

National Commentary

The Australian wool market started the 2019/20 season with a much-welcomed positive result. After the AWEX Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) suffered its second largest monthly on record in June, to finish the 2018/19 season in a very negative fashion, industry observers were very keen to see what tone would be evident in the first sale of the new season. The Week 1 sale is traditionally one of the larger sales for the year, as sellers waiting for the new financial year take the first opportunity. However, due the sharp

decline of the previous month the national quantity was only 30,994 bales. This is a reduction of 12,889 bales compared to the opening sale of the 2018/19 season, a fall of 29.4%. This was the smallest offering to commence the season in AWEX history (since '95). Although the EMI recorded a small 5 cent loss on the first day of selling, the overall tone of the market was positive, with the market showing strong signs of improvement. The Fremantle sale, which is the last to sell recorded upward movements, this was reflected in the Western Indicator adding a healthy 16 cents on the opening day. The rises

experienced late on day one, was quickly realised in the Eastern centres on day two. The individual merino Micron Price Guides (MPGs) generally rose by 10 to 30 cents for the day, pushing the EMI up by 13 cents. By the end of the series the EMI had added 8 cents, closing the week at 1,723 cents. Although the increase in the EMI was small, the importance of the rise was large, as the long run of losses was finally brought to a halt. Next week is the last sale before the three-week mid-year recess. Currently, there is 34,831 bales rostered for sale in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle.

	This Week		Last 12 Months		
			High	Low	Avg
EMI	1723	+8	2116	1715	1934
Wst Ind	1867	+35	2279	1832	2083
18	2031	+33	2638	1998	2340
18.5	2021	+32	2536	1989	2297
19	2020	+44	2472	1976	2266
19.5	2013	+35	2423	1978	2237
20	2013	+34	2388	1979	2214
21	2008	+37	2357	1971	2196
MC	981	-25	1602	981	1216

USD	70.37¢
▲	0.43¢
EUR	62.36¢
▲	0.76¢

Main Buyers (This Week)

1	PJ MORRIS	1,681	24.2%
2	TECHWOOL TRADING	1,075	15.5%
3	TIANYU	1,028	14.8%
4	LEMPRIERE AUST	716	10.3%
5	WEST COAST WOOL	466	6.7%
6	MODIANO	389	5.6%
7	ENDEAVOUR WOOL EXP.	318	4.6%
8	FREMANTLE WOOL	294	4.2%

Indicative Prices

Mic.	Grsy ¢	MM	Nkt	Vmb	Yield	AWEX-ID
Merino Fleeces						
17.5	1,361	87	35	0.9	68.0	MF5E.
18.1	1,439	97	30	0.5	71.2	MF4E.
18.4	1,402	67	37	1.5	70.0	MF5S.
19.1	1,440	97	34	0.9	71.3	MF4E.
19.7	1,431	85	26	2.0	71.4	MF5S.F1
19.8	1,432	89	25	1.8	71.6	MF5S.F1
20.3	1,387	85	35	1.0	68.5	MF5E.H1F1
20.9	1,314	69	49	1.2	65.1	MF5S.
Merino Skirtings						
17.7	1,020	82	34	1.5	55.3	MP5S.
19.1	1,049	75	27	4.8	56.7	MP5B.
Merino Lambs						
18.0	1,050			0.3	70.6	MLF5E.30
18.6	970			0.6	66.9	MLF5E.40
Merino Crutchings						
20.1	645			3.6	53.7	MC4S.

