat wave in late January and early this month.





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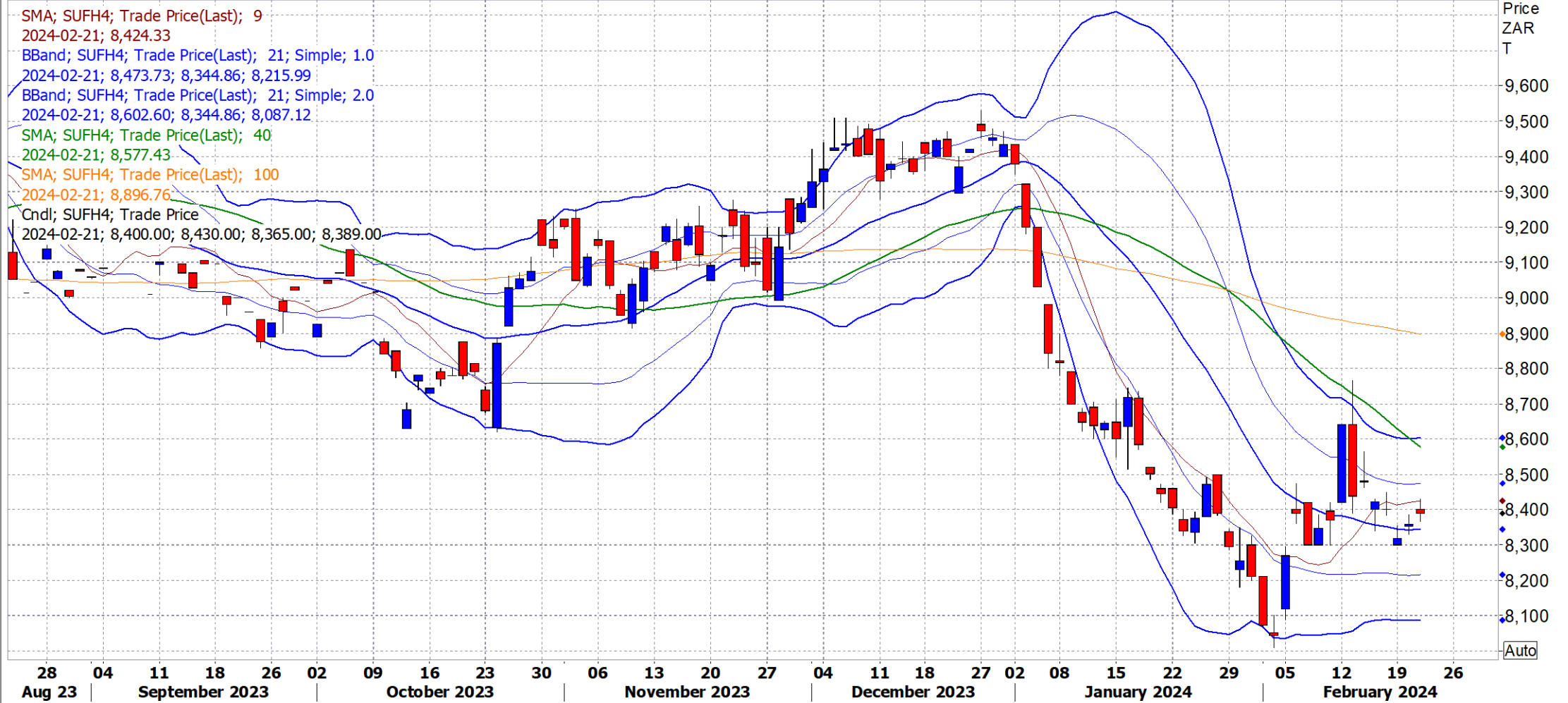
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# Sunflower

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# Wheat

## CBOT wheat ends mixed while K.C., MGEX wheat futures retreat - Reuters News

CHICAGO, Feb 21 (Reuters) - Chicago Board of Trade wheat futures settled mixed on Wednesday, with the spot March contract [WH24](#) inching higher while back months were pressured by ample global wheat supplies and strong competition for export business, traders said.

