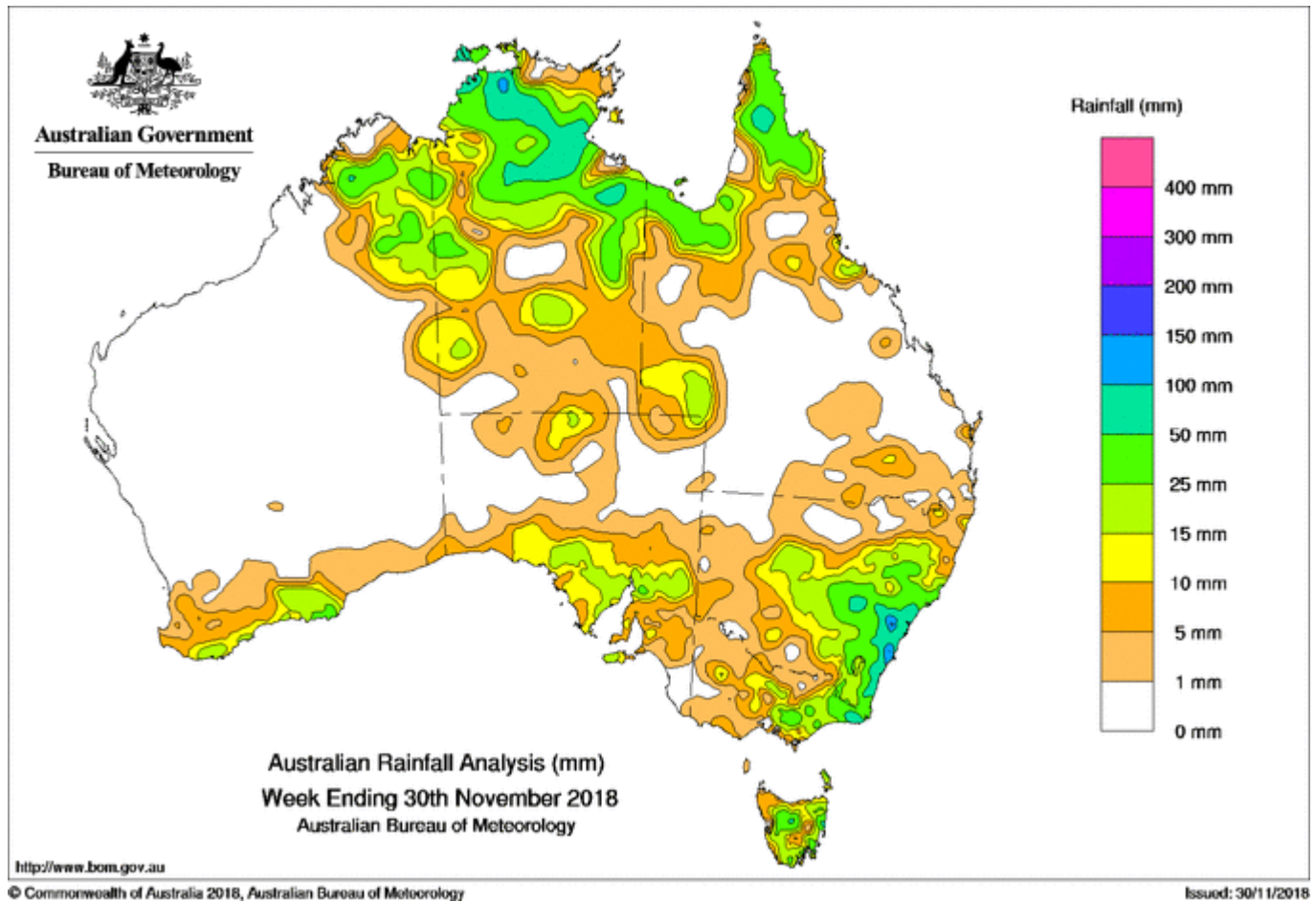


	This Report	Last Report	Change
AUD/USD (Spot)	\$0.7320	\$0.7253	\$0.0067
CBOT Wht USC/Bu (Spot)	498.75	498.75	0.00
CBOT Corn USC/Bu (Spot)	361	361.75	-0.75
ASX Wht AUD/MT (Jan 19)	\$430.00	\$419.00	\$11.00
ASX Bar AUD/MT (Jan 19)	\$376.00	\$376.00	\$0.00



## Weather & Crop Conditions

New South Wales cropping regions received up to 50 millimetres of rainfall this week which has hampered harvest pace and caused some grain quality concerns. The rainfall received in New South Wales sorghum growing regions has improved soil moisture profiles and further planting is expected throughout December. There is little rainfall expected for sorghum crops in Queensland over the weekend however up to 50 millimetres is forecast in Central Queensland next week which could be enough to promote increased planting intentions.

## **Wheat – Global**

Wheat markets continue to remain relatively quiet with CBOT futures remaining choppy. The US market is getting closer to demand but continued under performance on weekly sales is creating uncertainty around how much wheat the US will export this season. The Black Sea markets remain firm for Jan forward positions with plenty of market chatter around the tightening of stocks in the interior of Russia as the strong export pace is quickly drawing down stocks in the Southern region. The Australian harvest is in full swing with the strong shipping pace keeping FOB markets relatively firm.

## **Coarse Grain – Global**

Much uncertainty remains around China's anti-dumping investigation into Australian barley, this uncertainty continues to weigh on Australian markets with FOB values weaker over the past seven days. There is little change to Northern Hemisphere barley markets however Argentinian feed barley values have softened in tandem with Australian values. Argentinian barley harvest is reported as less than 5% complete, weather for the week ahead looks conducive to harvest. Ukrainian corn continues to be exported at an impressive pace and production estimates continue to climb pressuring FOB values globally. Weekly export sales of US corn were reported at an impressive 1.25mmt and US corn harvest is reported at 94% complete.

## **Wheat – Australia**

Between New South Wales and Victoria wheat harvest is less than halfway through with recent rainfall restricting progress. In response, Port Kembla and Victorian track markets have firmed with grower selling withdrawn for now. In addition, firmer northern hemisphere values continue to add pressure to West Australian track markets and with Queensland feedlots relying heavily on this supply, Delivered Downs values have also firmed to maintain import parity. With barley values finding weakness later in the week the spread to barley has widened in most east coast markets.

## **Coarse Grains – Australia**

East coast barley values started the week firmer supported by strength in wheat markets and harvest delays that have limited grower selling. Since then, continued uncertainty surrounding the future of Chinese barley imports has weighed on West Australian values and this softness has been reflected in east coast markets. In sorghum, recent rainfall in Northern New South Wales allowed the Brisbane to Newcastle track spread to tighten as confidence in planting intentions for New South Wales improves. The spread to wheat has widened slightly with northern wheat markets firmer for the week.

