

National Weekly Wool Market Report

Season: 2008/2009

Sale Date: 29 October 2008



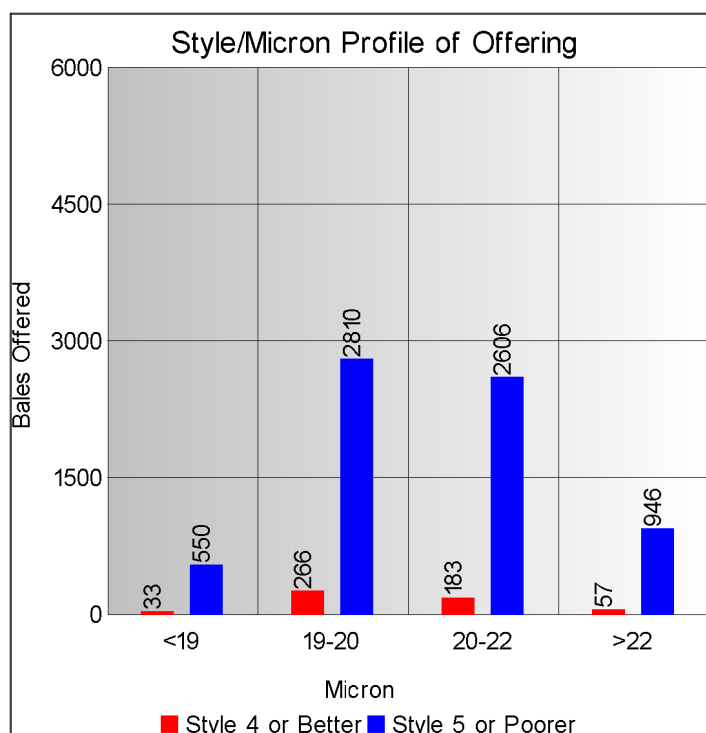
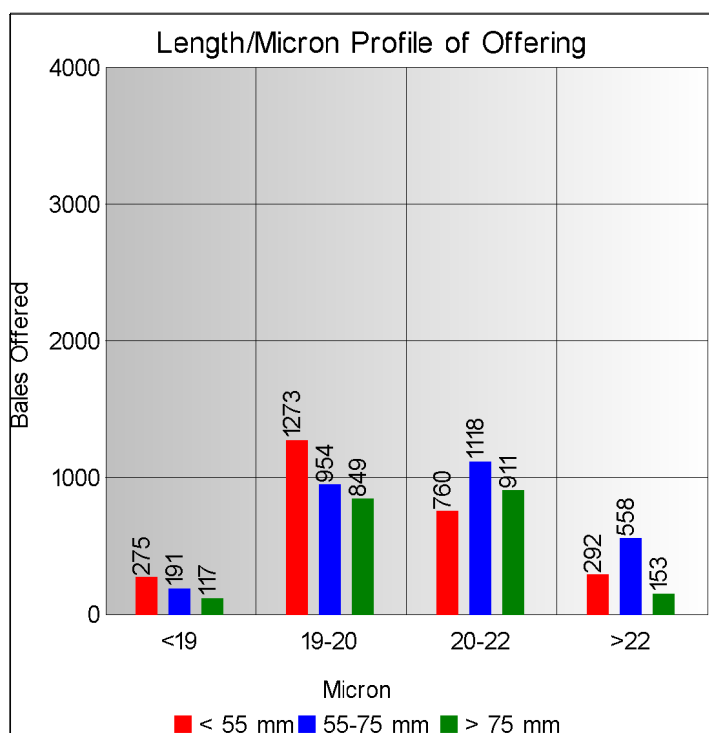
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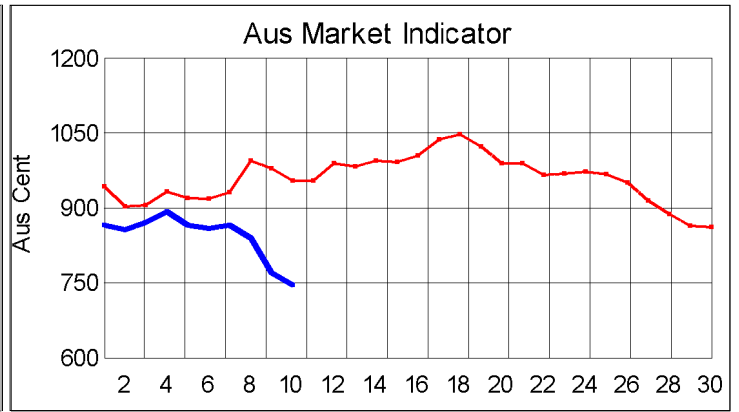
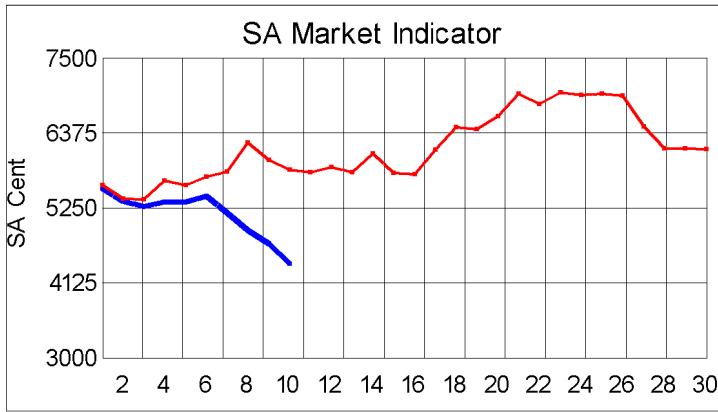
Market Indicators				Buyers			
Indicator Unit	Current Sale	Last Sale	Change	Company	Bales Purchased This Week	% of Purchases	Total Bales Purchased This Season
SA c/kg	4415	4713	-6.3%	Chargeurs Wool SA	1960	26.3%	8610
Ave. to date (08/09)	5154	5236	-1.6%	Stucken & Co	1550	20.8%	12951
Ave. to date (07/08)	5722			Segard Masurel SA	937	12.6%	11258
US c/kg	432	432	-0.0%	G Modiano SA	917	12.3%	18031
Euro c/kg	339	336	0.9%	Lempriere (AUS) Ltd	479	6.4%	6029
AWEX EMI	746	771	-3.2%	A Dewavrin Freres	475	6.4%	1795
Exchange Rates				Standard Wool SA	402	5.4%	15078
Currency Unit	This Week	Previous Week	% Change	New England Wool SA	13	0.2%	574
R/USD	10.2210	10.9090	6.3%				
R/Euro	13.0289	14.0317	7.1%				
R/AUD	6.5798	7.2970	9.8%				
USD/AUD	0.6437	0.6691	3.8%				

