

National Commentary

The Australian wool market has recorded substantial increases in Week 34. Chinese Customs have suspended all greasy imports from South Africa, due to an outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease earlier in the year. As a result, the South African Wool Industry postponed the wool auction scheduled for 20th of February. This postponement led to an overall reduction of global auction wool supply. Melbourne sold in isolation on the first day of selling, the limited offering came under intense buyer pressure from the outset. Mainly pushed by Chinese interests, prices

quickly increased by 80 to 90 cents. When sales resumed on the second day in Sydney and Fremantle, similar price rises were experienced. The price rises pushed the MPGs for 21.0 in all three centres to all-time highs. The North and South MPGs also posted new records for 20.0 micron. Worth noting however, although the market recorded strong positive movement for the week, there was a distinct softening experienced on the final day of selling. This was reflected in the EMI losing 9 cents on Thursday. The falling market was more evident in the Western region. Selling last, the Western indicator fell by 41 cents. The AWEX Eastern

market indicator (EMI) added 59 cents for the series, closing the week at 2,027 cents. The EMI has now risen for eight consecutive sales, adding a total of 178 for this period. The crossbred sector continues to track sharply upward. Prices generally improved by 20 to 50 cents. These increases have pushed the MPGs for 28.0 and 30.0 micron further into record territory. Due to the spike in prices, many sellers holding wool in brokers store, have decided to offer next week, pushing the national offering well beyond original estimates. There are now 49,738 bales on offer, over 8,500 bales more than expected.

	This Week		Last 12 Months		
			High	Low	Avg
EMI	2027	+59	2116	1751	1932
Wst Ind	2161	+31	2279	1834	2064
18	2397	+20	2638	2179	2367
18.5	2373	+38	2536	2066	2289
19	2347	+31	2472	1981	2236
19.5	2333	+29	2423	1939	2189
20	2326	+31	2388	1901	2158
21	2302	+20	2357	1859	2131
22	2279		2279	1837	2060
MC	1189	+34	1602	1012	1321

USD	71.60¢
▲	0.41¢
EUR	63.12¢
▶	0.00¢

Main Buyers (This Week)

1	SEATECH	1,845	23.9%
2	TECHWOOL TRADING	1,660	21.5%
3	PJ MORRIS	1,076	14.0%
4	WEST COAST WOOL	665	8.6%
5	TIANYU	550	7.1%
6	FREMANTLE WOOL	409	5.3%
7	LEMPRIERE AUST	236	3.1%
8	MICHELL P/L	215	2.8%

Indicative Prices

Mic. Grsy ¢ MM Nkt Vmb Yield AWEX-ID

Merino Fleeces

16.7	1,699	88	25	0.6	69.3	MF5E.
16.9	1,767	94	38	1.8	71.3	MF5S.
17.3	1,674	97	30	1.5	69.0	MF5S.
17.9	1,638	97	32	1.0	71.0	MF5E.H1C1
18.4	1,580	99	27	0.8	69.9	MF5S.
18.8	1,588	67	52	0.6	68.2	MF5E.
19.4	1,646	86	26	0.5	71.6	MF5E.
19.8	1,679	72	36	0.8	72.9	MF4E.
20.5	1,710	98	36	0.3	76.0	MF4E.
20.8	1,710	95	31	0.3	75.3	MF4E.
21.4	1,577	95	31	1.6	68.3	MF5B.

Merino Skirtings

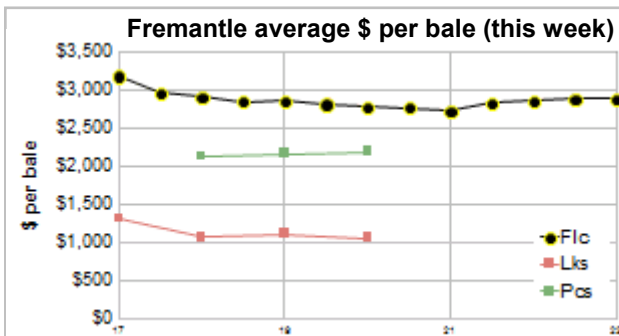
17.9	1,160	84	29	4.8	55.3	MP5S.C1
18.7	1,090	86	30	5.0	51.3	MP5S.H1

Merino Lambs

17.6	1,140			0.2	70.3	MLF5E.30
18.1	1,111			1.1	71.2	MLF5S.40

Merino Locks

18.4	653			4.4	50.5	MZ5S.
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	F1c	P1s	L1s
17	\$3,176		\$1,314
18	\$2,905	\$2,124	\$1,062
19	\$2,859	\$2,159	\$1,110
20	\$2,779	\$2,188	\$1,054
21	\$2,727		
22	\$2,851		

