

National Weekly Wool Market Report

Season: 2009/2010

Sale Date: 18-19 August 2009



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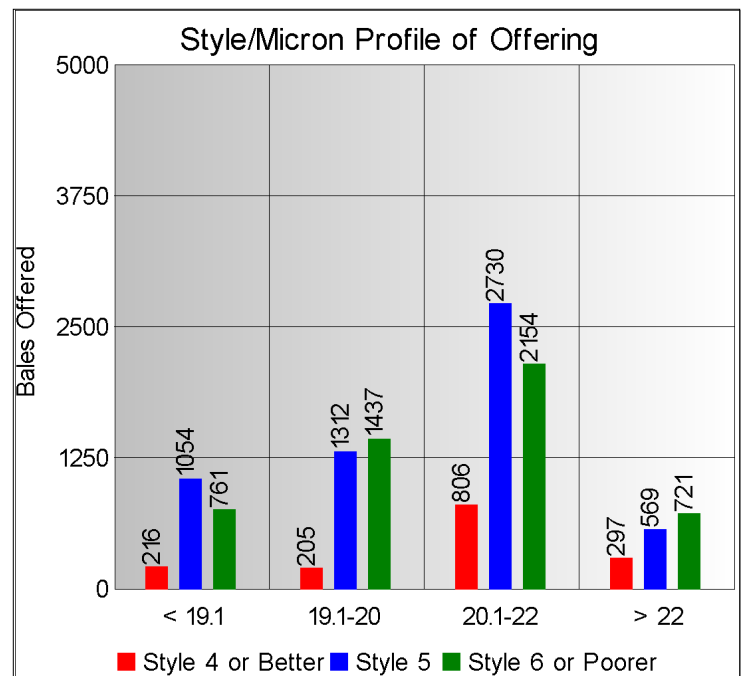
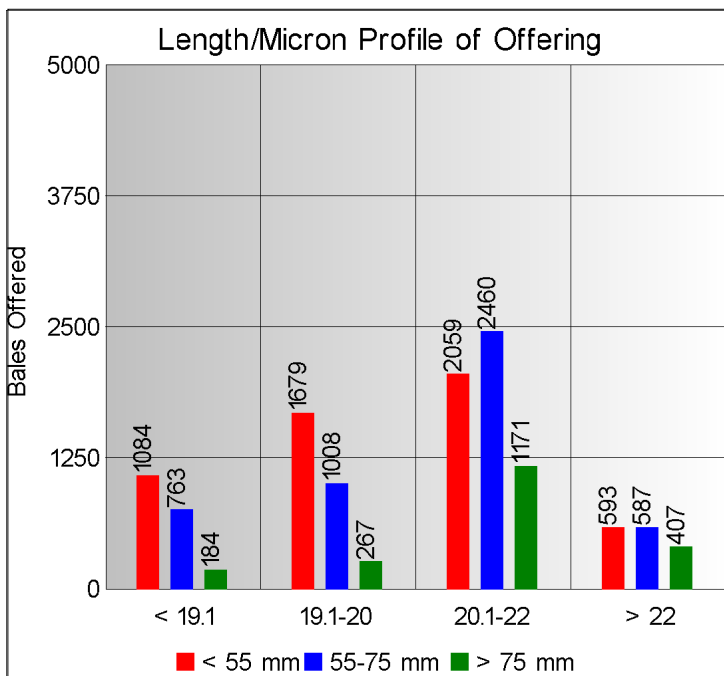
Market Indicators				Buyers			
Indicator Unit	Current Sale	Last Sale	Change	Company	Bales Purchased This Week	% of Purchases	Total Bales Purchased This Season
SA c/kg	5385	4683	15.0%	Standard Wool SA	4749	38.7%	4749
Ave. to date (08/09)	5385	4803	12.1%	G Modiano SA	2103	17.2%	2103
Ave. to date (07/08)	4803			Lempriere SA	1992	16.3%	1992
US c/kg	670	586	14.4%	Stucken & Co	1912	15.6%	1912
Euro c/kg	457	416	9.9%	Segard Masurel SA	1124	9.2%	1124
AWEX EMI	821	767	7.0%	Chargeurs Wool SA	256	2.1%	256
				New England Wool SA	36	0.3%	36

