

National Weekly Wool Market Report

Season: 2009/2010

Sale Date: 26 May 2010



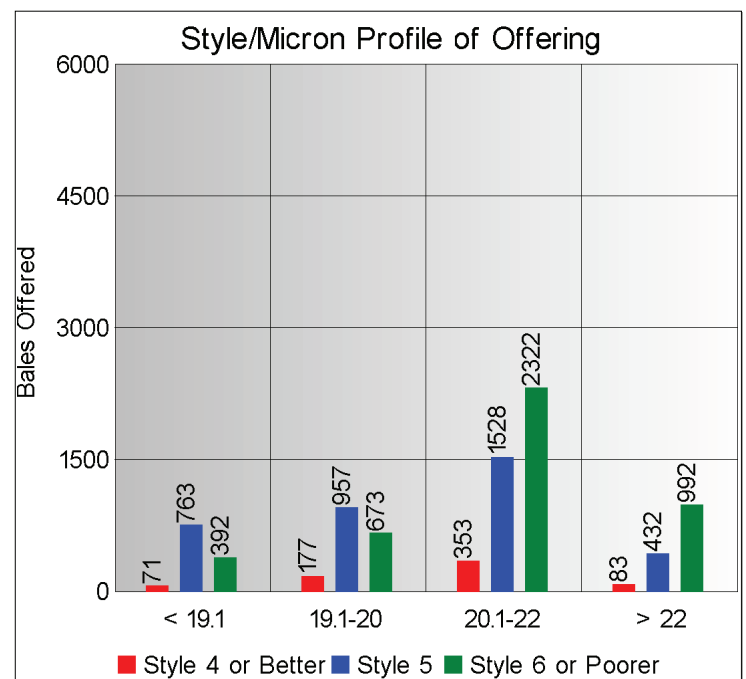
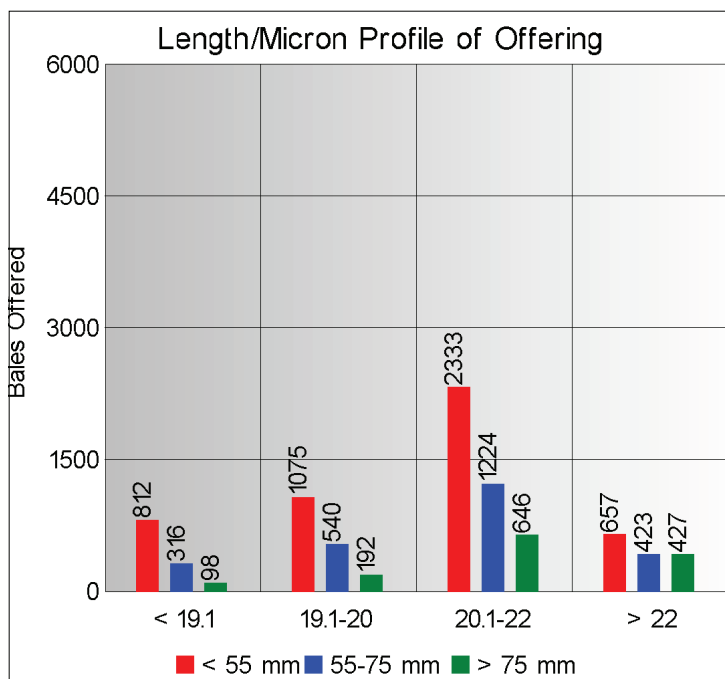
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Market Indicators				Buyers			
Indicator Unit	Current Sale	Last Sale	Change	Company	Bales Purchased This Week	% of Purchases	Total Bales Purchased This Season
SA c/kg	5787	6092	-5.0%	G Modiano SA	2403	27.5%	64497
Ave. to date (09/10)	5955	5961	-0.1%	Lempriere SA	1769	20.2%	43387
Ave. to date (08/09)	4807			Standard Wool SA	1686	19.3%	96977
US c/kg	743	816	-8.9%	Stucken & Co	1288	14.7%	44559
Euro c/kg	604	644	-6.1%	Segard Masurel SA	939	10.7%	17380
AWEX EMI	879	874	0.6%	New England Wool SA	29	0.3%	238
				Chargeurs Wool SA			5408

