

# National Weekly Wool Market Report

Season: 2008/2009

Sale Date: 2/3 December 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	4722	4533	4.2%	Standard Wool SA	3023	29.3%	27226
Ave. to date (08/09)	4957	4974	-0.3%	G Modiano SA	1574	15.3%	24938
Ave. to date (07/08)	5768			Chargeurs Wool SA	1539	14.9%	15535
US c/kg	460	459	0.2%	Lempriere (AUS) Ltd	1424	13.8%	12135
Euro c/kg	363	353	2.6%	Segard Masurel SA	1296	12.6%	17382
AWEX EMI	783	776	0.9%	Stucken & Co	1147	11.1%	17934
				New England Wool SA	5	0.1%	658
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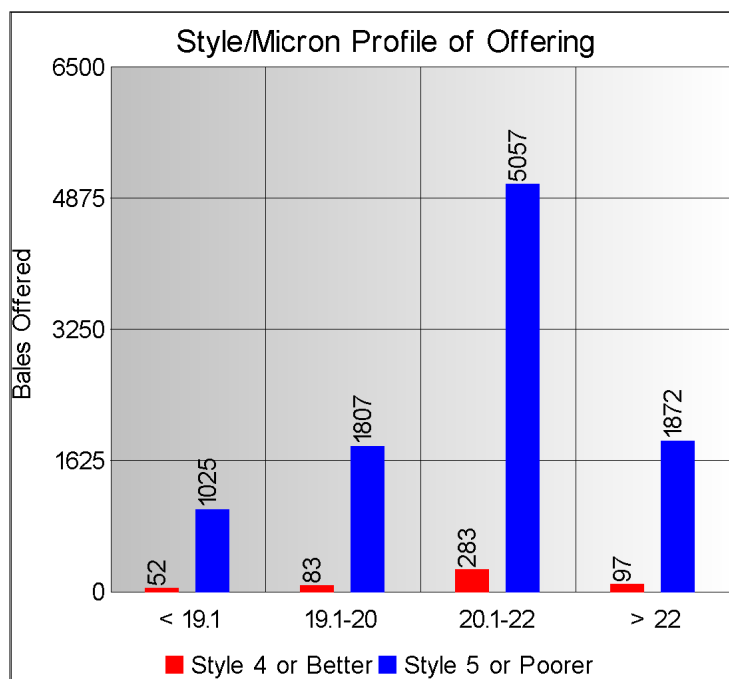
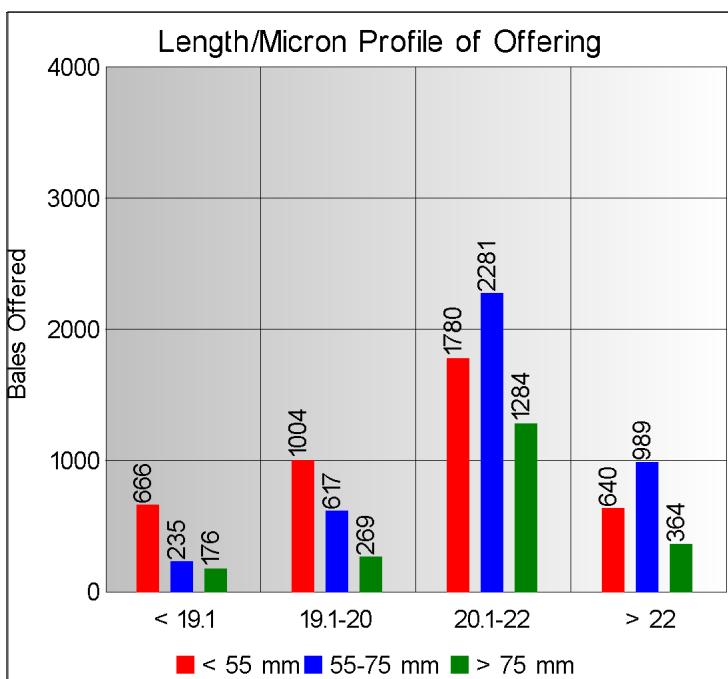
  

