

# National Weekly Wool Market Report

Season: 2008/2009

Sale Date: 3/4 March 2009



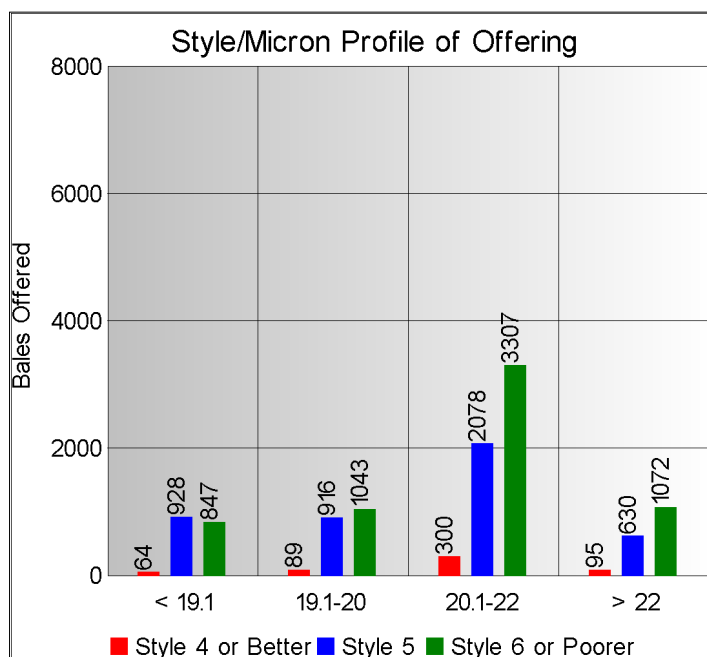
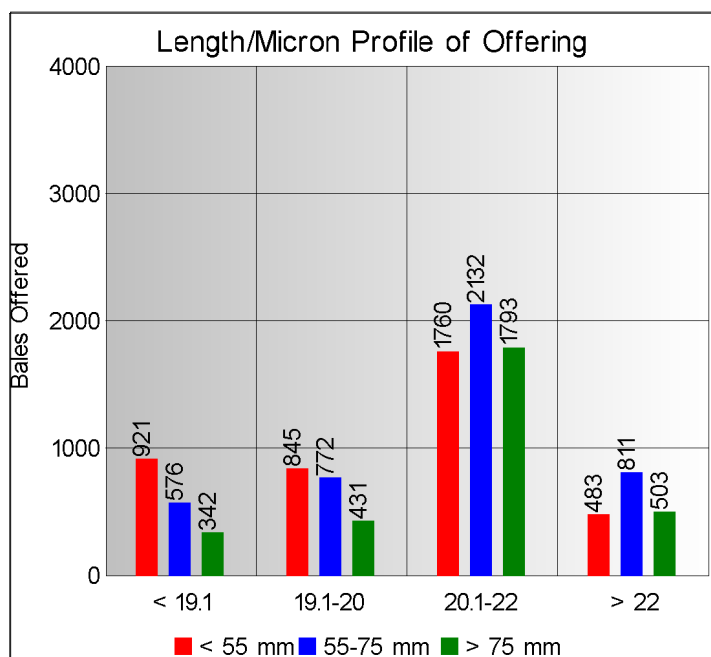
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Market Indicators				Buyers			
Indicator Unit	Current Sale	Last Sale	Change	Company	Bales Purchased This Week	% of Purchases	Total Bales Purchased This Season
SA c/kg	4675	4397	6.3%	Standard Wool SA	3080	27.1%	49220
Ave. to date (08/09)	4825	4832	-0.1%	G Modiano SA	2429	21.4%	35180
Ave. to date (07/08)	6032			Segard Masurel SA	1383	12.2%	26049
US c/kg	446	445	0.2%	Lempriere SA	1369	12.0%	25068
Euro c/kg	356	346	3.0%	Stucken & Co	1020	9.0%	25620
AWEX EMI	724	721	0.4%	Chargeurs Wool SA	997	8.8%	25222
Exchange Rates				A Dewavrin Freres	738	6.5%	5320
Currency Unit	This Week	Previous Week	% Change	New England Wool SA	2	0.0%	777
R/USD	10.4804	9.8760	-6.1%				
R/Euro	13.1149	12.7025	-3.2%				
R/AUD	6.6713	6.4497	-3.4%				
USD/AUD	0.6365	0.6533	2.6%				