Exchange Rates			
Currency Unit	This Week	Previous Week	% Change
R/USD	7.7848	7.4633	-4.3%
R/Euro	9.5794	9.4662	-1.2%
R/AUD	6.4474	6.6809	3.5%
USD/AUD	0.8282	0.8950	7.5%

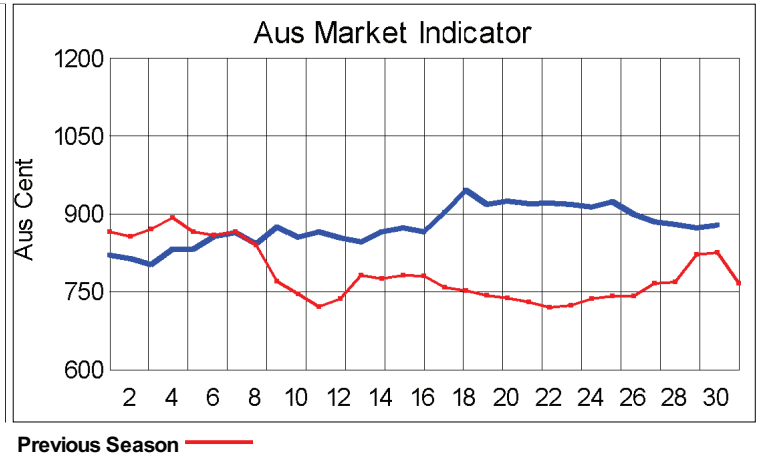
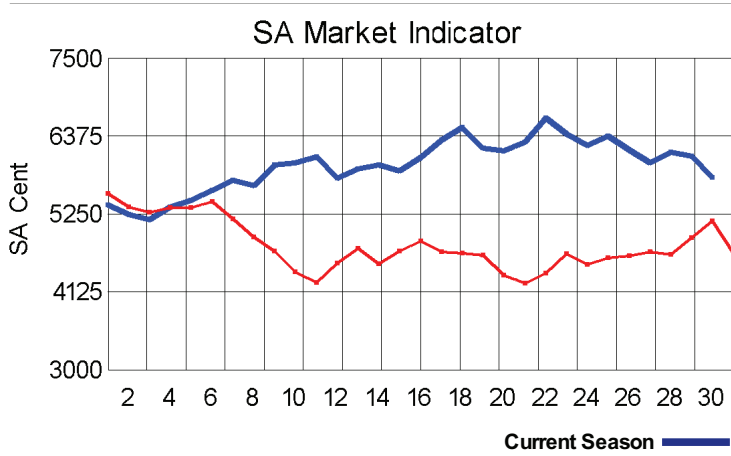
Analysis of Offerings by Broker This Week (Bales)								
Broker	Merino Fleeces	Merino Bellies	Merino Lambs	Merino Backs	Merino Locks	* Other	Total	% Sold
BKB	1842	348	406	170	523	1393	4682	93.8%
CMW	1560	348	414	217	253	357	3149	89.5%
LAN	25	5	7	0	42	201	280	99.6%
SBL	310	30	63	18	49	52	522	98.7%
VLW	62	7	14	2	12	13	110	100.0%
Total	3799	738	904	407	879	2016	8743	92.8%

* Crossbred types, Coarse and Coloured and Inferior



Receipts 2009/2010 Season

Season to Date (Kg.) 47,472,564.2 Previous Season to Date 47,058,546.9 Percentage Change: 0.88%