Analysis of Offerings by Broker This Week (Bales)

Broker	Merino Fleeces	Merino Bellies	Merino Lambs	Merino Backs	Merino Locks	* Other	Total	% Sold
BKB	3147	421	468	424	434	593	5487	91.1%
CMW	1186	165	192	149	73	199	1964	88.4%
LAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SBL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
VLW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	4333	586	660	573	507	792	7451	90.4%

* Crossbred types, Coarse and Coloured and Inferior





Current Season — Previous Season —

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

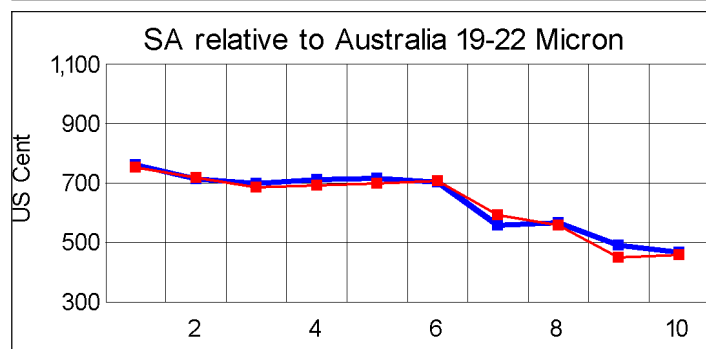
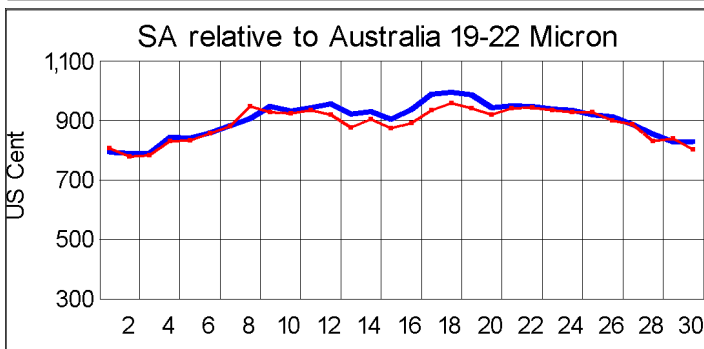
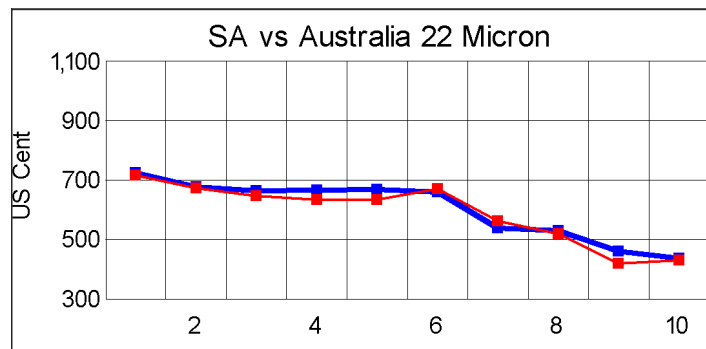
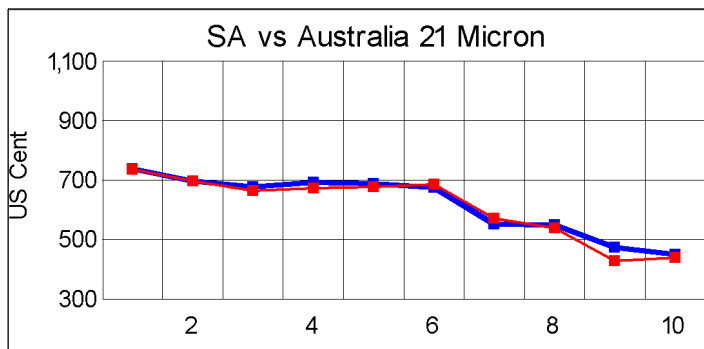
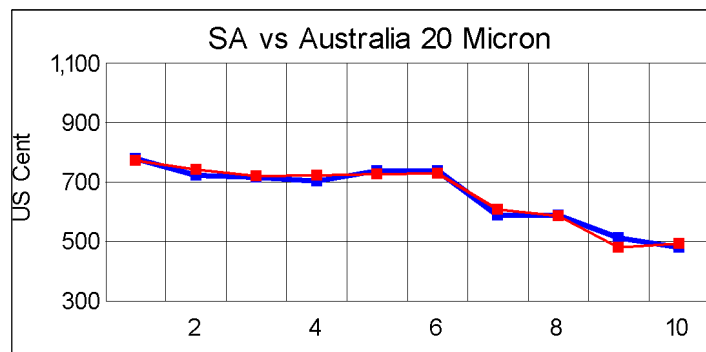
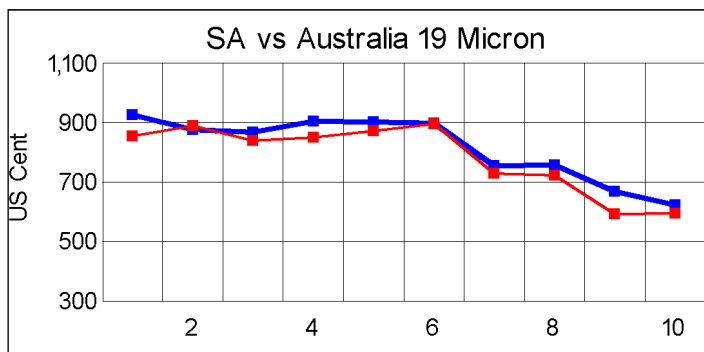
Micron	100+mm	90mm	80mm	70mm	60mm	50mm	40mm	30mm	20mm	10mm
18.0		7225	7168	7079						
18.5			6617	6566						
19.0		6293	6226	6308	5528		4975			
19.5			5598	5559		4963	5014			
20.0		4938	5062	5028		4260	4140			
20.5		4647	4639	4370	4370	4167	4007			
21.0		4512	4532	4509	4328	3898	3422			
21.5		4452	4493	4390	4077					
22.0		4467	4392	4411	4232					
22.5		4380	4420	4232	4121	3752				
23.0										
23.5										
24.0										

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						4686				
20.0				4621	4122					
20.5				4440						
21.0			4238	4211		3765				
21.5			4275			3789				
22.0				4206						
22.5										
23.0										
23.5										
24.0										

Other Selected Types/Qualities

	Long			Medium		
	19μ	20μ	21μ	19μ	20μ	21μ
Good Quality						
Lambswool	6180	5281	4356	5076	4487	
