


**DAILY GRAIN / OILSEED MARKET COMMENTARY**

2024/12/11

**Implied move since close of previous SA trading session**

Commodity	Last	SA Close 12:00 pm	Change(c/bu)	Implied Move (ZAR)
Kansas Wheat Dec24	549.25	542.25	7.00	38
Kansas Wheat Mar25	569.75	554.50	15.25	92
CBOT Wheat Dec24	542	541.25	0.75	-3
CBOT Wheat Mar25	565	555.00	10.00	58
Matiff Wheat Dec24 (€ / ton)	218.75	220.00	-1.25	-34
Corn Dec24	441.5	433.50	8.00	46
Corn Mar25	449.75	441.25	8.50	49
Soybean Mar25	1001	996.75	4.25	14
Soybean May25	1018.5	1006.50	12.00	65
USD/ZAR	17.8033	17.8410	-0.0377	
EUR/USD	1.0524	1.0529	-0.0005	

**Relevant market movement since previous close**

Commodity	Last	Previous Close	Change %
GOLD	2679.98	2693.64	-0.51%
SILVER	31.5825	31.9	-1.00%
PLATINUM	932.8	942.35	-1.01%
CRUDE OIL	72.58	72.19	0.54%
BITCOIN	97617.74	96925	0.71%

**General International Market Headlines**

- USDA's December World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report, out yesterday, showed enough supportive supply data to give corn and wheat prices a noticeable lift.
- Corn prices led the way, jumping 1.5% higher.
- Wheat found variable gains, meantime, with soybeans up around 0.5% following a broad set of technical buying.
- On Monday, commodity funds were net buyers of corn (+5,000) and CBOT wheat (+1,000) contracts but were net sellers of soybeans (-2,000) and soyoil (-2,000). Funds were roughly even when trading soymeal contracts.

## CORN

- Corn prices reached two-month highs after USDA showed lower-than-expected ending stocks, which triggered an ample round of technical buying.
- USDA slashed its estimated for U.S. corn stockpiles at the end of the 2024/25 marketing year next summer to 1.738 billion bushels in today's WASDE report, down 10% from a November estimate and 22 million bushels below 2023/24 ending stocks. Analysts expected a reduction closer to 1.906 billion bushels.
- Brazil's Anec estimates that the country's corn exports will reach 155.9 million bushels in December, which is modestly above the group's prior projection from a week ago.
- Per the latest data from the European Commission, out earlier today, EU corn imports during the 2024/25 marketing year have reached 347.6 million bushels through December 8, which is an 11% increase versus last year's pace so far.



### South African MTM price changes

Commodity	December 10, 2024	December 9, 2024	Change	%Change
WMAZ Dec24	6286	6372	-86	-1.35%
WMAZ Mar25	5870	5980	-110	-1.84%
YMAZ Dec24	5059	5072	-13	-0.26%
YMAZ Mar25	4909	4915	-6	-0.12%

### Indicative option price valuation (Black & Scholes model base on latest MTM values)

		White Maize (R/mt)		
		R200 Out-of-the-money	At-the-money	R200 In-the-money
<b>Mar-25</b>	Put	215	316	432
	Call	222	306	415
<b>Jul-25</b>	Put	223	320	437
	Call	239	322	423

		Yellow maize (R/mt)		
		R200 Out-of-the-money	At-the-money	R200 In-the-money
<b>Mar-25</b>	Put	110	193	311
	Call	120	202	310
<b>Jul-25</b>	Put	139	229	347
	Call	151	233	339

## OILSEEDS

- Soybean prices survived a choppy session with moderate gains following a round of technical buying that was partly spurred by spillover strength from a broad set of other commodities.
- For soybeans, USDA kept 2024/25 U.S. ending stocks unchanged at an estimated 470 million bushels in the WASDE report, but it also raised global stockpiles to a record 131.87 MMT (4.84 billion bushels) from 131.74 MMT.
- Brazil's Anec estimates that the country's soybean exports will reach 57.7 million bushels in December, which is modestly above its prior projection from a week ago.
- China's soybean imports in November slid 9% lower week-over-week after reaching 262.7 million bushels. Even so, total soybean imports during the first 11 months of 2024 are 9.4% above 2023's pace after reaching a record pace of 3.567 billion bushels. China is by far the world's top soybean buyer.



