

National Commentary

After rising for the past two weeks, the Australian wool market has not been able to continue its upward run in Week 45. The national quantity reduced significantly from the previous week, 32,801 bales were available to the trade, 10,252 bales or 23.8% less bales than were available in Week 44. The effects of the drought continue to be evident in the selection, pushing both yields and quantities down. Compared to the corresponding sale of the previous season, there has been 204,381 less bales offered, a reduction of 12.1%. So far this season 26.4% of the merino

fleece offering has been style 4, this is 15% lower than the same time last season. Despite the reduced quantity, buyer activity could best be described as cautious and many exporters adopted a "wait and see" approach. The result was a continuingly softening market, that by the end of the series meant that prices had been generally reduced by 15 to 40 cents, when compared to the previous week. Some off style and inferior types struggled for buyer attention and were up to 50 to 70 cents cheaper. The AWEX Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) lost only 8 cents for the series, closing the week at 1,952 cents. The crossbreds continue to be the

strongest performing sector of the market. Strong buyer demand helped to defy the trend seen in the merinos, pushing prices higher. 26.0 through to 28.0 micron generally rose by 10 to 15 cents, the better prepared lines enjoying the greatest gains. The increases pushed the individual Micron Prices Guide (MPG) for 28.0 micron further into record territory in both Melbourne and Sydney. The rise in the crossbred MPGs is the reason behind the EMI only recording an 8-cent loss. Quantities increase slightly for the following sale, currently there is 33,361 bales on offer in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle.

	This Week		Last 12 Months		
			High	Low	Avg
EMI	1952	-8	2116	1776	1967
Wst Ind	2062	-31	2279	1931	2113
18	2300	-33	2638	2179	2383
18.5	2279	-36	2536	2103	2329
19	2264	-40	2472	2086	2291
19.5	2251	-42	2423	2061	2256
20	2234	-30	2388	2048	2232
21	2209	-40	2357	2036	2212
MC	1094	-25	1602	1012	1277

USD	69.74¢
▼	-0.47¢
EUR	62.29¢
▼	-0.37¢

Main Buyers (This Week)

1	PJ MORRIS	1,146	21.8%
2	TECHWOOL TRADING	888	16.9%
3	TIANYU	669	12.7%
4	LEMPRIERE AUST	398	7.6%
5	WEST COAST WOOL	379	7.2%
6	AUST. MERINO EXP.	373	7.1%
7	FOX & LILLIE	324	6.2%
8	SWAN WOOL PROCESSORS	230	4.4%

Indicative Prices

Mic.	Grsy ¢	MM	Nkt	Vmb	Yield	AWEX-ID
Merino Fleece						
17.7	1,440	67	46	1.2	62.8	MF5S.
18.2	1,519	100	28	0.5	67.4	MF4E.
18.7	1,483	82	43	0.8	64.1	MF5E.M
19.2	1,501	92	25	0.2	67.0	MF5E.
19.3	1,384	104	32	0.9	61.4	MF5S.
20.2	1,454	85	31	1.1	65.2	MF5S.
20.3	1,429	83	28	2.0	64.2	MF5S.
20.9	1,364	71	44	0.6	62.8	MF5S.
Merino Lambs						
17.3	1,260			1.3	71.8	MLF5E.40
Merino Locks						
17.5	574			4.1	51.2	MZ5S.
Merino Crutchings						
21.0	681			5.0	54.8	MC5S.J1

