



**Weekly
Market
Report**

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Micron Category	Weighted Clean Price (c/kg)						Sales	
	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	Bales Offered	% Sold
<19.5	3 061	2.8	2 632	-0.6	-	-	328	96.0
19.6-20.5	2 661	2.2	2 345	0.4	-	-	730	98.5
20.6-21.5	2 491	1.8	2 224	1.1	2 068	-	1 396	98.6
21.6-22.5	2 378	4.0	2 124	-3.4	-	-	1 230	97.8
22.6-23.5	2 194	5.2	2 025	-2.5	-	-	560	96.8
23.6-24.5	2 125	4.1	1 990	-1.1	-	-	293	100.0
24.6-25.5	2 114	4.1	1 939	-1.4	-	-	119	100.0
>25.5	2 065	-	-	-	-	-	88	100.0
Merino Bellies					2 104	3.1	735	97.1
Merino Lambs					2 470	-2.7	736	94.4
Merino Locks					1 525	-1.1	808	98.9
Other White Wools					1 913	0.4	1 053	99.3
Ciskei/Transkei					1 631	11.6	94	54.3
Lesotho					2 036	-5.8	447	98.4
Coarse & Coloured					1 205	-0.2	314	96.2
Total							8 931	97.5

Main Buyers	Bales
Stucken	2 518
Cape Tops	1 794
Beier Wool	1 675
A.D.F.	840
Modiano	657
Standard Wool	589

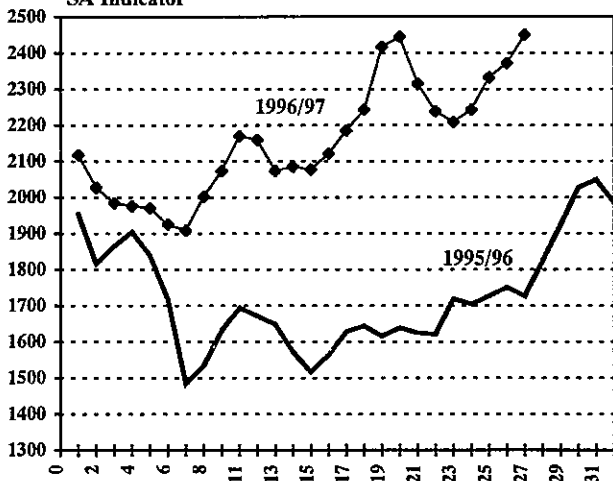
Overall Merino Market Indicator

This Week	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
2 450	2 372	3.3	2 450	1 908	1 729

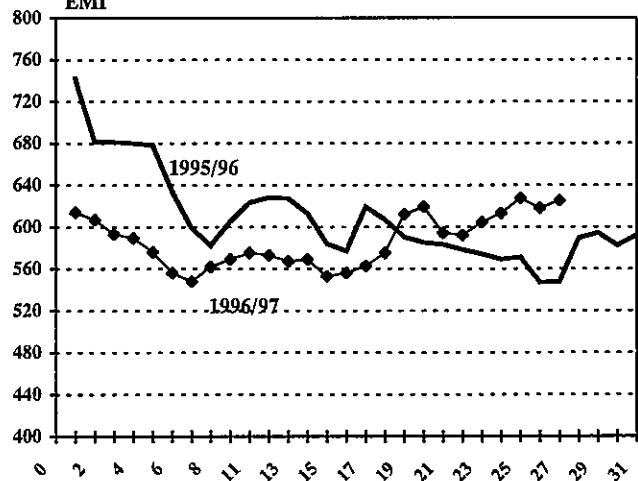
Australian Market

EMI This Week	EMI Last Week
625	618

SA Indicator South Africa



EMI Australia



Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.2255	0.2245	0.5
A\$	0.2839	0.2856	-0.6
Sterling	0.1405	0.1391	1.0
DM	0.3857	0.3848	0.2
FF	1.3003	1.2980	0.2
ITL	383.53	382.85	0.2
WTI	111.03	110.56	0.4

Receipts (Kg) to 07/03/97

Season to date	44 834 502.8
Previous Season to date	48 118 163.6
% Difference	-6.8
Next Sale:	19-Mar-97
Offerings:	± 9 500 bales