Exchange Rates			
Currency Unit	This Week	Previous Week	% Change
R/USD	8.0323	7.9873	-0.6%
R/Euro	11.7922	11.2651	-4.7%
R/AUD	6.5993	6.4742	-1.9%
USD/AUD	0.8218	0.8104	-1.4%

Analysis of Offerings by Broker This Week (Bales)

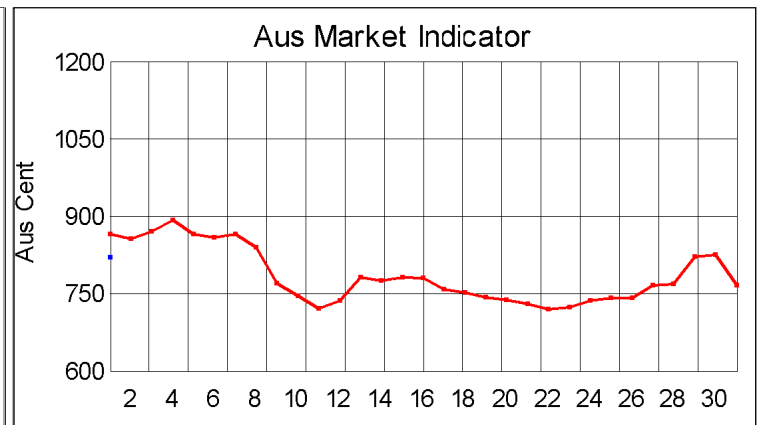
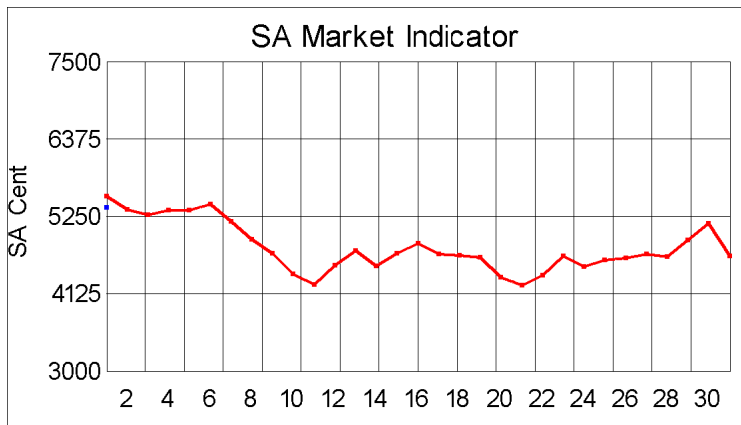
Broker	Merino Fleeces	Merino Bellies	Merino Lambs	Merino Backs	Merino Locks	* Other	Total	% Sold
BKB	2949	434	535	193	427	1032	5570	98.9%
CMW	2224	309	595	154	258	467	4007	99.5%
LAN	178	34	83	13	33	287	628	99.2%
SBL	837	91	171	56	143	220	1518	100.0%
VLW	220	40	70	8	46	155	539	100.0%
Total	6408	908	1454	424	907	2161	12262	99.3%

* Crossbred types, Coarse and Coloured and Inferior



Receipts 08/09 Season

Season to Date (Kg.) 2,961,140.0 Previous Season to Date 2,214,708.5 Percentage Change: 33.70%



Current Season █ Previous Season █

Average Fleece Wool Prices (c/kg. clean)
Spinners and Good Topmaking Styles (AWEX Types MF4 and MF5)

Micron	100+mm	90mm	80mm	70mm	60mm	50mm	40mm	30mm	20mm	10mm
18.0				7181	6760	6297				
18.5				6599	6407	5975	5831	4900		
19.0			6353	6270	5926	5793	5467			
19.5			6029	5996	5660	5428	5252			
20.0			5584	5552	5446	5199	5081			
20.5		5645	5605	5529	5415	5037	4996			
21.0		5566	5598	5520	5352	4981		4318		
21.5		5500	5549	5478	5272	4961	4683			
22.0			5457	5415	5284	4764	4454			
22.5			5483	5403	5364	5306				
23.0			5395	5306	5266	4651				
23.5			5374	5260						
24.0			5125	5182						

