

# National Weekly Wool Market Report

Season: 2008/2009

Sale Date: 3/4 February 2009



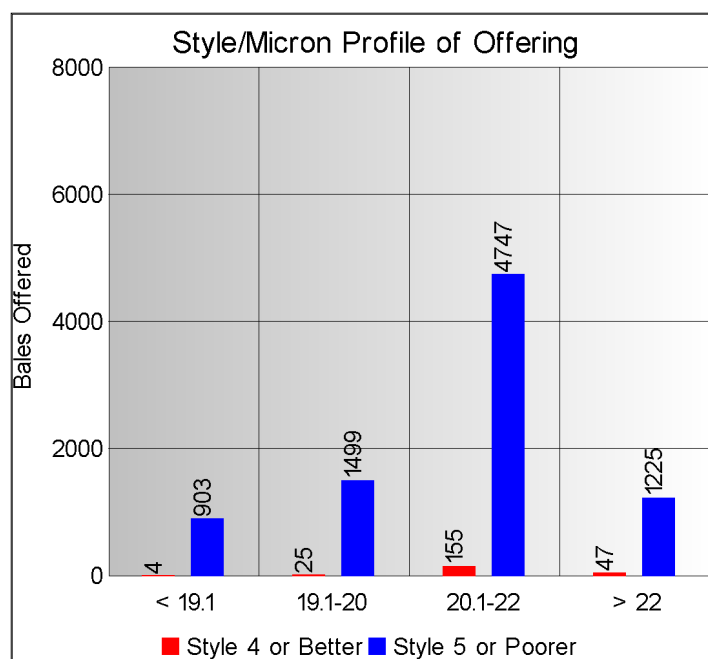
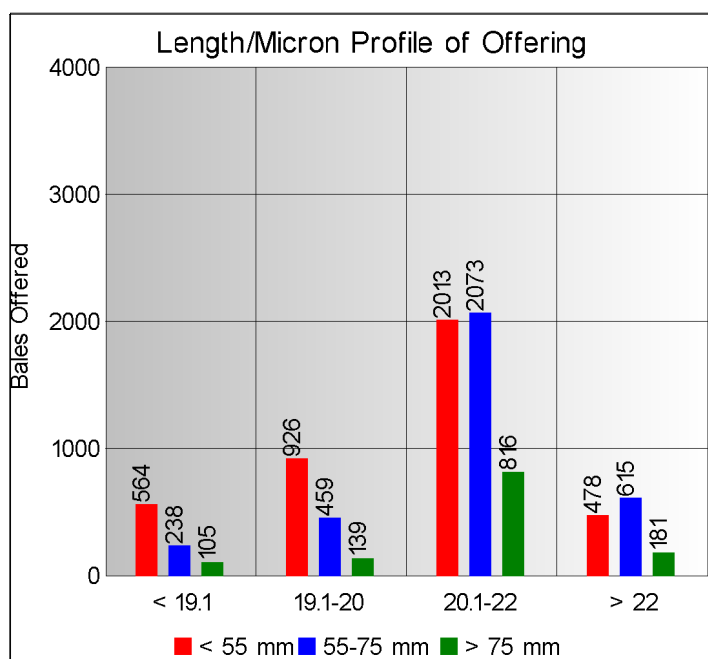
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Market Indicators				Buyers			
Indicator Unit	Current Sale	Last Sale	Change	Company	Bales Purchased This Week	% of Purchases	Total Bales Purchased This Season
SA c/kg	4368	4661	-6.3%	Standard Wool SA	2168	25.2%	43347
Ave. to date (08/09)	4882	4909	-0.6%	Lempriere (AUS) Ltd	1862	21.6%	20109
Ave. to date (07/08)	5898			Stucken & Co	1242	14.4%	23522
US c/kg	436	469	-7.1%	Segard Masurel SA	1071	12.4%	23209
Euro c/kg	336	354	-5.0%	G Modiano SA	603	7.0%	31155
AWEX EMI	739	744	-0.7%	Chargeurs Wool SA	260	3.0%	22650
Exchange Rates				A Dewavrin Freres	200	2.3%	3722
Currency Unit	This Week	Previous Week	% Change				
R/USD	10.0293	9.9385	-0.9%				
R/Euro	12.9982	13.1819	1.4%				
R/AUD	6.4526	6.6335	2.7%				
USD/AUD	0.6433	0.6672	3.6%				

