

# National Weekly Wool Market Report

Season: 2008/2009

Sale Date: 20/21 April 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	4673	4705	-0.7%	Standard Wool SA	3639	34.8%	63483
Ave. to date (08/09)	4791	4795	-0.1%	Stucken & Co	1683	16.1%	31736
Ave. to date (07/08)	6152			G Modiano SA	1541	14.7%	44982
US c/kg	516	511	0.9%	Lempriere SA	1443	13.8%	31047
Euro c/kg	399	388	2.8%	Segard Masurel SA	997	9.5%	30452
AWEX EMI	770	767	0.4%	Chargeurs Wool SA	777	7.4%	29230
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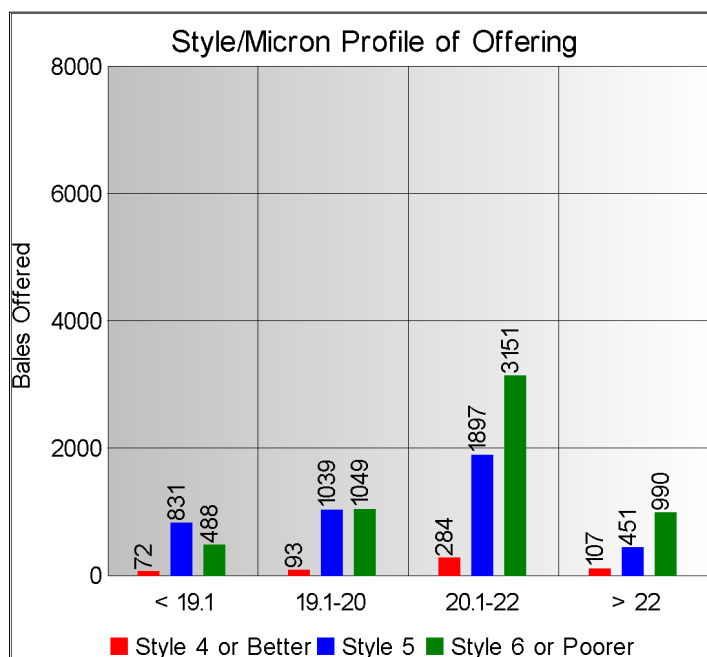
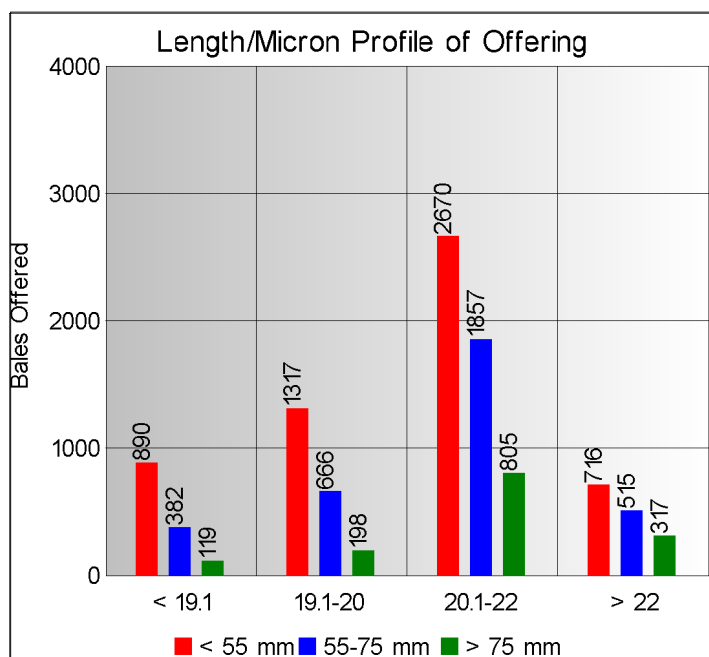
  