* Based on a minimum of 3 lots sold per category

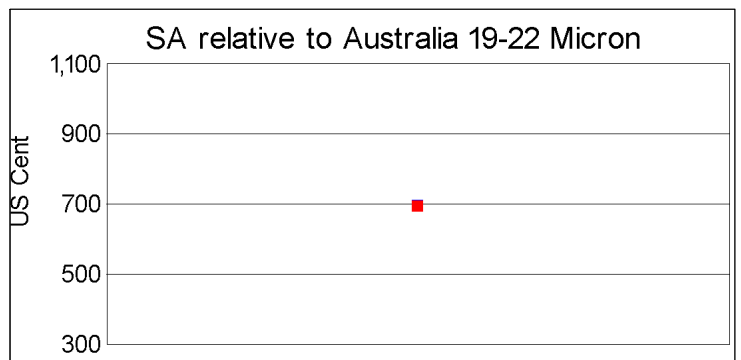
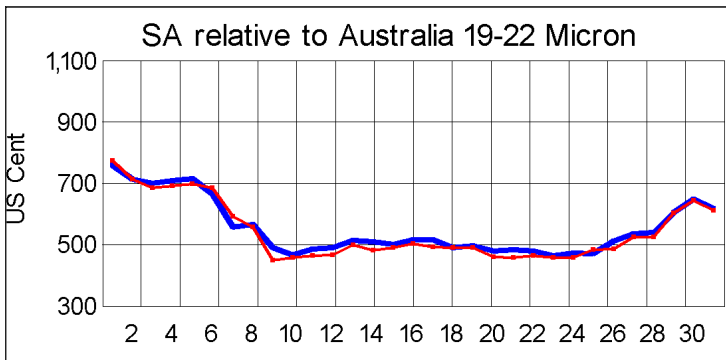
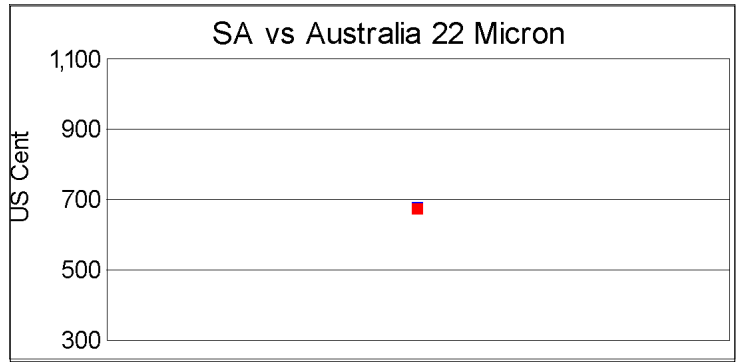
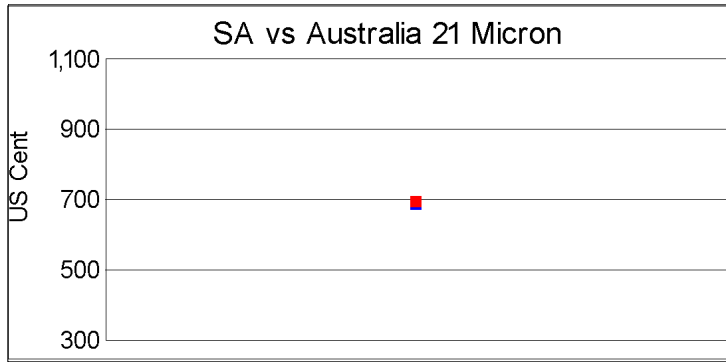
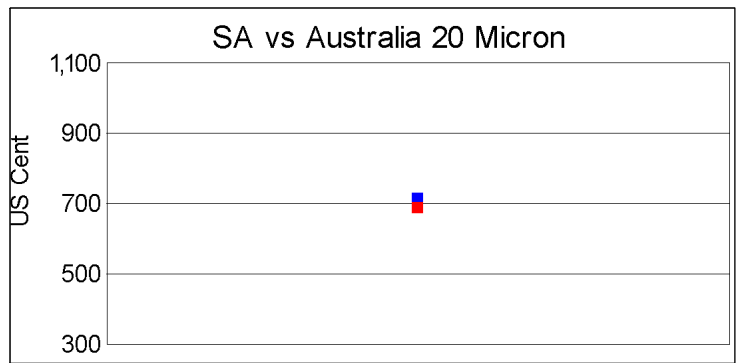
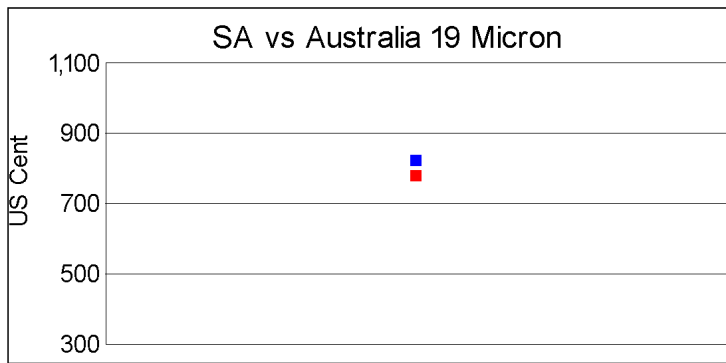
Average Topmaking Styles (AWEX MF6)

