

CAPE WOOLS SA
Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary

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Catalogue Number **MV16**



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Market Commentary

SOFTER RAND HALTS WOOL'S SLIDE

PORT ELIZABETH - The final sale before the Christmas recess ended on a positive note when a softer rand halted the downward slide of the past few weeks and Cape Wools' overall indicator gained 0,2% to close at R24,07/kg (clean). The rand started off at R5,80 to the US dollar compared to last week's level of R5,77 and weakened further during the day to R5,84.

Most micron categories gained ground with 19 and 24 microns posting the biggest increases. This week saw a fairly big offering of 11 779 bales of which 97% was sold. Major buyers for the day were Modiano (3 671 bales), ADF (2 074 bales), Stucken (1 829 bales), Chargeurs Wool (1 449 bales) and Beier Finance (1 010 bales).

Average clean prices for good quality long (75 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns gained 1,8% to close at R40,38/kg, 20 microns were down 0,6% at R35,80/kg, 21 microns were 0,4% cheaper at R33,03/kg, 22 microns rose 1,1% to R31,80/kg, 23 microns were up 1,5% at R30,48/kg, 24 microns were 1,6% dearer at R28,79/kg, but there were no quotes for 25 microns.

Sales will resume on 12 January 2005 when approximately 10 000 bales will come under the hammer.

Auction Analysis

Composition of Fleece Offerings			Analysis of Offerings					
Description	% This Week	% Prev Week	Description	This Week			Previous Week	
				%	Bales	% Sold	Bales	% Sold
Long Wool	50.4	57.3	Merino Fleeces	42.7	5 029	97.5	4 690	93.9
Medium Wool	45.0	37.9	Merino Bellies	7.2	844	98.1	589	98.5
Short Wool and Locks	4.6	4.8	Merino Lambs	6.8	799	93.0	694	93.1
Fine Wool (<20µ)	16.1	14.8	Merino Locks	5.9	698	98.6	673	99.3
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	55.1	60.8	Other	37.4	4 409	96.2	3 446	97.6
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	26.8	22.6	Total	100.0	11 779	96.8	10 092	95.7
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	1.9	1.8						

Other Indicators

Offerings per Port

Indicators	This Week	Prev Week	% Change	Ports	This Week (Bales)			Prev Week (Bales)	
					Offered	Sold	% Sold	Offered	Sold
SA Market Indicator	2 407	2 401	0.2	Cape Town	968	940	97.1	1 011	997
AWEX EMI	736	723	1.8	Durban	2 416	2 318	95.9	1 849	1 758
R/US Dollar	5.8043	5.7751	-0.5	Port Elizabeth	8 395	8 146	97.0	7 232	6 905
R/A Dollar	4.4236	4.4775	1.2	Total	11 779	11 404	96.8	10 092	9 660
R/Euro	7.7414	7.6848	-0.7						

Main Buyers

Receipts 03/12/2004

Buyers	This Week	% of Sale	To Date	Season to Date (Kg)	Last Season (Kg)	% Change
				24 413 862	24 967 841	
G Modiano	3 671	32.2	45 677			-2.2
ADF	2 074	18.2	19 563			
Stucken	1 829	16.0	22 134			
Chargeurs Wool	1 449	12.7	16 421			
Beier Fin	1 010	8.9	10 591			
United Wool	809	7.1	13 972			
SA Wool Exporters	411	3.6	6 306			
Fibres Int	151	1.3	1 871			
CPC	0	0.0	0			

Next Auction

Name	Date	Offerings (Bales)
S A Wool Exchange	12/01/2005	± 10 000
Van Lill Wool Buyers	-	-
Saunders et al.	-	-
Lanata	-	-

Price Analysis											
Long Merino Fleece Wool (75 - 95mm)											
Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers						Average to Inferior Topmakers					
Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change	Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change
	This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week			This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week	
<18.7µ *	0	0	0	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	4 038	3 967	9	7	1.8	18.8-19.2µ	0	3 683	0	1	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	3 774	3 788	17	13	-0.4	19.3-19.7µ	0	3 642	0	1	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	3 580	3 601	11	16	-0.6	19.8-20.2µ	3 299	0	3	0	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	3 399	3 436	22	25	-1.1	20.3-20.7µ	3 281	3 307	4	2	-0.8
20.8-21.2µ	3 303	3 317	27	27	-0.4	20.8-21.2µ	3 246	3 162	6	4	2.6
21.3-21.7µ	3 241	3 220	40	44	0.6	21.3-21.7µ	3 104	3 050	5	3	1.8
21.8-22.2µ	3 180	3 145	22	25	1.1	21.8-22.2µ	2 984	2 981	7	5	0.1
22.3-22.7µ	3 119	3 078	29	21	1.3	22.3-22.7µ	3 034	2 907	5	1	4.4
22.8-23.2µ	3 048	3 004	18	21	1.5	22.8-23.2µ	2 697	0	1	0	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	2 946	2 941	17	6	0.2	23.3-23.7µ	2 882	2 733	4	1	5.5
23.8-24.2µ	2 879	2 834	7	11	1.6	23.8-24.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	2 787	2 717	3	3	2.6	24.3-24.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	2 621	0	1	0	0.0	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	2 614	2 693	1	1	-2.9	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	2 662	2 452	1	1	8.5	>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0