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

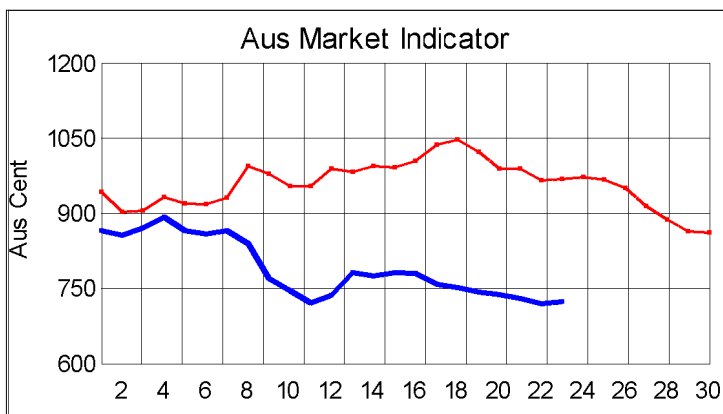
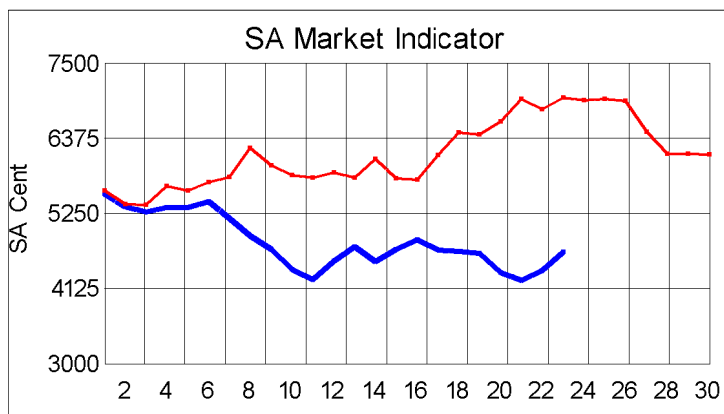
Broker	Merino Fleeces	Merino Bellies	Merino Lambs	Merino Backs	Merino Locks	* Other	Total	% Sold
BKB	4153	566	1008	776	643	1194	8340	96.5%
CMW	1563	247	409	232	177	401	3029	98.0%
LAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SBL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
VLW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5716</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>1417</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>1595</b>	<b>11369</b>	<b>96.9%</b>

\* Crossbred types, Coarse and Coloured and Inferior



## Receipts 08/09 Season

Season to Date (Kg.) 37,384,438.5 Previous Season to Date 37,731,735.9 Percentage Change: -0.92%



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				6965	6401	5342				
18.5			6459	6386	5689	5149				
19.0			5848	5769	5430	4893				
19.5			5482	5278	5147	4591	4499			
20.0		5159	5011	5006	4694	4400	4299			
20.5		5055	5021	4963	4543	4233	4239			
21.0		5035	4981	4891	4519	4070	4062			
21.5		4878	4914	4855	4492	4138				
22.0		4895	4878	4834	4646	4304				
22.5			4863	4797	4573	4038				
23.0			4807	4709	4632					
23.5				4327						
24.0			4723							