- CBOT March soft red winter wheat [WH24](#) settled up 1/2 cent at \$5.83-1/4 per bushel, but most-active May wheat [WK24](#) ended down 1-1/4 cents at \$5.78.
- The CBOT March contract [WH24](#) has been firming relative to deferred contracts throughout the month of February, a move that some traders attribute to shippers seeking grain to cover U.S. wheat [sales to China](#) that were booked in late 2023.
- K.C. May hard red winter wheat [KWK24](#) ended Wednesday down 6-1/2 cents at \$5.74-1/2 a bushel and MGEX May spring wheat [MWEK24](#) finished down 4 cents at \$6.61-1/2 a bushel.
- Euronext wheat futures [eased](#) after a day-earlier rebound stalled, and as hefty export supplies continued to weigh on the market.
- Jordan's state grain buyer issued an international [tender](#) to buy up to 120,000 metric tons of milling wheat which can be sourced from optional origins, European traders said.



# Wheat

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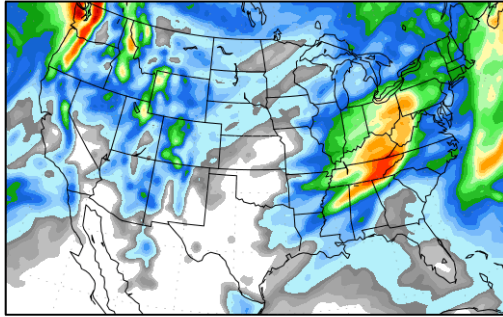
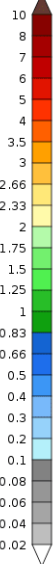


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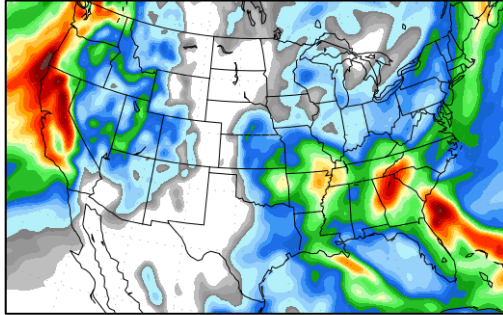
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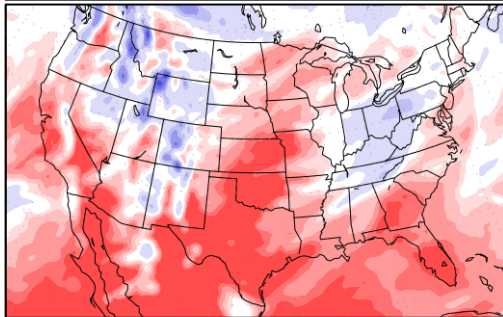
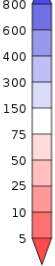


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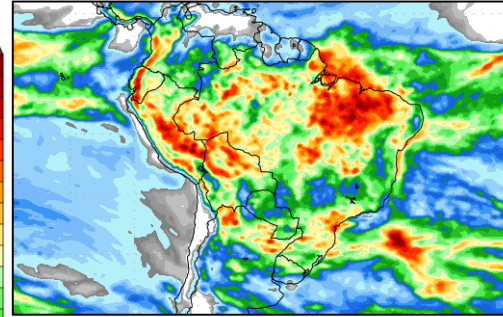


