

**CAPE WOOLS SA**  
**Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary**

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**Market Commentary**

**WOOL MARKET REMAINS STEADY**

Port Elizabeth - The wool market held up surprisingly well at this week's sale after its mediocre performance the past two weeks and current negative market sentiment following the events in the USA. Though good quality long fleeces closed firmer, the medium and short wools were slightly cheaper, pulling Cape Wool's overall market indicator slightly down and it subsequently closed 0,4% lower at R23,66/kg (clean).

Traders say the rand, which this week traded 1,8% lower against the Australian dollar, supported the market. The fact that local prices last week fell to levels below Australia also played a role. The market was further supported by keen demand from local processors who bought the bulk of the offering.

A total of 7 516 bales was offered of which 96% was sold. Receipts into brokers' stores are still 21% down on last season. However, drier conditions have enabled producers whose shearing was interrupted by rains and cold spells, to start shearing and wool flow is expected to increase as from now. Average price movements for good quality long (60 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns shed 3,5% at R36,11/kg, 20 microns were up 1,3% at R31,46/kg, 21 microns gained 1% to R30,43/kg, 22 microns were 1,3% dearer at R30,19/kg, 23 microns were up 1,4% at R30,01/kg, 24 microns rose 1,3% to R29,91/kg, and 25 microns closed 0,3% up at R29,03/kg.

Approximately 7 000 bales will be on offer at next week's sale.

**Auction Analysis**

<b>Composition of Fleece Offerings</b>				<b>Analysis of Offerings</b>					
Description	% This Week	% Prev Week	Description	This Week			Previous Week		
				%	Bales	% Sold	Bales	% Sold	
Long Wool	53.4	56.1	Merino Fleeces	52.1	3 913	97.5	5 094	96.7	
Medium Wool	37.2	37.0	Merino Bellies	8.1	608	97.7	745	98.5	
Short Wool and Locks	9.4	6.9	Merino Lambs	8.0	604	81.5	901	87.1	
Fine Wool (<20µ)	7.5	9.8	Merino Locks	7.9	596	100.0	612	100.0	
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	53.8	49.3	Other	23.9	1 795	98.0	2 407	97.1	
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	36.2	37.1	<b>Total</b>		<b>7 516</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>9 759</b>	<b>96.3</b>	
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	2.6	3.8							
<b>Other Indicators</b>				<b>Offerings per Port</b>					
Indicators	This Week	Prev Week	% Change	Ports	This Week (Bales)			Prev Week (Bales)	
					Offered	Sold	% Sold	Offered	Sold
SA Market Indicator	2 366	2 375	-0.4	Cape Town	1 522	1 429	93.9	1 694	1 615
AWEX EMI	721	759	-5.0	Durban	950	893	94.0	1 167	1 116
R/US Dollar	9.2650	9.1575	-1.2	Port Elizabeth	5 044	4 934	97.8	6 898	6 664
R/A Dollar	4.6512	4.5683	-1.8	<b>Total</b>	<b>7 516</b>	<b>7 256</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>9 759</b>	<b>9 395</b>
R/Euro	8.4608	8.4396	-0.3						
<b>Main Buyers</b>				<b>Receipts 05/10/2001</b>					
Buyers	This Week	Prev Week	% Change	Season to Date (Kg)		Last Season (Kg)		% Change	
Stucken	1663	1787	-6.9	<b>3 050 175</b>		<b>3 326 490</b>		<b>-8.3</b>	
United Wool	1630	1428	14.1	<b>Next Auction</b>					
Chargeurs Wool	1522	2028	-25.0	<b>Name</b>		<b>Date</b>		<b>Offerings (Bales)</b>	
ADF	769	883	-12.9	S A Wool Exchange		17/10/2001		± 7 000	
STD Wool	585	1018	-42.5	Van Lill Wool Buyers		16/10/2001		± 300	
Beier Fin	561	869	-35.4	Saunders et al.		16/10/2001		± 600	
G Modiano	382	1171	-67.4						
Fibres Int	144	211	-31.8						
CPC	0	0	0.0						