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

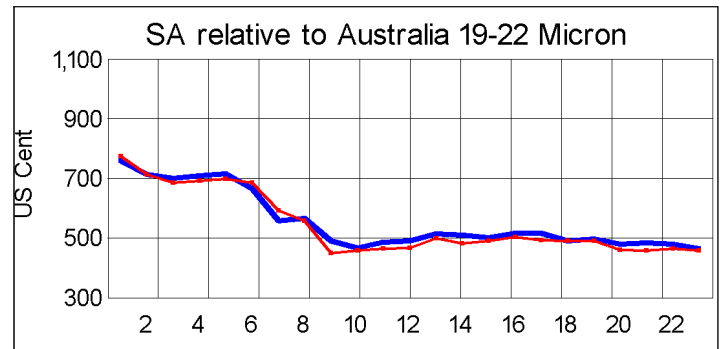
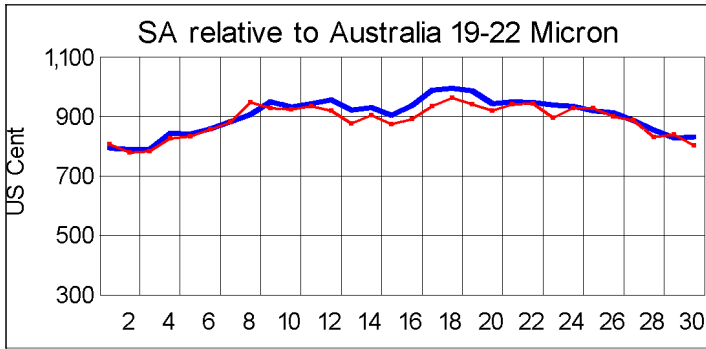
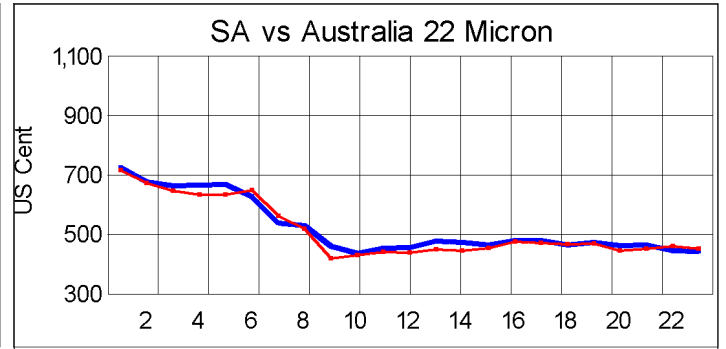
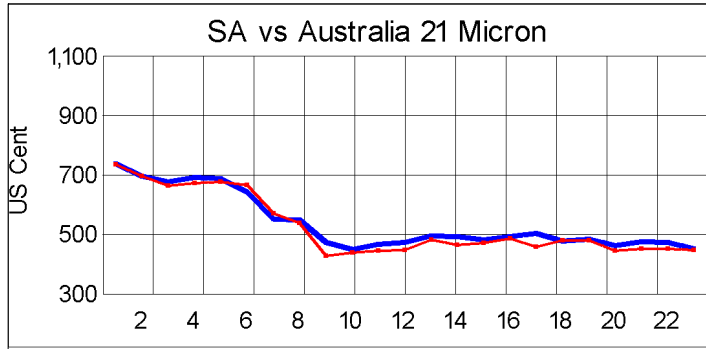
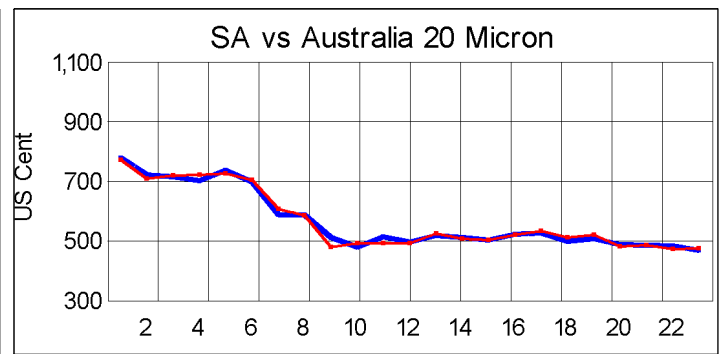
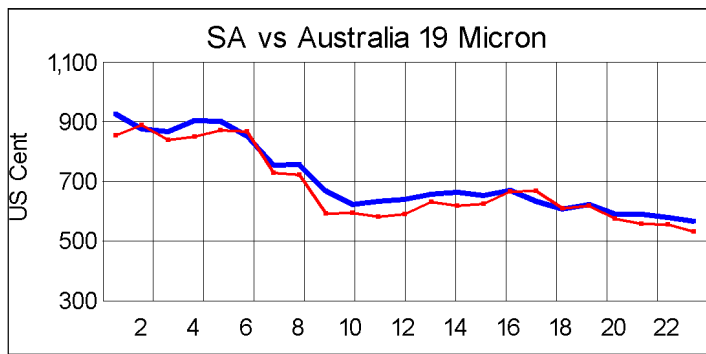
**Average Topmaking Styles (AWEX MF6)**

Micron	100+mm	90mm	80mm	70mm	60mm	50mm	40mm	30mm	20mm	10mm
18.0						5194				
18.5										
19.0										
19.5										
20.0				4573						
20.5				4674						
21.0			4547	4847			4033			
21.5			4697			4125	3928			
22.0			4689	4582	4518					
22.5				4579						
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	5661	4674	4857	4778	4389	4121
Bellies	4659		3975	4633	4067	3756
Locks		3197		3413	3017	2915
<b>Average Quality</b>						
Lambswool	5449	4683	3935	4627	4199	4077
Bellies	4326	4251	3793	4522	4028	3842
Locks	2562			2636	2745	2552
<b>Inferior Quality</b>						
Fleecewool	4667	4409	4042		3072	3915
Lambswool	5597	4858	3906	4939		
Bellies	4601	3983	3409	4112	3725	3490
Locks		2120	2441	2371	2455	2350



2007/2008

— SA in USc  
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### Market Commentary

#### SHARP FALL IN VALUE OF RAND BOOSTS PRICES

**PORT ELIZABETH:** The sharp decline in the value of the rand boosted wool prices and Cape Wools' Merino indicator rose 6,3% compared with the previous sale to close the day at R46,75/kg (clean). This means that the indicator has risen by almost 10% in just two weeks.

The rand came under pressure due to the current economic conditions spilling over to the financial markets of emerging economies. As a result, it was trading at around R10,64 in early morning trade against the US dollar before recovering somewhat. The average rate for the day was R10,48 against the US dollar, which was down 6,1% compared with the average rate last Wednesday. At R13,11, the rand was 3,2% weaker against the euro.

There was good competition for the 11 369 bales offered, of which 97% was sold. Major buyers were Standard Wool SA (3 080 bales); Modiano (2 429 bales), Segard Masurel (1 383 bales), Lempriere SA (1 369 bales), and Stucken (1 020 bales).

Prices were up across the board, with long wools gaining between 2% and 6%.

Average prices for AWEX types MF4 and MF 5 (70 mm to 80 mm) were as follows: 19 microns gained 4,1% to R58,09/kg; 20 microns rose 2,4% to R50,09/kg; 21 microns were 5,9% dearer at R49,36/kg; 22 microns gained 6,5% to R48,56/kg and 23 microns were up 3,1% at R47,09/kg.

Approximately 9 500 bales will come under the hammer at next week's sale.