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Commodity	December 10, 2024	December 9, 2024	Change	%Change
SUNS Dec24	10390	10380	10	0.000963
SUNS Mar25	10280	10236	44	0.004299
SOYA Dec24	9093	9010	83	0.009212
SOYA Mar25	8355	8395	-40	-0.00476

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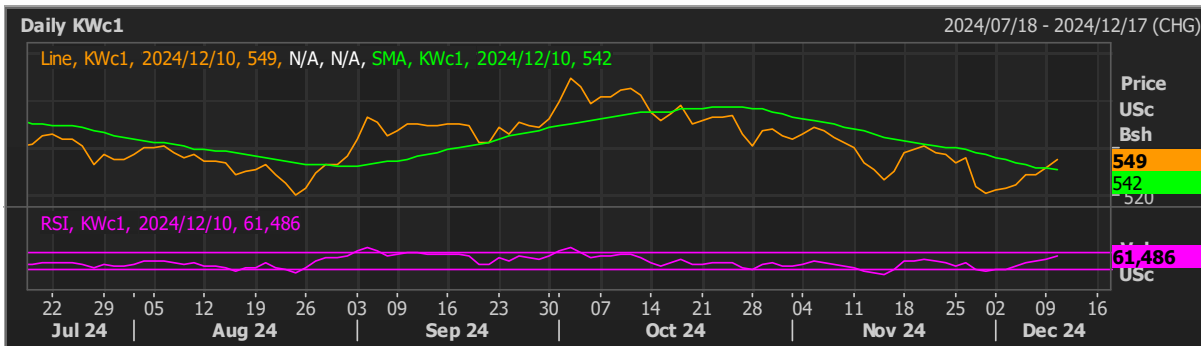
		Sunflower seed (R/mt)		
		R200 Out-of-the-money	At-the-money	R200 In-the-money
<b>Mar-25</b>	Put	268	362	475
	Call	275	362	468
<b>May-25</b>	Put	324	426	538
	Call	328	416	524

		Soybeans (R/mt)		
		R200 Out-of-the-money	At-the-money	R200 In-the-money
<b>Mar-25</b>	Put	166	259	375
	Call	170	254	366
<b>May-25</b>	Put	240	335	449
	Call	249	335	440

\*\*MAY-25 = SOYB MAY25 Contract

## Wheat

- Wheat prices found modest to moderate gains after USDA trimmed its ending stocks estimates. Spillover strength from other commodities lent additional support.
- USDA slightly lowered its estimates for 2024/25 wheat ending stocks from 815 million bushels in November down to 795 million bushels in December. Analysts were expecting to see more modest cuts after offering an average trade guess of 814 million bushels.
- EU soft wheat exports during the 2024/25 marketing year are down 29% from last year's pace after reaching 376.3 million bushels through December 8. Nigeria, Morocco, the United Kingdom, Egypt and Algeria were the top five destinations.



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Commodity	December 10, 2024	December 9, 2024	Change	%Change
WEAT Dec24	5890	5898	-8	-0.14%
WEAT Mar25	6065	6058	7	0.12%

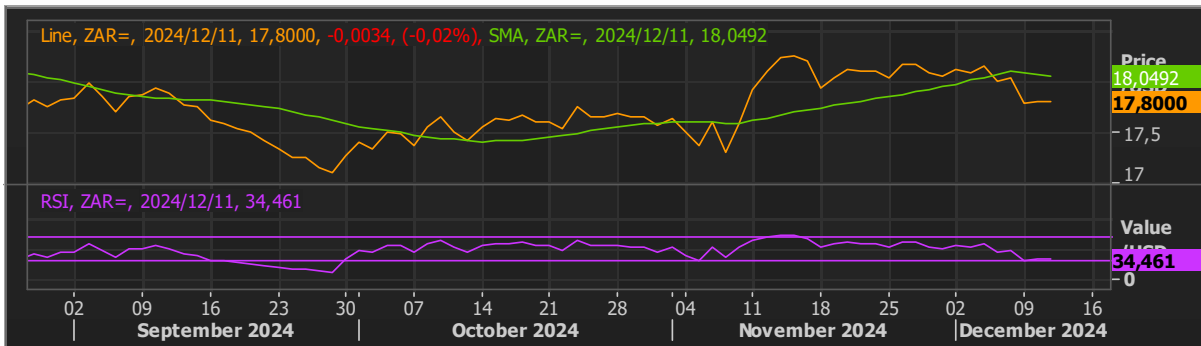
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		Wheat (R/mt)		
		R200 Out-of-the-money	At-the-money	R200 In-the-money
<b>Mar-25</b>	Put	76	156	277
	Call	82	161	276
<b>May-25</b>	Put	127	220	339
	Call	130	211	327

