

National Weekly Wool Market Report

Season: 2008/2009

Sale Date: 9/10 December 2008



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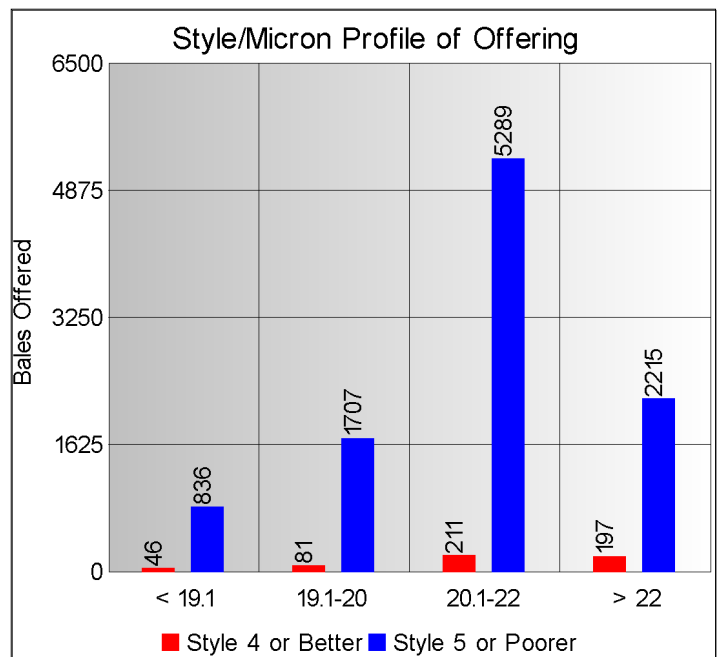
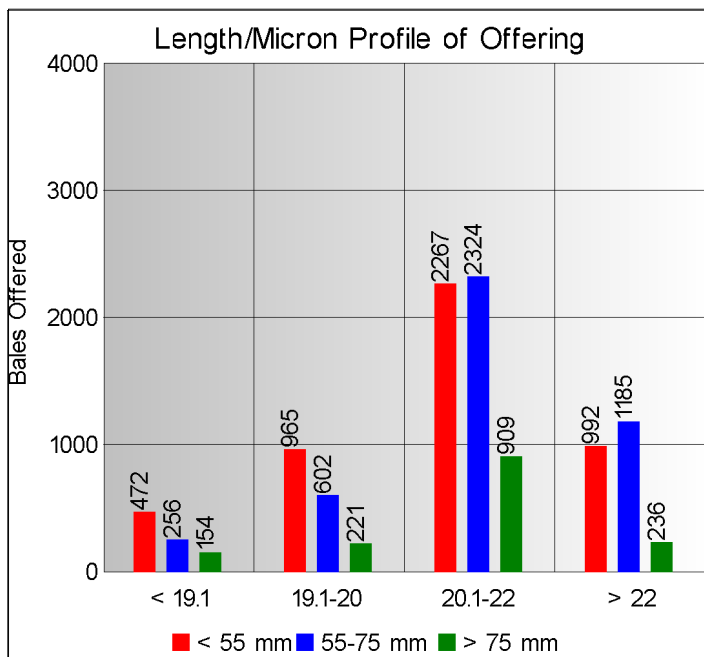
Market Indicators				Buyers			
Indicator Unit	Current Sale	Last Sale	Change	Company	Bales Purchased This Week	% of Purchases	Total Bales Purchased This Season
SA c/kg	4862	4722	3.0%	Standard Wool SA	3504	33.1%	30730
Ave. to date (08/09)	4951	4957	-0.1%	Chargeurs Wool SA	1632	15.4%	17167
Ave. to date (07/08)	5768			Lempriere (AUS) Ltd	1564	14.8%	13699
US c/kg	478	460	4.1%	Segard Masurel SA	1309	12.4%	18691
Euro c/kg	360	363	-0.8%	G Modiano SA	1258	11.9%	26196
AWEX EMI	781	783	-0.3%	Stucken & Co	839	7.9%	18773
				New England Wool SA	6	0.1%	664

Exchange Rates			
Currency Unit	This Week	Previous Week	% Change
R/USD	10.1645	10.2738	1.1%
R/Euro	13.5196	13.0199	-3.8%
R/AUD	6.6908	6.6009	-1.4%
USD/AUD	0.6581	0.6425	-2.4%

Analysis of Offerings by Broker This Week (Bales)