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				7289	7182					
18.5					7126					
19.0				6829	6526	6297	5884			
19.5			6256	6136	6228	5751		5653		
20.0			6231	6153	5852	5645	5373			
20.5			6116	5921	5793	5471	5147			
21.0			6026	5992	5748	5436	5049			
21.5			5892	5870	5696	5332				
22.0				5802	5676	5181				
22.5				5746	5805					
23.0				5673	5398					
23.5										
24.0										

* 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										
19.5							5564			
20.0						5544				
20.5					5710	5360	5103			
21.0				5933	5681		4967			
21.5						5358				
22.0										
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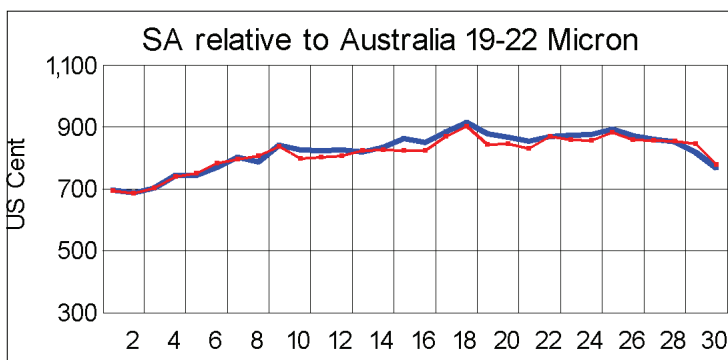
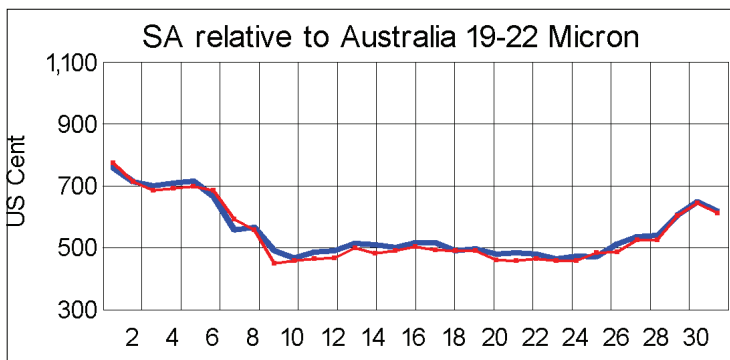
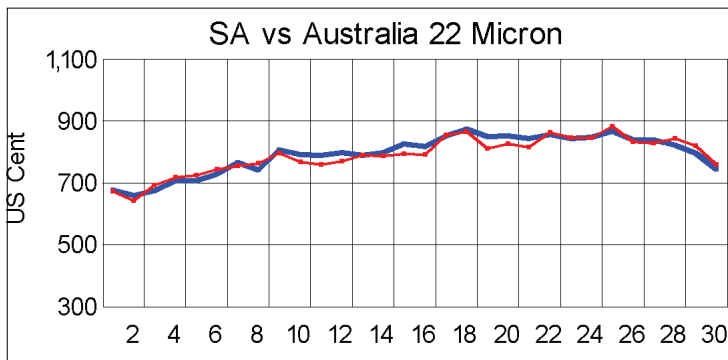
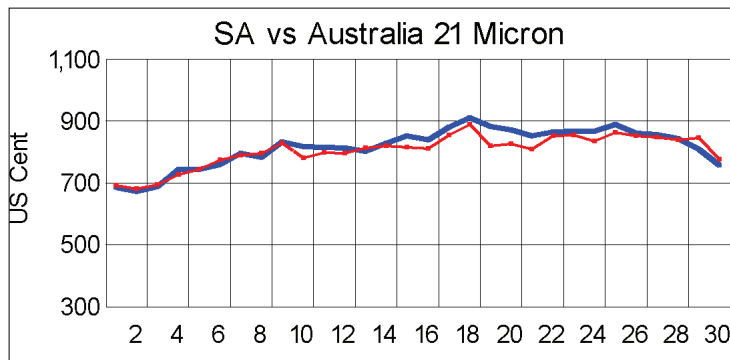
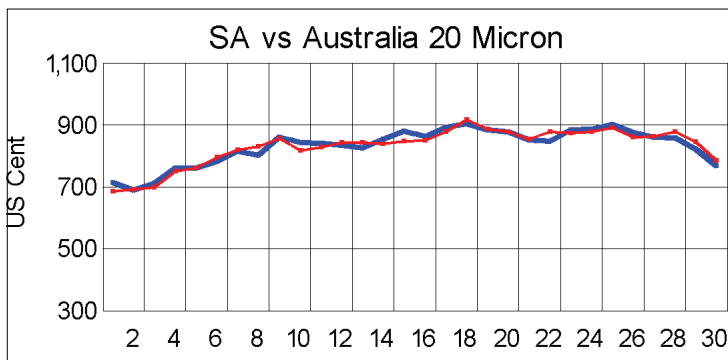
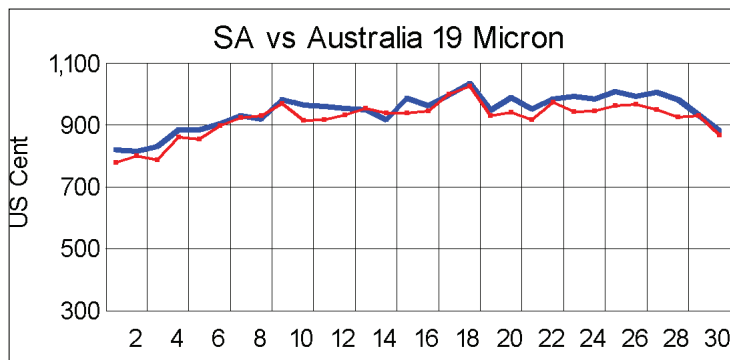
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Other Selected Types/Qualities

