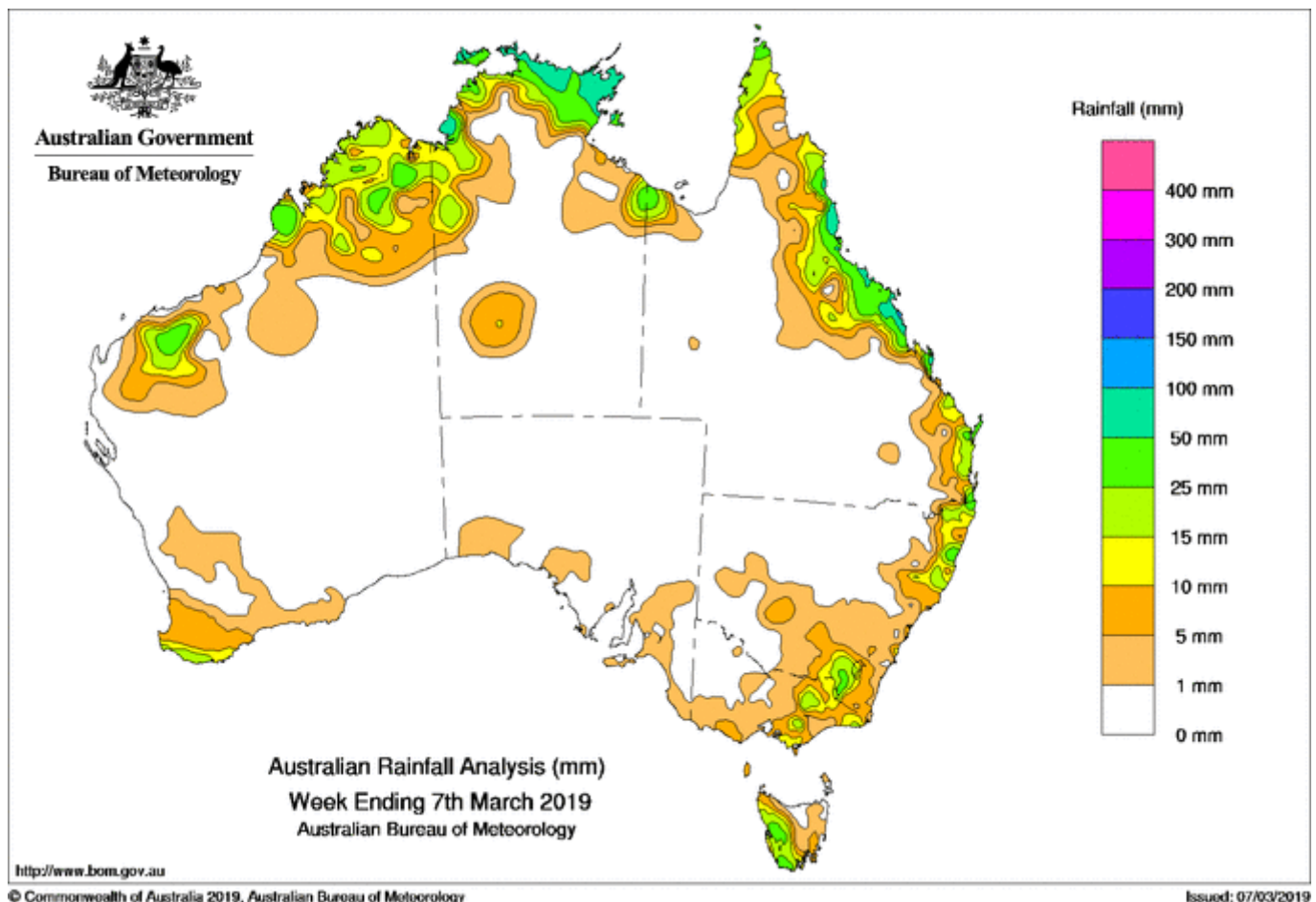


	This Report	Last Report	Change
AUD/USD (Spot)	\$0.7024	\$0.7103	-\$0.0079
CBOT Wht USC/Bu (Spot)	431.5	452.5	-21.00
CBOT Corn USC/Bu (Spot)	356	362	-6.00
ASX Wht AUD/MT (Jan 20)	\$335.00	\$325.00	\$10.00
ASX Bar AUD/MT (Jan 20)	\$253.00	\$272.00	-\$19.00



Weather & Crop Conditions

Cropping regions remained dry right across the country this week while Victoria experienced a weekend heatwave followed by a cold snap later in the week. Between 20-40 millimetres of rainfall is forecast next week across Queensland and Northern New South Wales cropping regions and if realised it will be the first substantial bit of moisture that this part of the country has seen in 2019. The GFS is also predicting a 30-millimetre event in Esperance the following week however these longer-term forecasts have been prone to disappearing.

Wheat – Global

International wheat futures and physical markets continued their move lower this week. Market sentiment is weak, with managed financial money active sellers of US futures markets. This week physical markets lagged US futures resulting in a firmer basis in most origins. Fundamentally, the focus is on the current price inverse between old crop and new crop markets. New crop northern Hemisphere conditions are currently acceptable, but it continues to be cold in North America.

Coarse Grain – Global

Yet another week has passed with no SAGO feed barley tender and it seems that the April period is likely to have been skipped. We have still no word on the outcome of China's antidumping investigation into Australian barley and it seems global trade tensions continue to increase with Canadian canola now in the sights of Chinese authorities. New crop Black Sea and European barley markets are softer for the week and with no production problems at this stage, old crop feed barley looking for a home, and questions around the 19/20 demand picture supportive news is hard to come by. US corn futures have moved lower for the week as managed money piles into the short side, Argentine and Brazilian crops continue to grow and markets grow tired of waiting on China to step into US corn markets.

Wheat – Australia

Despite the global feed complex moving lower for another week local physical markets appear to have found a floor with old crop WA track values plateauing and the bid side returning across Eastern Australia. Meanwhile growers remain reluctant sellers of both old and new crop following significant losses over the past month and disappointing pre-planting rainfall.

Coarse Grains – Australia

New crop sorghum values firmed up slightly through the week following moves in wheat with values tied strongly to the Brisbane track spread to wheat. Continued dry weather across Queensland and the likely impact on yields has also provided some support. East coast barley values have somewhat detached from US futures moves with domestic consumer cover seen at current spreads to wheat, suspending further declines in old crop values on the east coast.