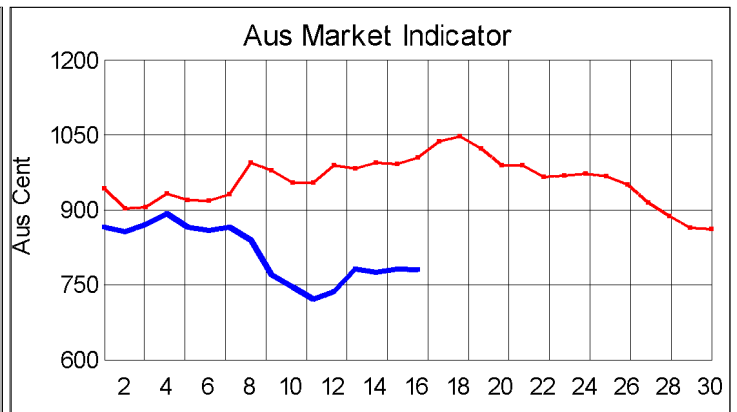
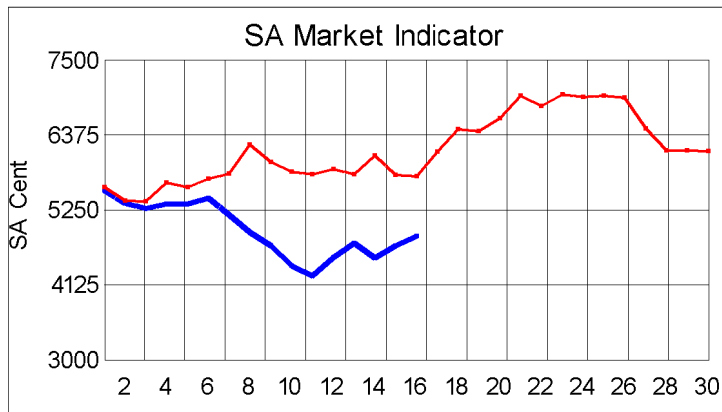
Broker	Merino Fleeces	Merino Bellies	Merino Lambs	Merino Backs	Merino Locks	* Other	Total	% Sold
BKB	3962	711	647	849	502	1490	8161	96.0%
CMW	1169	374	181	257	199	242	2422	94.2%
LAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SBL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
VLW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	5131	1085	828	1106	701	1732	10583	95.6%

* Crossbred types, Coarse and Coloured and Inferior



Receipts 08/09 Season

Season to Date (Kg.) 24,418,605.5 Previous Season to Date 24,963,898.7 Percentage Change: -2.18%



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				7729	6778	6270				
18.5			7257	7348	6668	5864				
19.0			6657		6508	5727	4777			
19.5			6339	5880	5348	5297	4786			
20.0		5621	5432	5452	5033	4747	4276			
20.5		5140	5058	5058	4795	4423	3916			
21.0		5090	5040	4970	4757	4228				
21.5		5023	4948	4931	4746	4184				
22.0			4945	4965	4587	4391				
22.5		4899	4880	4839	4610	4242				
23.0			4550	4767						
23.5										
24.0										

* Based on a minimum of 3 lots sold per category

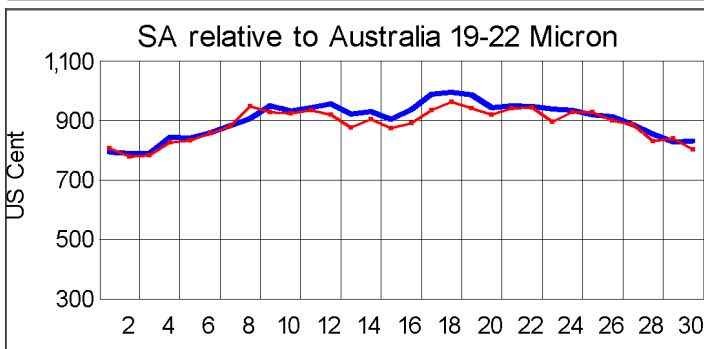
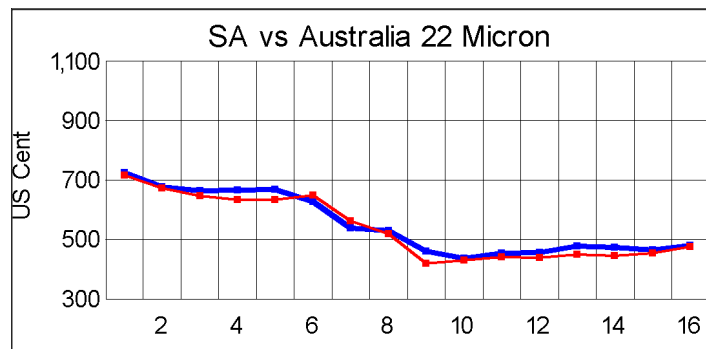
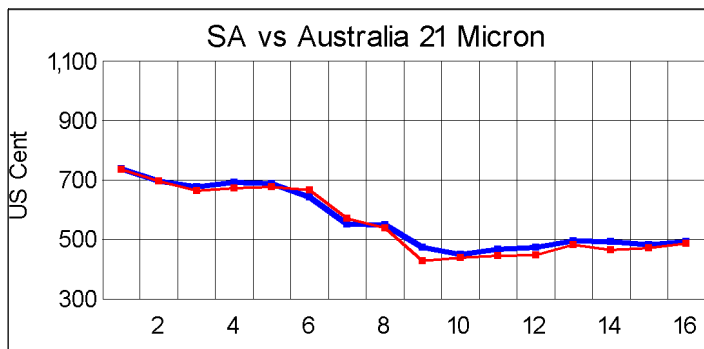
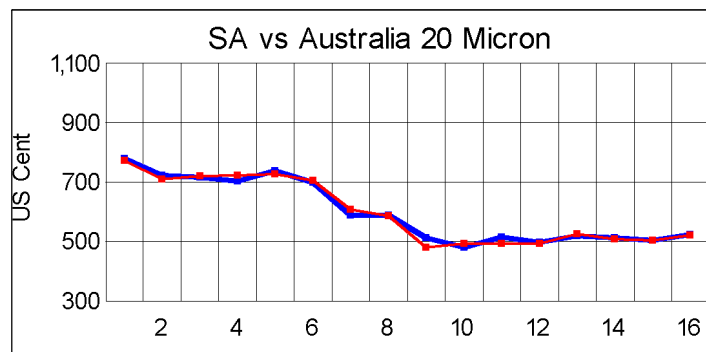
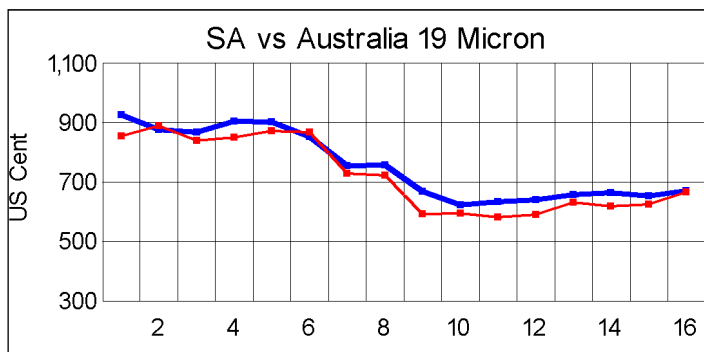
Average Topmaking Styles (AWEX MF6)