<b>Price Analysis</b>											
<b>Long Merino Fleece Wool (60 - 90mm)</b>											
<b>Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers</b>						<b>Average to Inferior Topmakers</b>					
<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>	<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>			<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	
<18.7µ	4 888	4 732	4	8	3.3	<18.7µ	4 051	3 981	1	1	1.8
18.8-19.2µ	3 611	3 741	3	12	-3.5	18.8-19.2µ	3 231	3 516	3	3	-8.1
19.3-19.7µ	3 484	3 301	14	13	5.5	19.3-19.7µ	0	3 203	0	5	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	3 146	3 105	20	24	1.3	19.8-20.2µ	2 981	2 955	1	8	0.9
20.3-20.7µ	3 065	3 040	23	46	0.8	20.3-20.7µ	2 942	2 930	12	8	0.4
20.8-21.2µ	3 043	3 014	47	48	1.0	20.8-21.2µ	2 917	2 945	9	28	-1.0
21.3-21.7µ	3 020	3 003	61	62	0.6	21.3-21.7µ	2 957	2 907	13	25	1.7
21.8-22.2µ	3 019	2 979	42	63	1.3	21.8-22.2µ	2 932	2 922	30	34	0.3
22.3-22.7µ	3 023	2 963	41	53	2.0	22.3-22.7µ	2 914	2 938	19	21	-0.8
22.8-23.2µ	3 001	2 960	43	54	1.4	22.8-23.2µ	2 924	2 879	12	19	1.6
23.3-23.7µ	3 005	2 962	28	48	1.5	23.3-23.7µ	2 925	2 899	8	12	0.9
23.8-24.2µ	2 991	2 954	22	18	1.3	23.8-24.2µ	2 949	2 930	1	4	0.6
24.3-24.7µ	2 975	2 911	8	13	2.2	24.3-24.7µ	2 902	2 810	4	4	3.3
24.8-25.2µ	2 903	2 893	3	4	0.3	24.8-25.2µ	0	2 877	0	1	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	2 855	2 867	1	5	-0.4	25.3-25.7µ	2 910	0	1	0	0.0
>25.8µ	0	2 649	0	1	0.0	>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Medium Merino Fleece Wool (40 - 55mm)</b>											
<b>Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers</b>						<b>Average to Inferior Topmakers</b>					
<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>	<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>			<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	
<18.7µ	3 770	3 677	9	12	2.5	<18.7µ	3 593	4 164	3	7	-13.7
18.8-19.2µ	3 104	3 218	5	17	-3.5	18.8-19.2µ	3 166	2 933	2	2	8.0
19.3-19.7µ	3 244	3 091	1	13	5.0	19.3-19.7µ	2 829	3 064	1	11	-7.7
19.8-20.2µ	2 908	2 911	15	23	-0.1	19.8-20.2µ	2 738	2 812	5	10	-2.6
20.3-20.7µ	2 827	2 868	6	22	-1.4	20.3-20.7µ	2 832	2 803	7	7	1.0
20.8-21.2µ	2 817	2 856	22	20	-1.4	20.8-21.2µ	2 785	2 788	10	8	-0.1
21.3-21.7µ	2 864	2 848	14	26	0.6	21.3-21.7µ	2 769	2 761	13	5	0.3
21.8-22.2µ	2 844	2 855	16	21	-0.4	21.8-22.2µ	2 777	2 810	9	8	-1.2
22.3-22.7µ	2 833	2 856	16	10	-0.8	22.3-22.7µ	2 759	2 797	5	14	-1.3
22.8-23.2µ	2 818	2 839	13	13	-0.7	22.8-23.2µ	2 687	2 754	4	3	-2.4
23.3-23.7µ	2 790	2 849	6	2	-2.0	23.3-23.7µ	2 389	2 783	2	3	-14.2
23.8-24.2µ	2 861	2 718	1	4	5.3	23.8-24.2µ	0	2 836	0	2	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	0	2 846	0	2	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	2 095	0	1	0.0
<b>Short Merino Fleece Wool (20 - 35mm)</b>											
<b>Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers</b>						<b>Average to Inferior Topmakers</b>					
<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>	<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>			<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	
<18.7µ	3 684	3 496	3	2	5.4	<18.7µ	0	3 882	0	1	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	0	2 825	0	1	0.0	18.8-19.2µ	0	2 556	0	2	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	2 837	0	1	0	0.0	19.3-19.7µ	0	2 971	0	1	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	2 651	2 799	4	4	-5.3	19.8-20.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	2 745	0	1	0	0.0	20.3-20.7µ	2 793	2 748	1	3	1.7
20.8-21.2µ	2 697	2 725	1	3	-1.0	20.8-21.2µ	2 571	0	1	0	0.0
21.3-21.7µ	2 697	2 772	1	2	-2.7	21.3-21.7µ	2 525	0	2	0	0.0
21.8-22.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	21.8-22.2µ	2 482	2 708	2	1	-8.3
22.3-22.7µ	2 630	2 662	2	3	-1.2	22.3-22.7µ	0	2 422	0	1	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	22.8-23.2µ	2 442	0	2	0	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	2 602	2 670	1	1	-2.6	23.3-23.7µ	0	2 503	0	1	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

<b>Other Types</b>					
<b>Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers</b>					
<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg)</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	
Long Lambs (19μ)	3 606	3 762	3	7	-4.2
Long Lambs (20μ)	3 096	3 033	2	2	2.1
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 312	3 382	1	8	-2.1
Medium Lambs (20μ)	2 946	0	1	0	0.0
Long Bellies (20μ)	2 941	2 771	1	1	6.1
Long Bellies (21μ)	2 797	2 783	1	5	0.5
Medium Bellies (20μ)	2 927	2 822	2	2	3.7
Medium Bellies (21μ)	2 756	2 760	8	5	-0.1
Long Locks (Good Color)	1 927	2 002	15	15	-3.8
<b>Other Types</b>					
<b>Average to Inferior Topmakers</b>					
<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg)</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	
Long Lambs (19μ)	3 400	3 323	2	1	2.3
Long Lambs (20μ)	3 051	3 115	2	2	-2.1
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 234	3 178	5	8	1.8
Medium Lambs (20μ)	2 852	2 841	4	3	0.4
Long Bellies (20μ)	2 734	2 845	2	4	-3.9
Long Bellies (21μ)	2 802	2 755	7	8	1.7
Medium Bellies (20μ)	2 731	2 775	6	17	-1.6
Medium Bellies (21μ)	2 740	2 722	13	21	0.7
Long Locks (Good Color)	1 649	1 817	1	3	-9.3

