

NATIONAL WOOL MARKET REPORT

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A softer rand and improving demand for the better quality wools helped to boost the market and Cape Wools' Merino indicator gained 1,4% at this week's sale to finish the day at R58,72/kg (clean).

The rand was steady at today's sale following a two-day roller coaster ride that took the currency to R6,84 against the US dollar. Today, it was trading at R6,63, which was down 3% compared with last week. The currency was also 3% softer against the euro.

The prices of most long Merino fleece wools were 1% to 2% dearer. Superfine wools in particular, were in keen demand and a bale of 15,8 microns sold by Alfonso and Francois van Niekerk of Robvue farm in die Bedford district fetched the second highest price so far this season when New England Wool paid R106/kg (greasy) for this one-bale line.

A total of 9 115 bales was offered of which 97% was sold. Major buyers were Modiano (2 876 bales), Stucken (1 411 bales), Segard Masurel (1 388 bales), and Standard Wool SA (1 309 bales).

Average price movements for AWEX-type fleeces, MF4 and MF5 of 70 and 80 mm were as follows: 19 microns rose 1,6% to R72,28/kg; 20 microns were up 1,5% at R64,66/kg; 21 microns were 1,9% dearer at R59,65/kg; and 22 microns gained a marginal 0,2% to close at R56,27/kg. There were insufficient quantities in these types to quote for 23, 24 and 25 microns.

Approximately 11 000 bales have been rostered for next week's sale.

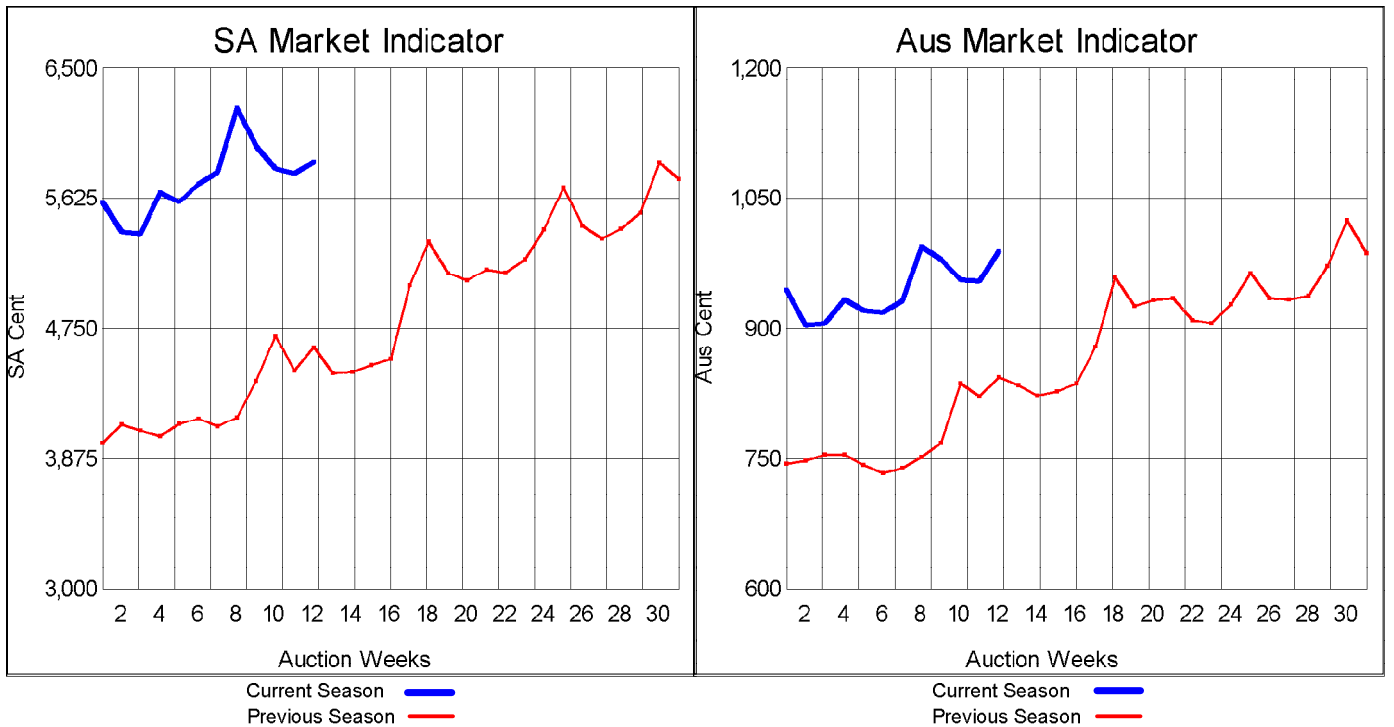
Auction Analysis										
Composition of Fleece Offerings				Analysis of Offerings						
Description	% This Week	% Prev Sale	Description	This Week			Previous Sale			
				%	Bales	% Sold	Bales	% Sold		
Long Wool	73.4	69.1	Merino Fleeces	42.9	3 912	98.1	4 463	99.3		
Medium Wool	20.5	24.0	Merino Bellies	6.1	559	98.6	557	97.8		
Short Wool and Locks	6.1	6.8	Merino Lambs	9.7	885	96.9	872	94.3		
Fine Wool (<20µ)	26.1	19.9	Merino Locks	6.1	554	100.0	665	99.7		
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	63.7	67.9	Other	35.2	3 205	94.9	3 165	97.7		
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	10.0	12.0	Total	100.0	9 115	97.0	9 722	98.3		
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	0.2	0.2								
Other Indicators				Offerings per Port						
Indicators	This Week	Prev Sale	% Change	Ports	This Week (Bales)			Prev Sale (Bales)		
					Offered	Sold	% Sold	Offered	Sold	
SA Indicator	5 872	5 792	1.4							
AWEX EMI	990	955	3.7	Durban	2 028	1 924	94.9	1 464	1 453	
R/US Dollar	6.6332	6.4426	-3.0	Port Elizabeth	7 087	6 916	97.6	8 258	8 100	
R/A Dollar	5.9979	6.0375	0.7	Total	9 115	8 840	97.0	9 722	9 553	
R/Euro	9.7276	9.4408	-3.0							
Receipts 09 November 2007										
Main Buyers				Season to Date (Kg)		Last Season (Kg)		% Change		
Buyers	This Week	% of Sale	To Date	19 640 881		18 581 154		5.7		
G Modiano	2 876	32.5	26 084	Next Auction						
Stucken	1 411	16.0	14 565	Name	Date	Offerings (Bales)				
Segard Masurel	1 388	15.7	17 612	S A Wool Exchange	21/11/2007	± 9 500				
Standard Wool SA	1 309	14.8	14 799	Van Lill Wool Buyers	20/11/2007	± 525				
Chargeurs Wool	764	8.6	14 527	Saunders et al.	20/11/2007	± 650				
Beier Fin	504	5.7	5 938	Lanata	20/11/2007	± 400				
ADF	272	3.1	4 573	SA Indicator	-	MC12		5 872		
Lempriere (Aus) Ltd	207	2.3	2 044	Ave SA Indicator - Season to Date					5 740	
New England Wool	109	1.2	1 146	Ave SA Indicator - Previous Season					4 818	