Long

Medium

	19μ	20μ	21μ	19μ	20μ	21μ
Good Quality						
Lambswool	6814	5821	5871	6123	5640	5143
Bellies	5978	5799	5532	5588	5367	4768
Locks				4522	4438	4241
Average Quality						
Lambswool	6443	6042	5625	5885	5405	4841
Bellies		5602		5548	5249	4903
Locks				4202	4055	3517
Inferior Quality						
Fleecewool	6080	5154	5098		4468	4886
Lambswool		5979	5109		5921	4543
Bellies	5506		4946	5032	4868	4445
Locks				3996	3631	3368



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Market Commentary

WOOL MARKET LOSES STEAM

PORT ELIZABETH: The penultimate sale of the season saw prices softening with Cape Wools' Merino indicator shedding 5% compared with previous sale a fortnight ago to close at R57,87/kg (clean).

This follows a slow-down in orders from China, which appears to be cautious following the current instability in commodity market currencies. Although the Australian indicator gained almost 1% at today's sale compared with the previous week, it has been trending downward for weeks and currently is at a seasonal low. The Cape Wools' indicator still is up 7% on the opening level and 12% higher than the seasonal low.

The rand, which continues to be on the back foot against the US dollar amid rising global risk aversion, was 4,3% weaker against the US dollar compared with the previous sale, trading at R7,78 against the dollar, and was down 1,2% against the euro at R9,57.

A total of 8 743 bales was offered of which 93% was sold. Major buyers were Modiano SA (2 397 bales); Lempriere SA (1 769 bales); Standard Wool SA (1 686 bales), and Stucken (1 288 bales).

Average prices for good top-making (MF5), sound, long fleeces (less than 1% seed content) were as follows: 19 microns were down 2,8% to R67,62/kg; 19,5 microns were 6,6% cheaper at R61,87/kg; 20 microns dropped 3,3% to close at R61,26/kg; 20,5 microns shed 3,7% to R60,82/kg; 21 microns dropped 4,3% to R60,53/kg; 21,5 microns were down 4,7% to close at R59,84/kg, and 22 microns were 3,2% cheaper at R59,27/kg.

No sale has been scheduled for next week. The final sale of the season takes place on 9 June.