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

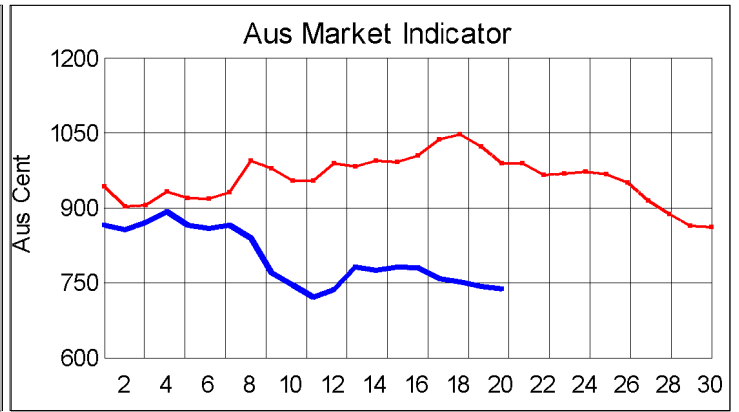
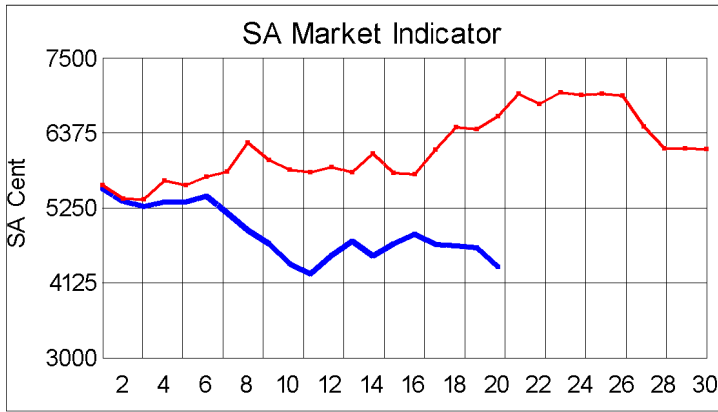
Broker	Merino Fleeces	Merino Bellies	Merino Lambs	Merino Backs	Merino Locks	* Other	Total	% Sold
BKB	2528	628	404	790	481	1107	5938	85.6%
CMW	683	285	229	130	110	254	1691	80.3%
LAN	36	23	42	2	18	95	216	93.5%
SBL	302	45	49	15	44	63	518	99.8%
VLW	134	35	21	10	24	20	244	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3683</b>	<b>1016</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>1539</b>	<b>8607</b>	<b>86.1%</b>

\* Crossbred types, Coarse and Coloured and Inferior



## Receipts 08/09 Season

Season to Date (Kg.) 32,799,511.5 Previous Season to Date 33,006,127.0 Percentage Change: -0.63%



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										
18.5						5475				
19.0				5648	5269	4880	4631			
19.5				5037	4854	4590	4404			
20.0			5034	4804	4639	4027	3953			
20.5		4933	4761	4448	4193	3880				
21.0			4721	4592	4364	3901				
21.5			4611	4533	4315					
22.0			4601	4542	4386					
22.5					4475					
23.0										
23.5										
24.0										

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

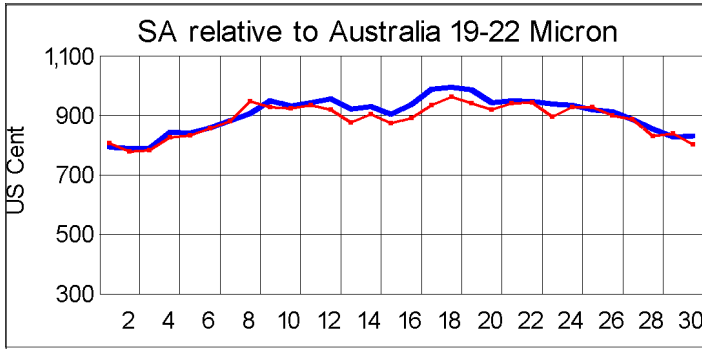
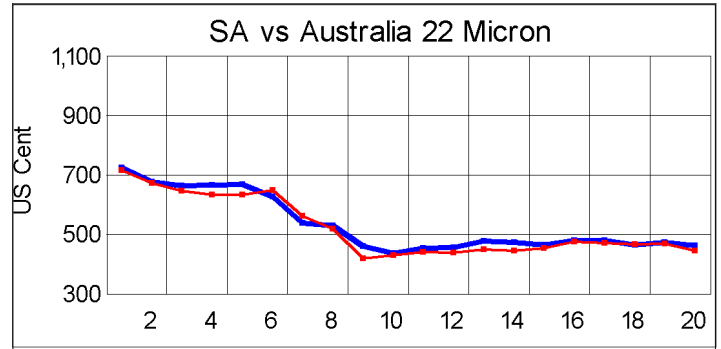
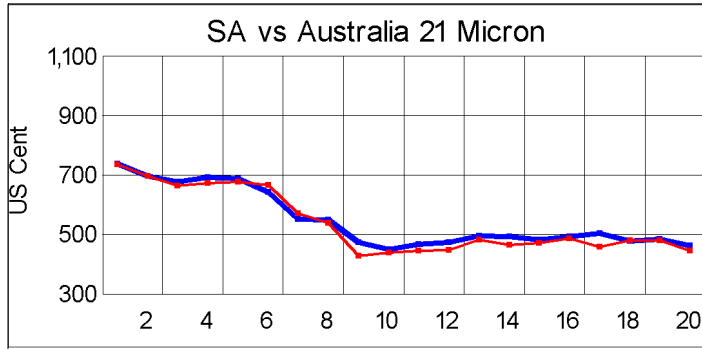
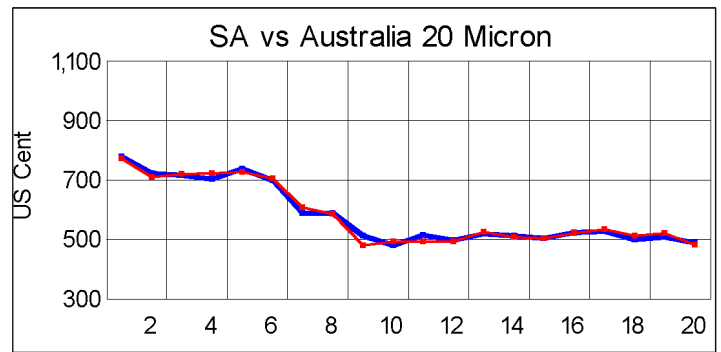
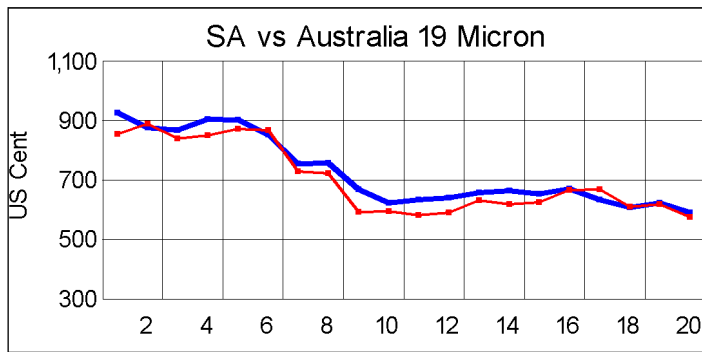
**Average Topmaking Styles (AWEX MF6)**