Bellies	5407	3999	3978	4720	4035	3385
Locks		3351		3233	2666	2238
Average Quality						
Lambswool	5479	4231	4084	4741	3336	3752
Bellies	4494	4165	3868	4594	3701	3301
Locks				2611	2065	1824
Inferior Quality						
Fleecewool	5508	4030	3274		3802	
Lambswool						
Bellies	4893	5004	3607	3042	2809	2822
Locks	1881	1899	1872	1964	1825	1780



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Market Commentary

MARKET REMAINS UNDER PRESSURE

PORT ELIZABETH: The market remained under pressure in the wake of continued uncertainty in global markets and negative business sentiment and Cape Wools Merino indicator fell by 6,3% to close at R44,15/kg (clean).

With orders from overseas clients still declining, today' sale was supported by mainly local processors, who were buying to keep mills running.

While the rand had strengthened compared with last Wednesday's exchange rates, it remained volatile, creating further uncertainty. At mid-morning it was trading at around R10,22 to the US\$, which was up 63% compared with last week. At R13,03 it was 7,1% stronger against the euro, and had also gained 9,8% in value against the Australian dollar, which exerted further downward pressure on the local market.

Prices were softer across the board. Superfine wools dropped by almost 10%, while the fine to medium qualities weakened by between 3,7% and 5%.

A total of 7 451 bales was offered, of which 84% was sold. Major buyers were Chargeurs Wool (1623 bales); Stucken (1 443 bales); Segard Masurel SA (918 bales); and Modiano (903 bales)

Approximately 11 000 bales will be offered at next week's sale.