Exchange Rates			
Currency Unit	This Week	Previous Week	% Change
R/USD	9.0568	9.2020	1.6%
R/Euro	11.7224	12.1332	3.4%
R/AUD	6.3574	6.4911	2.1%
USD/AUD	0.7020	0.7052	0.5%

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

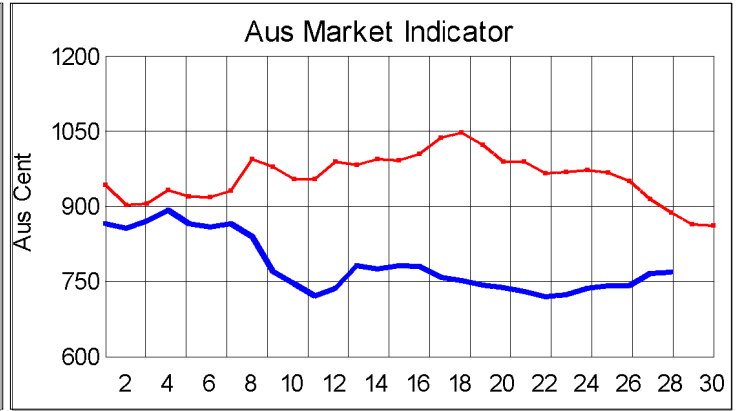
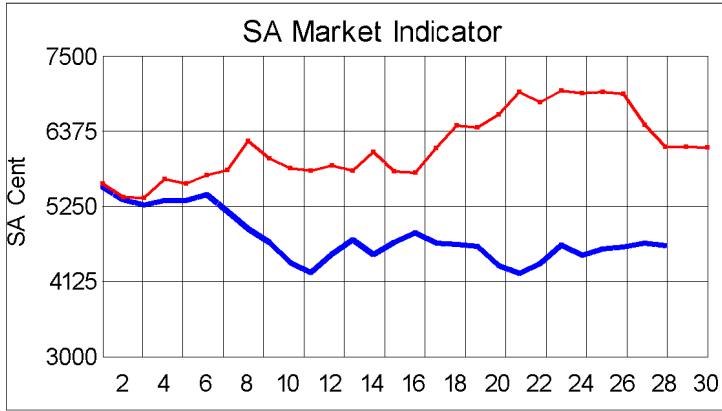
Broker	Merino Fleeces	Merino Bellies	Merino Lambs	Merino Backs	Merino Locks	* Other	Total	% Sold
BKB	3045	623	593	563	632	1577	7033	98.5%
CMW	1376	310	402	122	266	532	3008	96.1%
LAN	29	6	13	5	22	135	210	99.5%
SBL	81	27	24	4	28	37	201	100.0%
VLW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4531</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>1032</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>2281</b>	<b>10452</b>	<b>97.8%</b>

\* Crossbred types, Coarse and Coloured and Inferior



## Receipts 08/09 Season

Season to Date (Kg.) 43,268,255.0      Previous Season to Date 43,750,872.9      Percentage Change: -1.10%



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			7320			5809	5731			
18.5				6735	6321	5388				
19.0				6149	5847	5163	5098			
19.5			5720	5762	5268	4909	4948			
20.0			5158	5151	4795	4599	4567			
20.5			4793	4711	4586	4413	4381			
21.0			4812	4746	4659	4346	4192			
21.5			4821	4733	4535	4216	4076			
22.0			4773	4641	4600	4237	3940			
22.5				4680	4521	4059				
23.0						3761	3852			
23.5						3753	3585			
24.0										

