

Wool Market Report

F38

Thursday, 21 March, 2019

National Commentary

The Australian wool market has continued its downward trend, recording overall losses for the fourth consecutive series in Week 38. A continually diminishing supply of good style wool, in particular those with favourable additional measurement results, attracted excellent competition and as a result recorded minimal losses. However, due to seasonal conditions, a large part of the offering was lower style types, many of which also possessed poor additional measurement results. Wool with styles 6 and 7, made up 15.4% of the merino fleece offering, the highest level

since June 2010. Due to the prevalence of these wools, buyers have again struggled to average them into their purchases. The result was the continued discounting of these types as the series progressed, by sales end the prices being achieved on these lower style types was generally 20 to 40 cents below those achieved at the previous week's sale. It was these price reductions that were the driving force behind the losses recorded in the individual Micron Price Guides (MPGs). The AWEX Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) fell by 16 cents for the series, to close at 1,963 cents. Worth noting, due to the strengthening of the Australian dollar (The

AUD got as high as 71.62 USc on Thursday, its highest level since the 27th of February), when viewed in US dollar terms the EMI rose by 5 cents. The skirting market behaved similarly to the fleece, better style lots with less than 3.0% vegetable matter (vm) were keenly sought after and were generally only 20 to 30 cents easier. Buyers were less keen on the lesser style wools and lots carrying in excess of 5.0% vm, and as a result these types fell by 50 to 80 cents. The crossbreds defied the trend of the other sectors, managing to record small gains for the series, generally between 10 and 20 cents.

	This Week	Last 12 Months		
		<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Avg</i>
EMI	1963 -16	2116	1772	1949
Wst Ind	2104 -23	2279	1869	2089
18	2325 -22	2638	2179	2375
18.5	2307 -19	2536	2103	2307
19	2294 -6	2472	2028	2261
19.5	2279 -16	2423	1978	2219
20	2274 -8	2388	1920	2191
21	2264 -3	2357	1883	2168
MC	1126 -58	1602	1012	1312

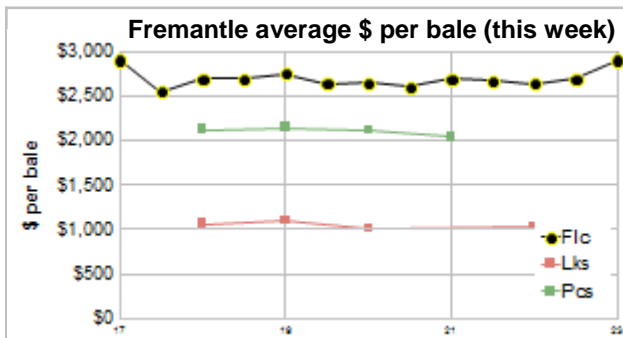
USD	71.45¢
▲	0.85¢
EUR	62.56¢
▲	0.17¢

Main Buyers (This Week)

1	SEATECH	1,267	14.2%
2	TECHWOOL TRADING	1,265	14.1%
3	PJ MORRIS	1,208	13.5%
4	TIANYU	1,068	11.9%
5	WEST COAST WOOL	1,036	11.6%
6	FOX & LILLIE	646	7.2%
7	LEMPRIERE AUST	413	4.6%
8	KATHAYTEX	409	4.6%

Indicative Prices

Mic.	Grsy ¢	MM	Nkt	Vmb	Yield	AWEX-ID
Merino Fleece						
17.5	1,500	85	29	0.3	65.9	MF5E.
18.0	1,558	91	29	1.7	68.0	MF5S.F1
18.3	1,567	82	30	1.1	68.0	MF5S.
18.8	1,601	95	28	1.3	70.0	MF5S.
19.7	1,575	94	38	1.0	69.1	MF5S.
20.2	1,532	93	31	1.1	67.5	MF5S.
20.4	1,510	90	25	0.9	66.1	MF5S.
21.1	1,533	112	34	0.3	67.4	MF5E.
21.5	1,546	94	33	1.1	68.4	MF5S.
Merino Skirtings						
18.1	1,099	78	26	3.6	52.9	MP5S.
Merino Lambs						
17.1	1,199			1.8	70.7	MLF5S.40 (GFL)
Merino Locks						
18.5	621			3.5	52.0	MZ5S.



	Fic	Pcs	Lks
17	\$2,903		
18	\$2,698	\$2,124	\$1,062
19	\$2,752	\$2,146	\$1,093
20	\$2,649	\$2,119	\$1,007
21	\$2,698	\$2,036	
22	\$2,645		\$1,024