Micron	100+mm	90mm	80mm	70mm	60mm	50mm	40mm	30mm	20mm	10mm
18.0										
18.5										
19.0						5566				
19.5				5708	5564	5551				
20.0			5376	5473	5418	5216	4934			
20.5				5534	5236	4795				
21.0				5560	5113	4990				
21.5				5040	5119	4891				
22.0					5113	4775				
22.5				5327						
23.0										
23.5										
24.0										

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Other Selected Types/Qualities

	Long			Medium		
<u>Good Quality</u>	19μ	20μ	21μ	19μ	20μ	21μ
Lambswool	6173	5692	5327	5676	5187	5276
Bellies		5057	5075	5549	4988	4908
Locks				4476	3772	3277
<u>Average Quality</u>						
Lambswool	6113	5297	5046	5628	5203	4821
Bellies	5795	5391	4419	5220	4860	4539
Locks				3993	3633	3168
<u>Inferior Quality</u>						
Fleecewool	5496	5081	5050	5455	5362	
Lambswool	5874	5499		5134	4730	
Bellies	5894	5012		4835	4600	4151
Locks				2993	2964	2829



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Market Commentary

PRICES SOAR AT OPENING SALE

Port Elizabeth: The new wool selling season opened on a high note when Cape Wools Merino indicator soared 15% at the first sale of the 2009/10 season compared with last season's closing sale, to close at R53,85/kg (clean). This is its best level in 10 months.

Prices were up across the board amid strong competition between grease-wool exporters for the 12 262 bales on offer and high sales percentage of 99% was achieved. In Australia, where sales had already commenced, the market also improved.

Concerns over apparel wool supply in the coming months appeared to have been a major driving force. Buyers were also stocking up to carry them over until the next sale in two week's time.

Compared with the exchange rate at the final sale, the rand, at R8,03 was 0,6% weaker against the US dollar, and at R11,79 it was 4,7% weaker against the euro.

Major buyers were Standard Wool SA (4 749 bales), followed by Modiano (2 103 bales), Lempriere SA (1 992 bales), Stucken (1 912 bales) and Segard Masurel (1 124 bales).

Average prices for AWEX types MF4 and MF5 (70 mm) were as follows: 19 microns rose 11,9% to close at R62,68/kg; 20 microns gained 12% to R55,49/kg; 21 microns were 14,3% dearer at R54,88/kg, and 22 microns were up 12,2% at R53,55/kg.

No sale has been scheduled for next week. Sales will resume on 2 September when approximately 9 000 bales will be offered.