Micron	100+mm	90mm	80mm	70mm	60mm	50mm	40mm	30mm	20mm	10mm
18.0										
18.5										
19.0										
19.5				6020						
20.0			4697	5240	4938	4323				
20.5					4391	4272	3123			
21.0			4722	4785	4617	4445				
21.5				4548		4222				
22.0			4785	4738						
22.5						4049				
23.0										
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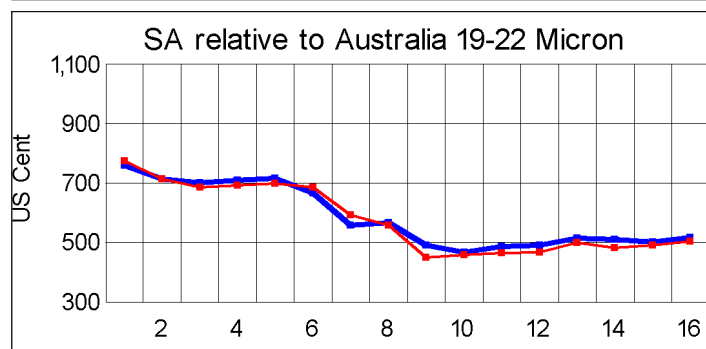
Other Selected Types/Qualities

	Long			Medium		
	19μ	20μ	21μ	19μ	20μ	21μ
Good Quality						
Lambswool	6332	5714		5364	4258	3789
Bellies	5999	4441	4482	5070	4190	4189
Locks				2612	2327	1547
Average Quality						
Lambswool	5756	4731	4384	4797	4568	3682
Bellies	5948	4538	4111	4962	4166	3354
Locks		1432		2793	1663	1716
Inferior Quality						
Fleecewool	5573	4526	4149		4564	3645
Lambswool		4592	4003	5328	3222	4315
Bellies	5247	4244		4513	4275	3340
Locks			1372	1157	2100	1723



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Market Commentary

WOOL PRICES UP ON LAST SALE BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK

PORT ELIZABETH: The first half of the season closed on a positive note when Cape Wools' Merino indicator rose 3% at today's sale to close at R48,62/kg (clean). This means that the indicator has gained 14% after the seasonal low of R42,64/kg posted in the first week of November.

The market improved despite the slightly stronger currency, which at R10,16 had gained 1,1% against the US dollar compared with last Wednesday's exchange rate. It was 3,8% weaker against the euro and down 1,4% against the Australian dollar.

The main driving force for the price increase appears to have been good demand from China, where importers are keen to fill import quotas before the year-end.

It was a fairly large sale with 10 583 bales on offer, of which 96% was sold. Major buyers were Standard Wool SA (3 504 bales); Chargeurs Wool (1 632 bales); Lempriere AUS (1 564 bales); Segard Masurel (1 309 bales) and Modiano (1 259 bales). Prices were up across the board, with long Merino types gaining between 2% to almost 5%.

Average price movements for AWEX types MF4 and MF5 of 70 mm and 80 mm were as follows: 19 microns rose 2,6% to R66,57/kg; 20 microns gained 2,6% to R54,42/kg; 21 microns were 2,4% dearer at R50,05/kg, and 22 microns were up 4,7 % to close at R49,55/kg. There were no quotes for 23, 24 and 25 microns in these specific types.

Sales will resume on 14 January when approximately 14 500 bales will be offered.