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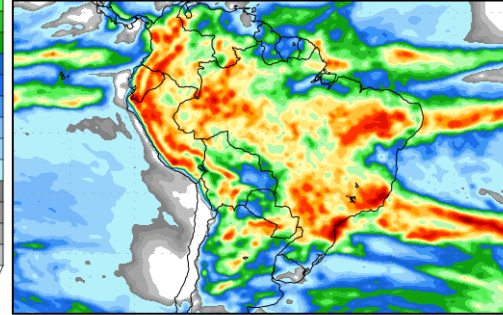
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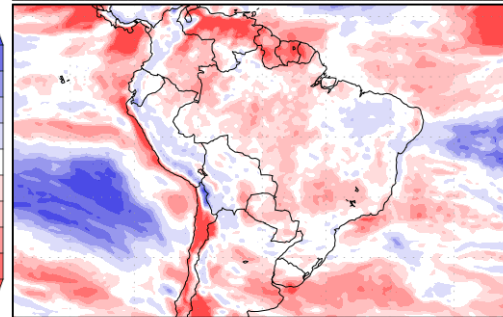
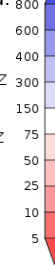


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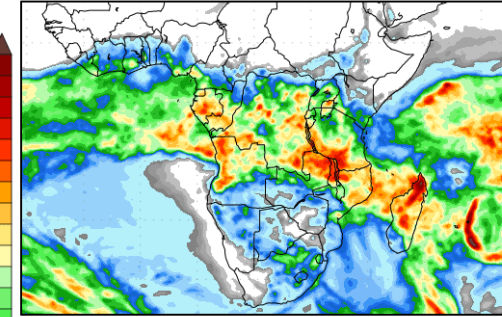


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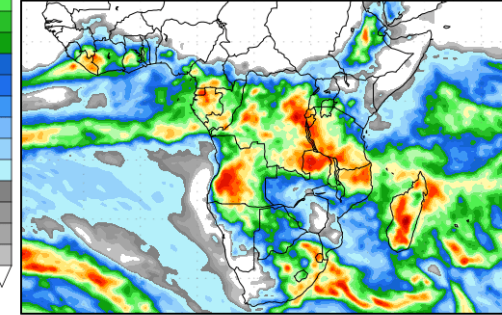
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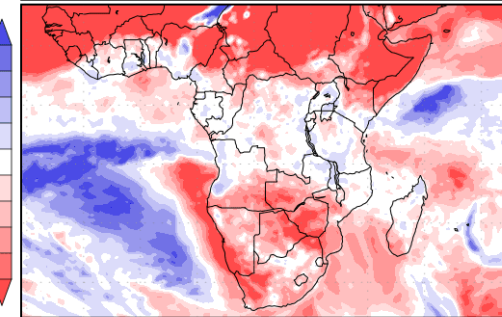
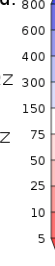


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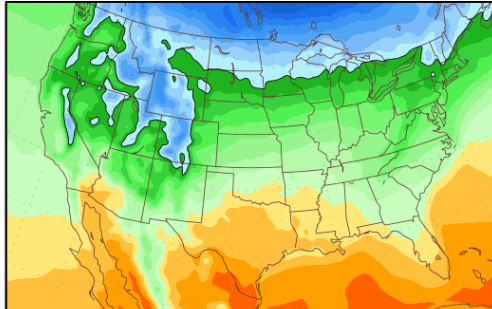
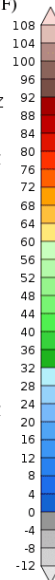
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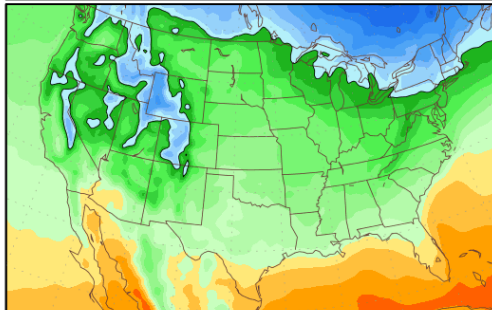
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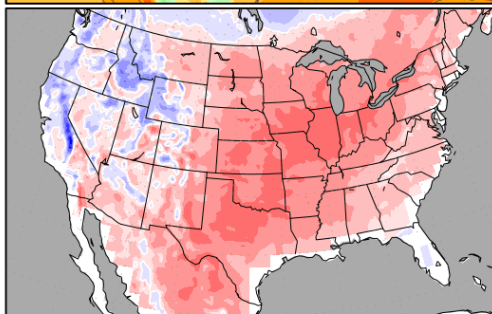
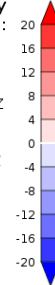


