



**Weekly
Market
Report**

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Cat: MJ30 Week: 30

Micron Category	Weighted Clean Price (c/kg)						Bales Offered	Sales % Sold
	Long Fleeces (60 - 95mm)		Medium Fleeces (40 - 60mm)		Short Fleeces (<40mm)			
	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction		
18.6-19.5	2 727	-6.0	2 198	N/Q	-	-	114	94.7
19.6-20.5	2 472	0.0	2 162	-2.8	-	-	320	92.8
20.6-21.5	2 245	0.7	2 060	3.8	-	-	901	97.3
21.6-22.5	2 103	-0.1	1 950	2.9	-	-	1 374	98.9
22.6-23.5	1 974	0.9	1 881	3.0	-	-	734	100.0
23.6-24.5	1 911	0.8	1 824	4.3	-	-	473	96.6
24.6-25.5	1 842	1.6	1 762	N/Q	-	-	108	91.7
>25.5	1 766	2.8	1 701	4.6	-	-	31	100.0
Merino Bellies					1 712	0.6	633	76.1
Merino Lambs					2 283	1.9	1 033	92.4
Merino Locks					1 159	-4.1	703	98.0
Other White Wools					1 545	1.0	925	93.6
Ciskei/Transkei					711	N/Q	88	80.7
Lesotho					1 804	6.6	663	88.5
Coarse & Coloured					833	N/Q	528	79.7
Total							8 628	93.8

Main Buyers	Bales
Cape Tops	2 058
Modiano	1 543
Stucken	1 324
Beier Wool	1 210
United Wool	761
A.D.F.	520

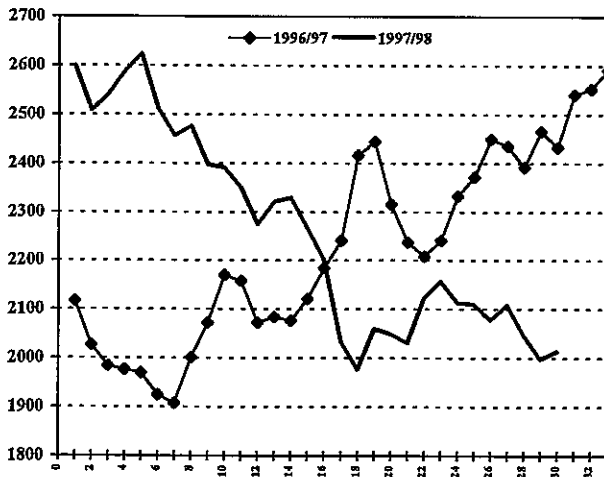
Overall Merino Market Indicator

This Auction	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
2 013	1 997	0.8	2 624	1 976	2 228

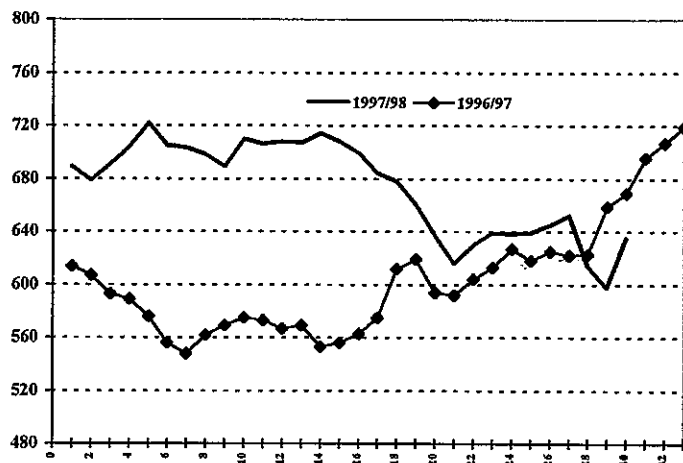
Australian Market

EMI This Week	EMI Last Auction
635	598

SA Indicator South Africa



EMI Australia



Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.1978	0.1982	-0.2
A\$	0.3088	0.3045	1.4
Sterling	0.1192	0.1186	0.5
DM	0.3507	0.3557	-1.4
FF	1.1755	1.1921	-1.4
ITL	346.07	351.74	-1.6
WTI	99.59	100.33	-0.7

Receipts (Kg) to 01/05/1998

Season to date	46 937 575.3
Previous Season to date	50 511 243.1
% Difference	-7.1
Next Sale:	20 May 1998
Offerings:	± 10 000