## Currency

- South Africa's rand weakened against a stronger dollar on Tuesday as investors shifted their focus towards monthly U.S. and local inflation figures.
- At 1517 GMT, the rand traded at 17.85 against the U.S. dollar, about 0.4% weaker than Monday's close.
- The greenback was last trading up about 0.39% against a basket of currencies as markets awaited further clues on the Federal Reserve's interest rate trajectory ahead of U.S. consumer price data due on Wednesday.
- Meanwhile, South Africa-focused investors will look to the statistics agency at 0800 GMT on Wednesday for the release of November inflation figures. Economists polled by Reuters predicted annual inflation of 3.1% last month.
- The rand was little affected by positive local economic data releases on Tuesday, with South Africa's manufacturing output rising 0.8% year-on-year (YoY) in October and mining output increasing 1.4% YoY in the same month.
- South African business confidence also saw its biggest YoY improvement in almost two years in November, boosted by higher tourist numbers, precious metal prices and new vehicle sales, data showed.

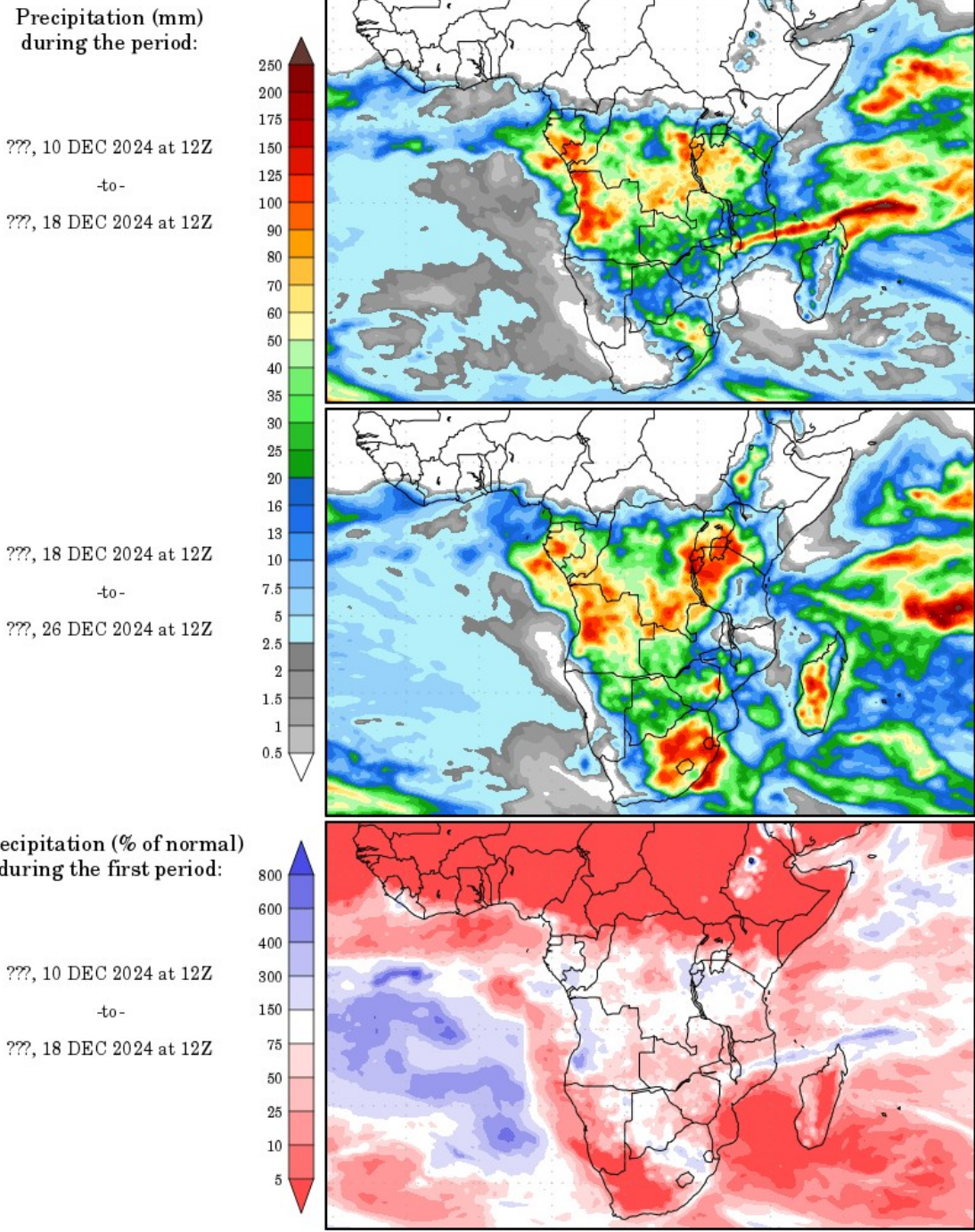
## USD/ZAR



## US Dollar Index



### Precipitation Forecasts



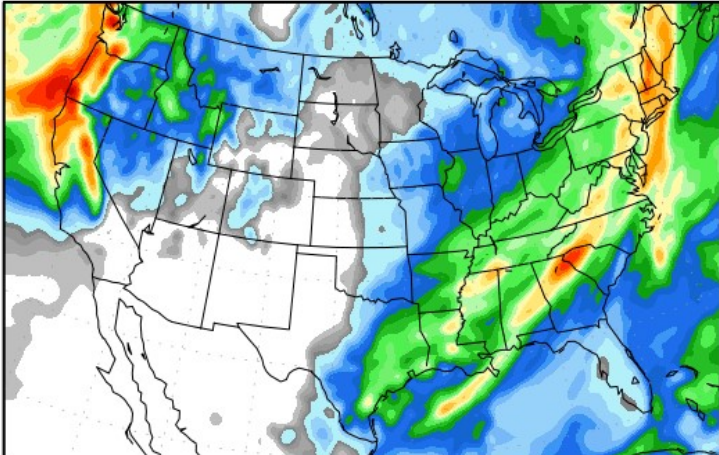
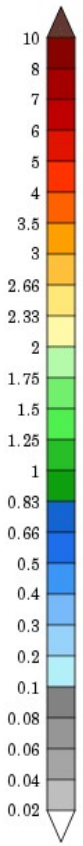
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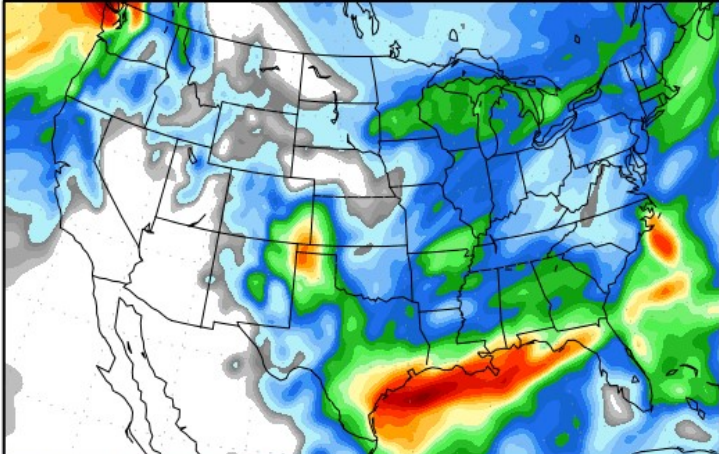
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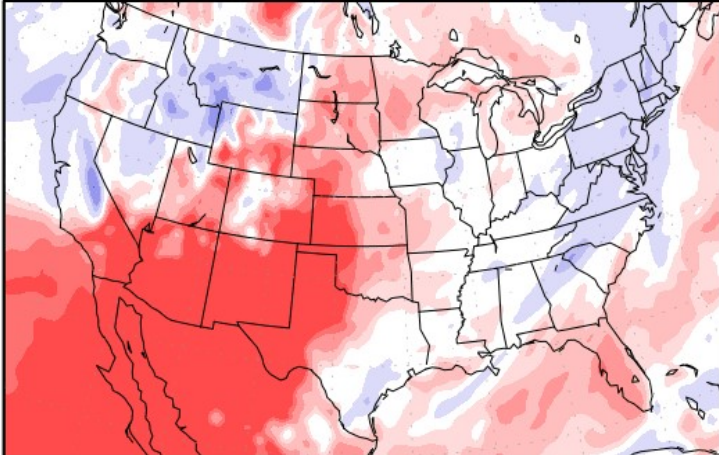
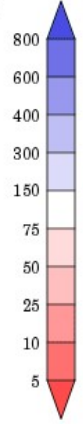