Medium to Long Merino Fleece Wool (60 - 70mm)											
Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers						Average to Inferior Topmakers					
Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change	Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change
	This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week			This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week	
<18.7µ *	0	0	0	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	3 887	3 785	16	4	2.7	18.8-19.2µ	3 630	3 579	10	2	1.4
19.3-19.7µ	3 635	3 598	22	17	1.0	19.3-19.7µ	3 517	3 561	9	5	-1.2
19.8-20.2µ	3 495	3 376	22	26	3.5	19.8-20.2µ	3 383	3 426	8	8	-1.3
20.3-20.7µ	3 382	3 314	33	40	2.1	20.3-20.7µ	3 279	3 131	20	14	4.7
20.8-21.2µ	3 298	3 247	42	40	1.6	20.8-21.2µ	3 178	3 076	21	23	3.3
21.3-21.7µ	3 184	3 150	45	56	1.1	21.3-21.7µ	3 087	3 039	31	19	1.6
21.8-22.2µ	3 131	3 102	48	45	0.9	21.8-22.2µ	3 023	2 942	27	18	2.7
22.3-22.7µ	3 072	3 061	32	29	0.3	22.3-22.7µ	2 947	2 888	20	13	2.1
22.8-23.2µ	3 017	2 965	16	22	1.8	22.8-23.2µ	2 910	2 928	10	4	-0.6
23.3-23.7µ	2 925	2 872	13	9	1.8	23.3-23.7µ	2 838	2 784	8	4	1.9
23.8-24.2µ	2 856	2 782	10	9	2.7	23.8-24.2µ	0	2 720	0	1	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	2 736	2 756	6	3	-0.8	24.3-24.7µ	0	2 738	0	1	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	2 654	2 664	2	5	-0.4	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	2 658	2 495	2	2	6.5	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	2 601	0	3	0	0.0	>25.8µ	2 070	0	1	0	0.0

