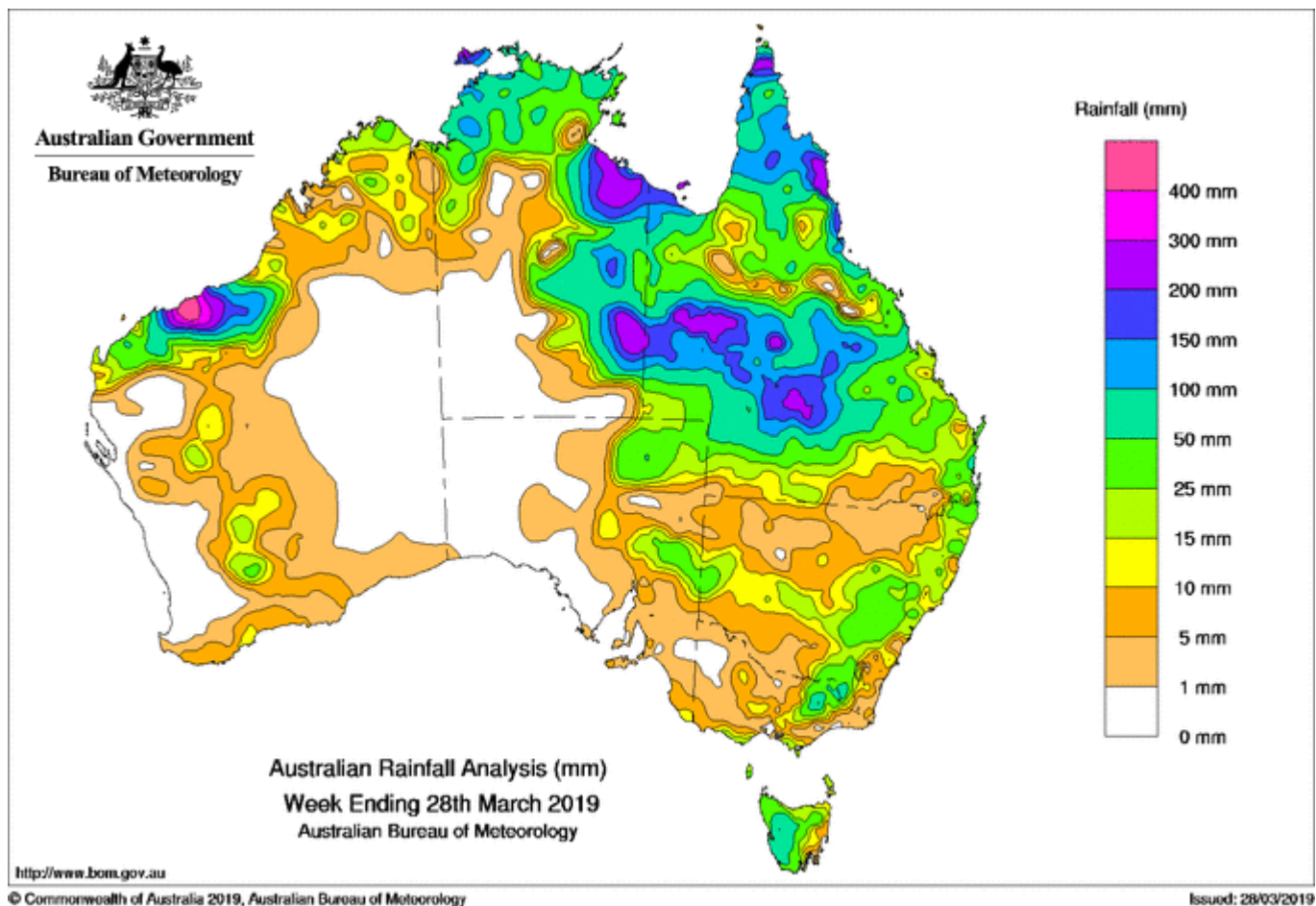


	This Report	Last Report	Change
AUD/USD (Spot)	\$0.7097	\$0.7145	-\$0.0048
CBOT Wht USC/Bu (Spot)	467.5	463.25	4.25
CBOT Corn USC/Bu (Spot)	373.25	371.5	1.75
ASX Wht AUD/MT (Jan 20)	\$326.50	\$325.00	\$1.50
ASX Bar AUD/MT (Jan 20)	\$270.00	\$275.00	-\$5.00



Weather & Crop Conditions

Weather models are pointing to another rain event for Queensland and Northern New South Wales with a considerable amount of rainfall expected to come through tomorrow. The BOM has up to 60mm forecast to hit Goondiwindi and Moree cropping regions while the Euro and GFS models have 20-40mm forecast across much of Northern New South Wales. Through the week Central Queensland also received some handy falls although much of the expected rainfall was contained too far west to have a significant impact on Queensland Winter crop soils. With the winter crop planting window drawing closer this rainfall and any follow ups will be key to determining the size of the 19/20 season plant. So far South Australia and northern Victoria have missed out on any substantial rainfall and soil moisture profiles remain in deficit.

Wheat – Global

Wheat markets have been fairly quiet this week with futures choppy and finishing slightly weaker. New crop weather conditions remain mostly favourable across Europe and the Black Sea. There are some concerns about excessive moisture in Canada and the US spring wheat areas but it is too early to make any major difference to planting intentions at this stage. There are reports that Iraq have purchased 150kmt of HRW this week but otherwise export markets remain quiet.

Coarse Grain – Global

SAGO has returned in the past week booking 730kmt of feed barley for second half May and June shipment after an absence of 126 days. Average CFR values were USD210.71 for Red Sea Ports and USD218.12 for Persian Gulf ports, this was a discount of USD55 and USD50 for Red Sea and Persian Gulf Ports respectively since their last tender in November. Australian barley will not get a look in given West Australian FOB feed barley values are not far of USD220 in the nearby, the May and 1st half June slots will likely be supplied mostly from Argentina and the second half June slots likely new crop Black Sea. Weather concerns in the US and China booking 300kmt of US corn has failed to spur US corn futures which are trading well below the 380.75c/bu highs set earlier in the week.

Wheat – Australia

Old crop wheat values across Australia's Eastern states have slid lower through the week but have continued to find demand on the way down. The spread to feed barley has crunched in over the past couple of weeks however barley continues to be favoured into feed rations. At these spreads any support to the West Australian barley market would have a supportive influence on the whole East coast feed grains complex. Meanwhile, all eyes remain on rainfall for this weekend in regard to building confidence around new crop planting.

Coarse Grains – Australia

Recent rainfall has seen sorghum values unchanged to slightly weaker this week. Growers remain resistant sellers with a few more inches of rainfall required before we see enough confidence in the new crop for drought hedges to be released. Central Queensland received some good rainfall through the week and production forecasts here have improved although this market remains thinly traded. Old crop barley in Southern Queensland saw a small rally through the week with strong demand and many consumers already switched to a barley dominant ration. In Victoria, old crop barley rallied with values returning to import parity and West Australian FOB markets slightly firmer.