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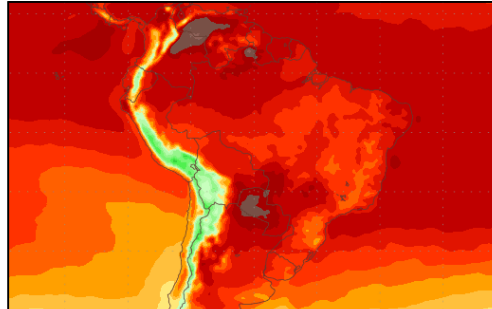
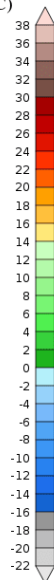
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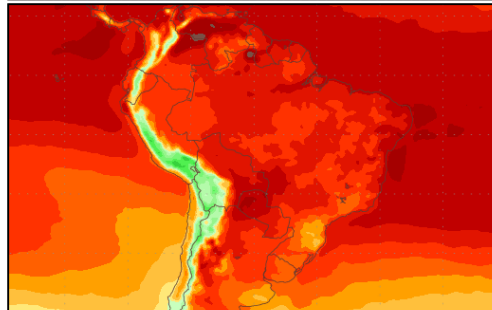
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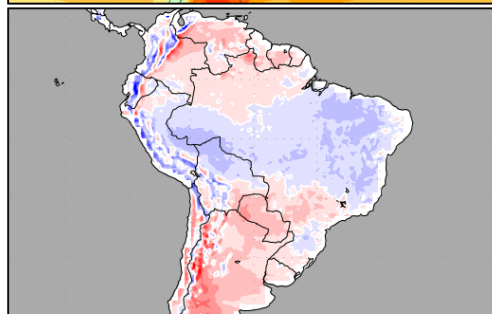
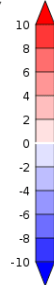


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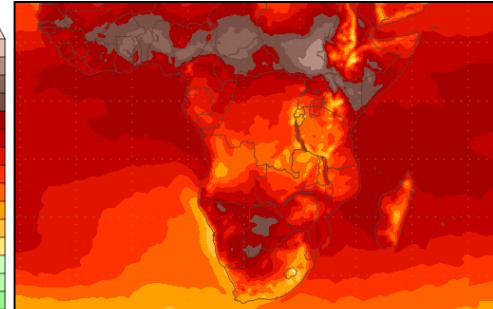
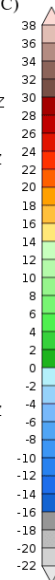
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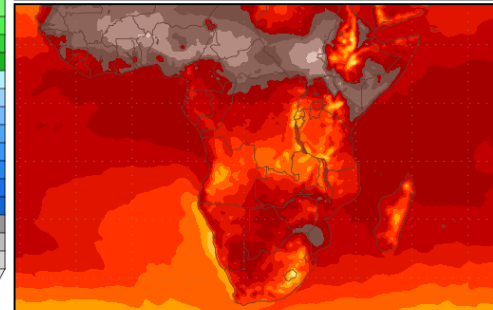
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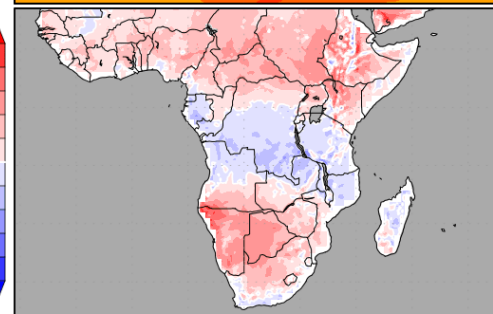
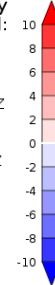


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