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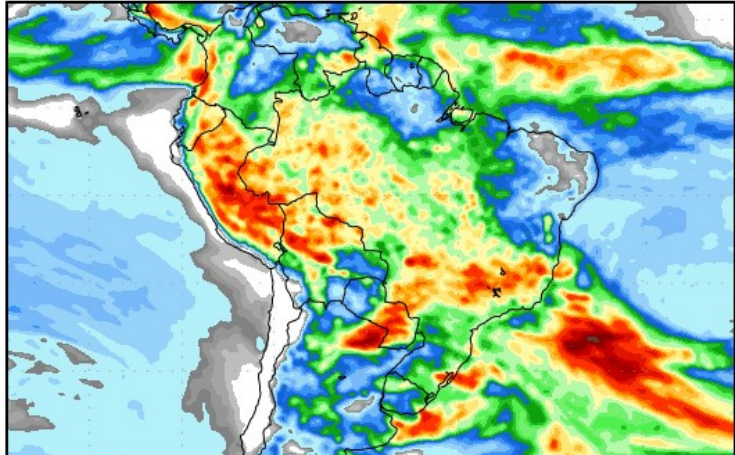
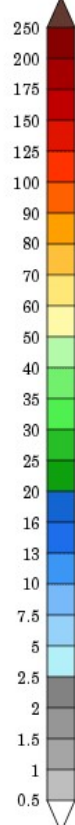
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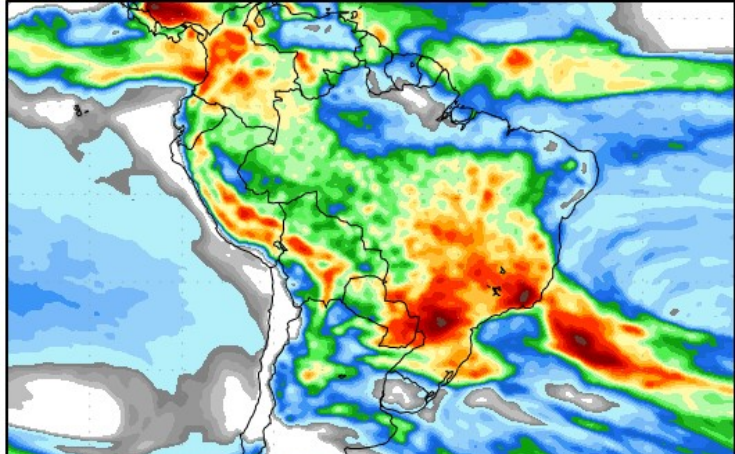
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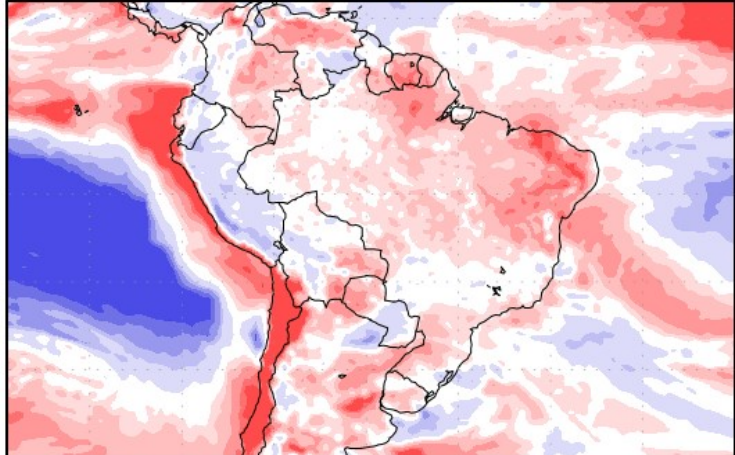
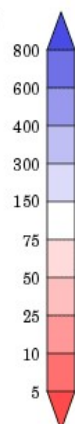


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