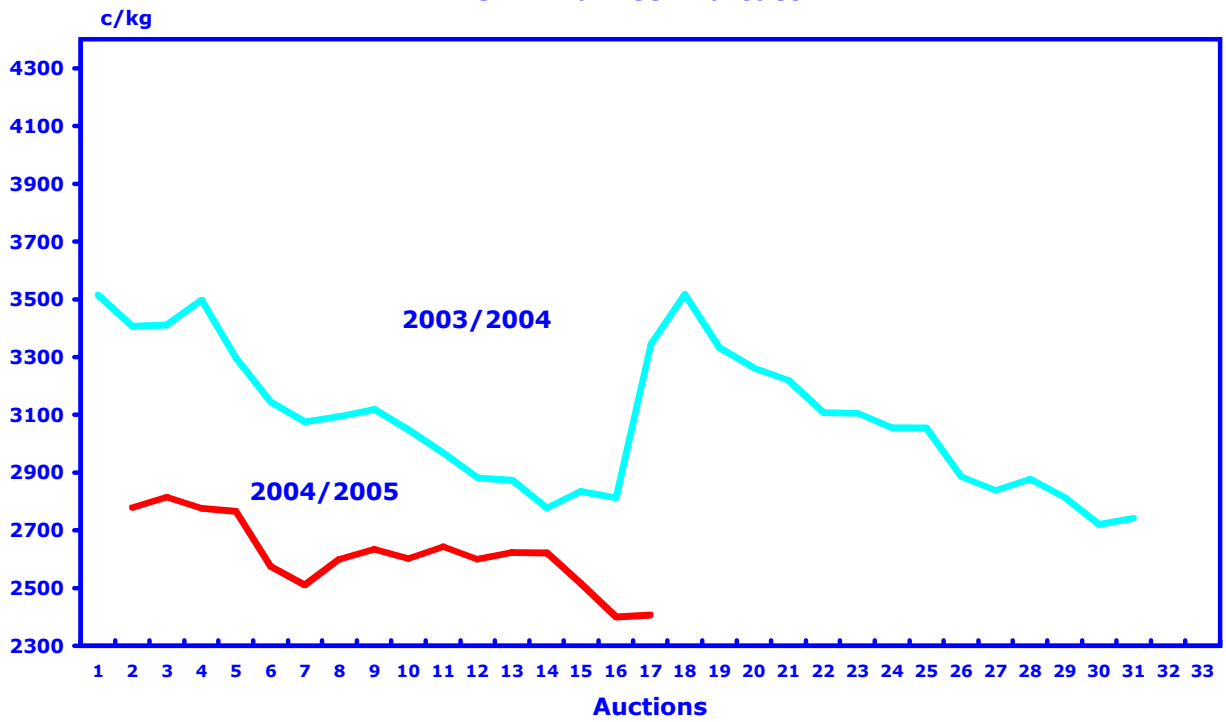
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Price Analysis											
Medium Merino Fleece Wool (40 - 55mm)											
Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers						Average to Inferior Topmakers					
Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change	Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change
	This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week			This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week	
<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	3 365	3 456	7	7	-2.6	18.8-19.2µ	3 417	3 481	2	3	-1.8
19.3-19.7µ	3 407	3 262	11	11	4.5	19.3-19.7µ	3 230	3 238	7	4	-0.2
19.8-20.2µ	3 244	3 255	15	14	-0.3	19.8-20.2µ	3 128	3 138	3	7	-0.3
20.3-20.7µ	3 175	3 167	23	20	0.2	20.3-20.7µ	3 176	2 965	11	9	7.1
20.8-21.2µ	3 220	3 009	19	17	7.0	20.8-21.2µ	2 973	2 888	12	14	3.0
21.3-21.7µ	3 013	3 079	28	22	-2.1	21.3-21.7µ	2 887	2 850	12	5	1.3
21.8-22.2µ	3 020	2 947	12	16	2.5	21.8-22.2µ	2 925	2 785	12	12	5.0
22.3-22.7µ	2 915	2 903	8	10	0.4	22.3-22.7µ	2 692	2 550	6	5	5.6
22.8-23.2µ	2 907	2 906	7	5	0.0	22.8-23.2µ	2 685	2 759	11	1	-2.7
23.3-23.7µ	2 815	2 839	8	8	-0.9	23.3-23.7µ	0	2 627	0	1	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	2 687	2 725	4	5	-1.4	23.8-24.2µ	0	2 610	0	1	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	2 644	2 765	2	1	-4.4	24.3-24.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
Short Merino Fleece Wool (20 - 35mm)											
Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers						Average to Inferior Topmakers					
Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change	Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change
	This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week			This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week	
<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	0	3 191	0	1	0.0	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	3 101	0	1	0	0.0	19.3-19.7µ	1 781	0	1	0	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	1 986	3 140	1	1	*	19.8-20.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	2 606	2 679	1	2	-2.7	20.3-20.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
20.8-21.2µ	2 787	3 040	1	3	-8.3	20.8-21.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
21.3-21.7µ	2 949	3 162	1	1	-6.7	21.3-21.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
21.8-22.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	21.8-22.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
22.3-22.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	22.3-22.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	22.8-23.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	23.3-23.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	23.8-24.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	24.3-24.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0

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Other Types					
Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers					
Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change
	This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week	
Long Lambs (19μ)	3 960	3 957	7	5	0.1
Long Lambs (20μ)	3 516	3 555	2	3	-1.1
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 514	3 511	5	8	0.1
Medium Lambs (20μ)	3 313	3 250	3	4	1.9
Long Bellies (20μ)	3 255	3 209	2	6	1.4
Long Bellies (21μ)	3 135	3 080	6	1	1.8
Medium Bellies (20μ)	3 150	3 191	3	3	-1.3
Medium Bellies (21μ)	2 951	3 088	4	3	-4.4
Long Locks (Good Color)	2 104	1 951	12	16	7.9
Other Types					
Average to Inferior Topmakers					
Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change
	This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week	
Long Lambs (19μ)	3 845	3 675	3	2	4.6
Long Lambs (20μ)	3 307	3 568	6	1	-7.3
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 432	3 396	5	1	1.1
Medium Lambs (20μ)	3 160	3 252	3	1	-2.8
Long Bellies (20μ)	3 070	3 172	9	8	-3.2
Long Bellies (21μ)	2 980	2 987	7	10	-0.2
Medium Bellies (20μ)	2 993	3 202	13	20	-6.5
Medium Bellies (21μ)	2 843	2 717	18	14	4.6
Long Locks (Stain)	1 585	1 517	13	9	4.5

S.A. Market Indicator



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