Exchange Rates			
Currency Unit	This Week	Previous Week	% Change
R/USD	10.2738	9.8782	-4.0%
R/Euro	13.0199	12.8271	-1.5%
R/AUD	6.6009	6.3944	-3.2%
USD/AUD	0.6425	0.6472	0.7%

## Analysis of Offerings by Broker This Week (Bales)

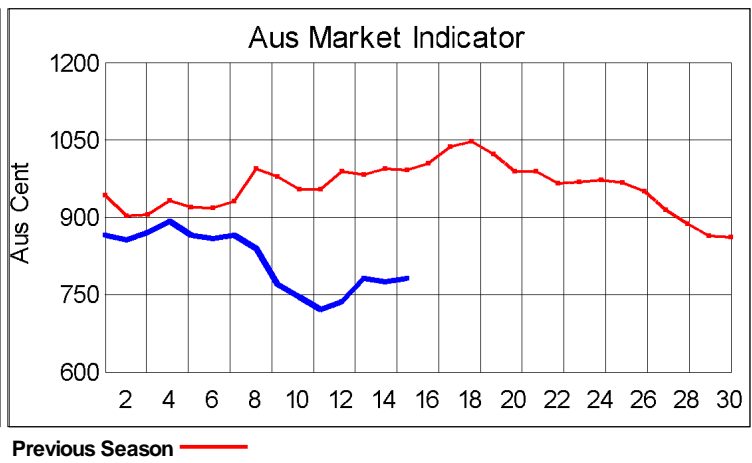
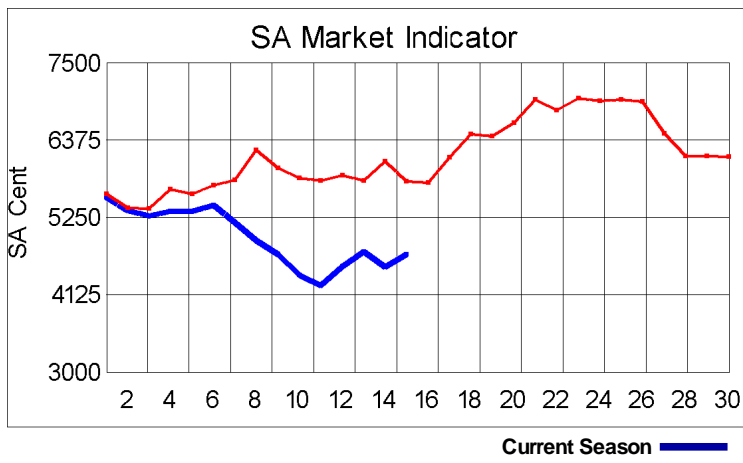
Broker	Merino Fleeces	Merino Bellies	Merino Lambs	Merino Backs	Merino Locks	* Other	Total	% Sold
BKB	3026	622	640	668	482	860	6298	97.1%
CMW	1410	290	228	282	133	329	2672	96.2%
LAN	226	23	46	21	33	113	462	99.1%
SBL	166	22	24	24	35	56	327	100.0%
VLW	308	50	48	35	47	58	546	98.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5136</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>1416</b>	<b>10305</b>	<b>97.1%</b>

\* Crossbred types, Coarse and Coloured and Inferior



## Receipts 08/09 Season

Season to Date (Kg.) 23,224,602.0 Previous Season to Date 24,229,612.4 Percentage Change: -4.15%



**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										
18.5				6688	6604	6072				
19.0		6648	6442	6537	5854					
19.5			5970	5931	5600	5079	5087			
20.0		5339	5419	5186	4834	4772	4619			
20.5		5079	5040	4944	4651	4349	3943			
21.0		4991	4990	4789	4576	4373	4110			
21.5		4917	4913	4790	4326	4186				
22.0		4908	4729	4735	4572	4046	3867			
22.5		4752	4806	4677		4263				
23.0		4784	4688		4122					
23.5						3734				
24.0		4526								