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Fleece Wool Prices (Spinners and Good Topmaking Styles, AWEX Types MF4 and MF5)

Micron	Average Price (c/kg. clean) *										Percentage change from previous catalogue									
	100 mm	90 mm	80 mm	70 mm	60 mm	50 mm	40 mm	30 mm	20 mm	10 mm	100 mm	90 mm	80 mm	70 mm	60 mm	50 mm	40 mm	30 mm	20 mm	10 mm
18.0			7752	8153	7407															7.0
18.5		7567		7368	7741															0.0
19.0		7202	7228		7031	6656						3.1	0.3		1.2	5.4				
19.5		7025	7004	6897	6693	6342						2.7	3.7	2.7	0.5	-0.4				
20.0		6700	6553	6378	6362	6300						2.8	2.6	0.4	2.6	3.7				
20.5		6230	6188	6087	6056	5742	5539					2.0	2.0	1.3	1.9	-0.0	3.6			
21.0	5895	6021	6012	5917	5856	5687	5286					2.4	2.3	1.4	0.4	3.5	0.9			
21.5		5907	5825	5815	5691	5622	5305					3.1	1.8	1.7	1.2	2.9	5.2			
22.0		5724	5709	5545	5649	5304	5215					0.8	1.6	-1.3	3.3	-2.1	-0.1			
22.5		5656		5577								1.7		0.5						
23.0		5613				5470						1.4								
23.5																				
24.0																				

* Based on a minimum of 3 lots sold per category



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Fleece Wool Prices (Average Topmaking Style, AWEX type MF6)

Micron	Average Price (c/kg. clean)*										Percentage change from previous catalogue									
	100 mm	90 mm	80 mm	70 mm	60 mm	50 mm	40 mm	30 mm	20 mm	10 mm	100 mm	90 mm	80 mm	70 mm	60 mm	50 mm	40 mm	30 mm	20 mm	10 mm
18.0																				
18.5																				
19.0				6855																
19.5				6610									-0.2							
20.0			6283		6306	5774	5685							4.1	-0.7					
20.5		6009	5945	6058		5481							-0.4	2.0		-1.2				
21.0			5835	5788	5503	5334	5011						-0.7	0.4	-3.6		-1.3			
21.5			5723	5689		5302							0.9	1.5		-0.3				
22.0			5577	5509	5558	5447							0.6	-0.0	4.4					
22.5			5446	5595									-0.1							
23.0																				
23.5																				
24.0																				

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Other Selected Types/Qualities

Price per Kilogram

	Long			Medium		
	19μ	20μ	21μ	19μ	20μ	21μ
Good Quality						
Lambswool	7011	6643	5938	5978	5981	
Bellies	6697	6126	5604	5468	5436	5452
Locks	6295		4295	4690	4482	4161
Average Quality						
Lambswool	6930	6186	5995	5645	5548	5205
Bellies	6394	6015	5357	5815	5384	5018
Locks	5242	4557	4101	5442	4154	4247
Inferior Quality						
Fleecewool	6470	6066	5283			
Lambswool		5880	5692	6271		
Bellies		5857	5511	5359	5536	4702
Locks	3951	3879	3982	4603	3771	3789

Industry News

Receipts up on last season

Wool receipts into brokers' stores to date are up 5,7% compared with the corresponding period last season and industry leaders hope this will be an indication of another increase in production. Last season, production increased by 2,1%.

The number of bales offered at auction have increased by 2,8% to 92 032 bales, up from 89 503 bales in 2006/07. Prices, however, are significantly higher than this time last season. A high sales percentage of 99% has been achieved.

The average greasy price on 9 November this year was R33,15/kg compared with R24,27/kg in 2006. The average clean price is R53,33/kg compared with last season's R38,72/kg.