Micron	100+mm	90mm	80mm	70mm	60mm	50mm	40mm	30mm	20mm	10mm
18.0										
18.5										
19.0										
19.5										
20.0						3935	3940			
20.5				3701						
21.0				4297	3648					
21.5										
22.0										
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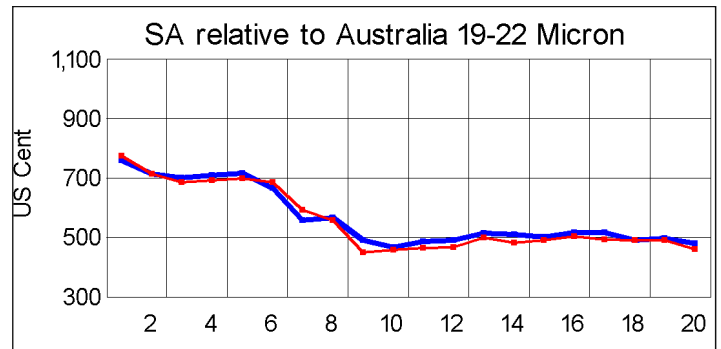
**Other Selected Types/Qualities**

	Long			Medium		
	19μ	20μ	21μ	19μ	20μ	21μ
<b>Good Quality</b>						
Lambswool	5551	5345	4098	4803	4371	3631
Bellies		4309		4285		
Locks				2626	2174	1936
<b>Average Quality</b>						
Lambswool	4959	5408		4415	3571	
Bellies	4937	3696	3421	4279	3642	3219
Locks				1679	2039	1487
<b>Inferior Quality</b>						
Fleecewool	5131	3905	3586	3688	2908	
Lambswool				3648	3847	
Bellies			3287	3679	3393	3077
Locks				1690	1760	1456



2007/2008

— SA in USc  
— Aus in USc



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### Market Commentary

#### ECONOMIC CRISIS PUSHES WOOL PRICES DOWN

**PORT ELIZABETH:** The deepening global economic crisis continues to impact negatively on the wool market and Cape Wools' Merino indicator shed 6,3% compared with last week to close at R43,68/kg (clean). This is down 21% on the opening level but still is 2,4% above its low posted in October 2008.

Buyers say business conditions have deteriorated and orders from most regions, but particularly from Europe, have declined drastically as the economic crisis begins to bite.

The rand, which at R10,02 had gained 0,9% against the US dollar compared with last week's exchange rate, put further pressure on the market prices.

A fairly low sales percentage was obtained when only 86% of the 8 607 bales on offer changed hands. Major buyers were Standard Wool SA (2 168 bales); Lempriere SA (1 862 bales); Stucken (1 242 bales) and Segard Masurel 1 071( bales).

Average prices for long fleece wools were down across the board. Average prices for AWEX types MF4 and MF 5 (70mm to 80 mm) were as follows: 19 microns dropped 8,4% to R56,48/kg; 20 microns were down 3% to R49,19/kg; 21 microns were 3% cheaper at R46,57/kg and 22 microns shed 1,8% to R45,72/kg. There were no quotes for 23 microns to 25 microns.

Approximately 9 000 bales will be offered at next week's sale.