\* Based on a minimum of 3 lots sold per category

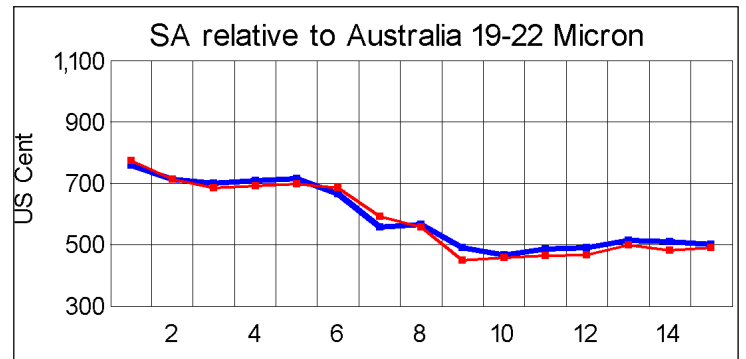
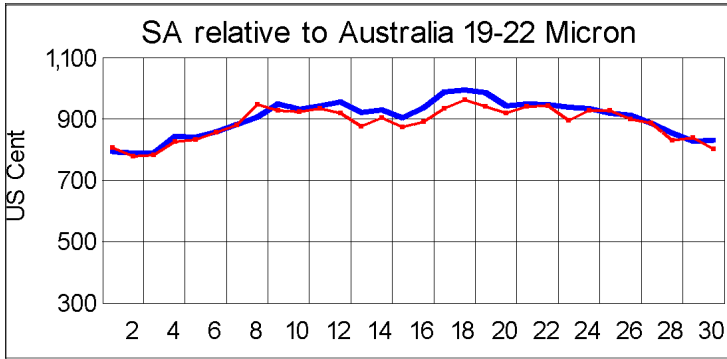
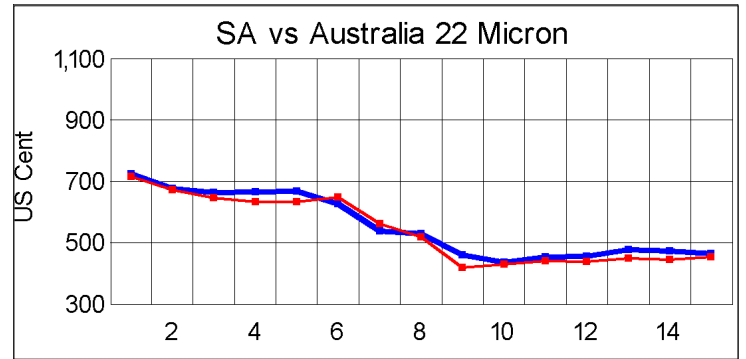
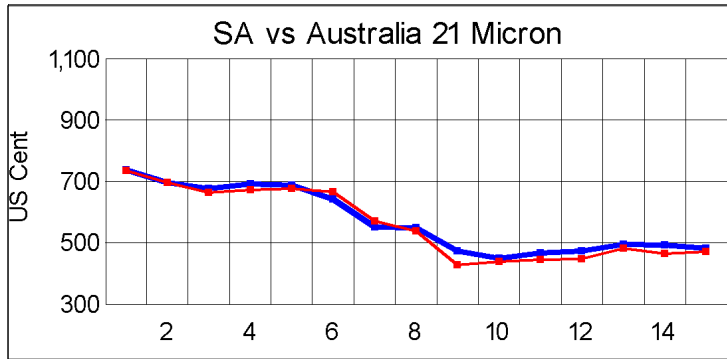
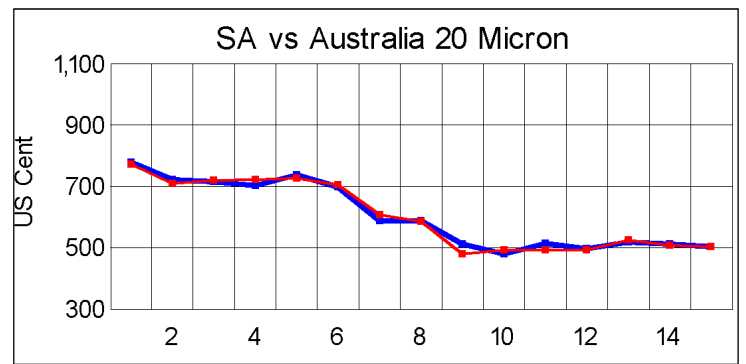
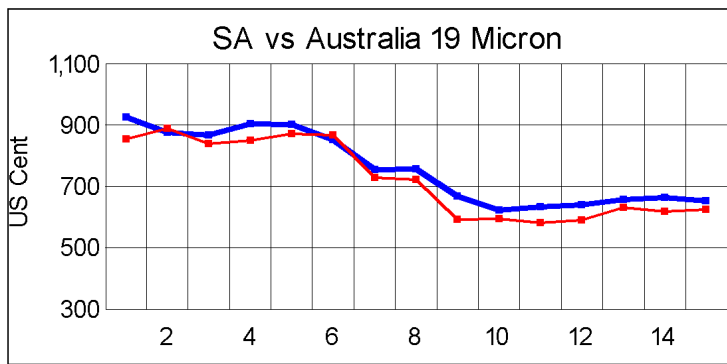
**Average Topmaking Styles (AWEX MF6)**

Micron	100+mm	90mm	80mm	70mm	60mm	50mm	40mm	30mm	20mm	10mm
18.0										
18.5										
19.0										
19.5										
20.0			5053	4868	4770					
20.5			4889	4730	4382	4448				
21.0			4768	4531	4238	3938				
21.5			4880	4450	4253					
22.0				4308	4375	4077				
22.5										
23.0										
23.5										
24.0										

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**Other Selected Types/Qualities**

	Long			Medium		
	19μ	20μ	21μ	19μ	20μ	21μ
<b>Good Quality</b>						
Lambswool	6620	4949	4415	5406	4515	4019
Bellies		4956	4287		4421	4146
Locks		1640		3769	2162	2590
<b>Average Quality</b>						
Lambswool	5809	5986		4681	4828	3701
Bellies	5217	4499	4036	5165	4438	3863
Locks		1645		2502	1690	2672
<b>Inferior Quality</b>						
Fleecewool	5743	4493	4230	4853	3515	4052
Lambswool		5071	4232	4348		3956
Bellies		4516	3369	3889	3605	3672
Locks				3048	2204	2333



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### Market Commentary

#### WEAKER RAND PUSHES WOOL PRICES UP

PORT ELIZABETH: A weaker rand compared with the previous sale, had a positive effect on this week's sale, and Cape Wools Merino indicator ended the day 4,2% up on last week at R47,22/kg (clean).

The rand had lost ground against major currencies and at R10,27 was 4% weaker against the dollar as fears about the global economy continues to haunt markets. At R13,02 it also was 1,5 % down on the euro. There was keen bidding for finer wools, particularly lambswool, which were in short supply, and prices for these types rose substantially. The medium wools were also dearer.

A total of 10 305 bales was on offer, of which 97% was sold. Standard Wool SA, which exports mainly to China, once again was the top buyer, taking up 3 023 bales. Other major buyers were Modiano (1 574 bales); Chargeurs Wool (1 539); Lempriere AUS (1424 bales); Segard Masurel (1296 bales) and Stucken (1 147 bales).

Average price movements for AWEX types MF4 and MF5 of 70 mm and 80 mm were as follows: 19 microns rose 7,8% to R64,90/kg; 20 microns gained 4,8% to R53,03/kg; 21 microns were 3,5% dearer at R48,90/kg, and 22 microns were up 3,1% to close at R47,32/kg. Approximately 11 500 bales have been rostered for next week, which is the final sale before the Christmas break. Sales will resume on 14 January.