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

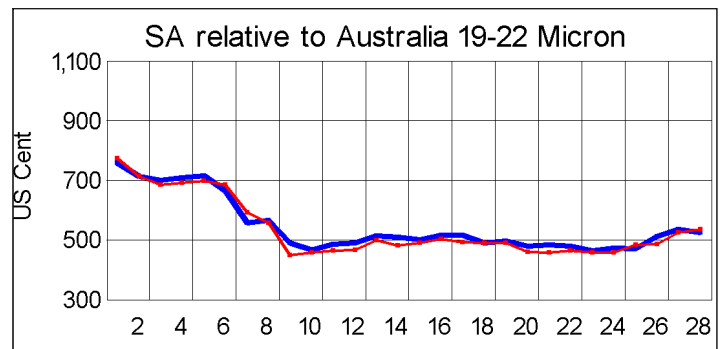
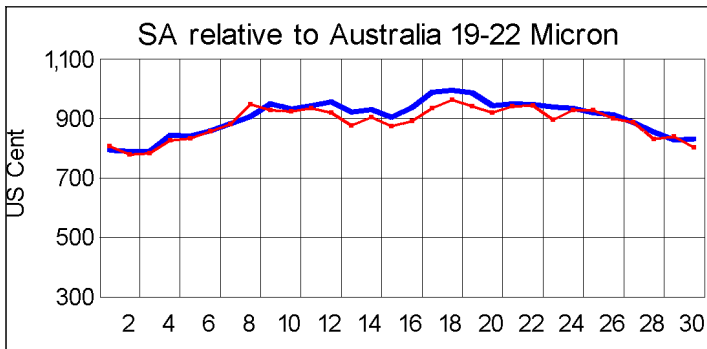
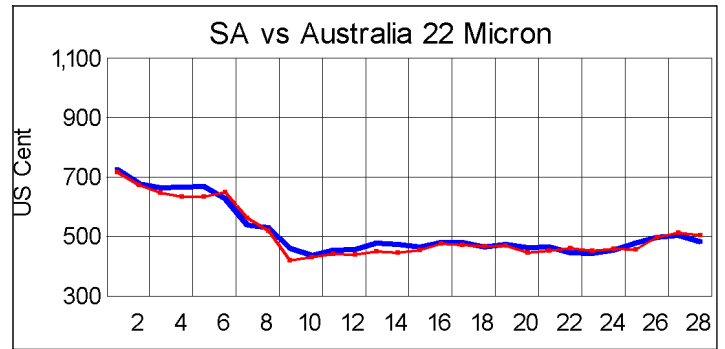
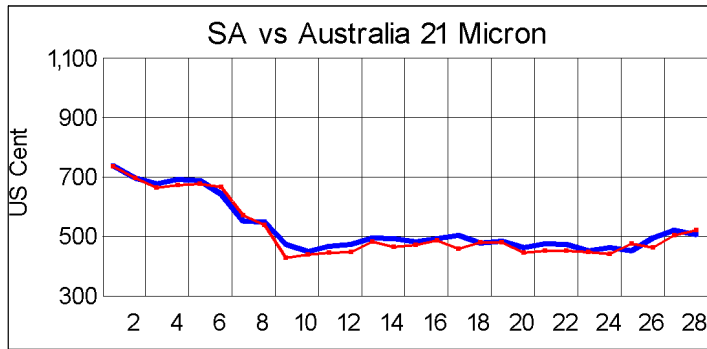
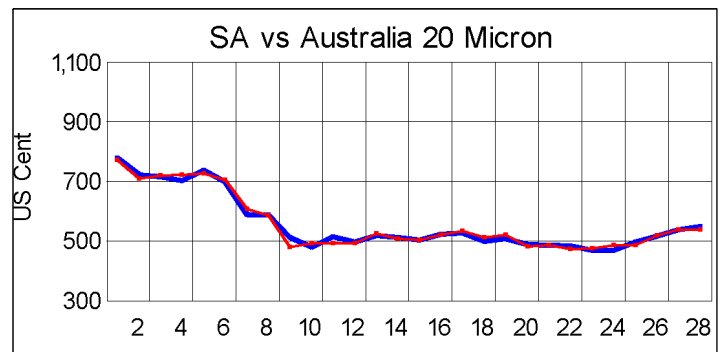
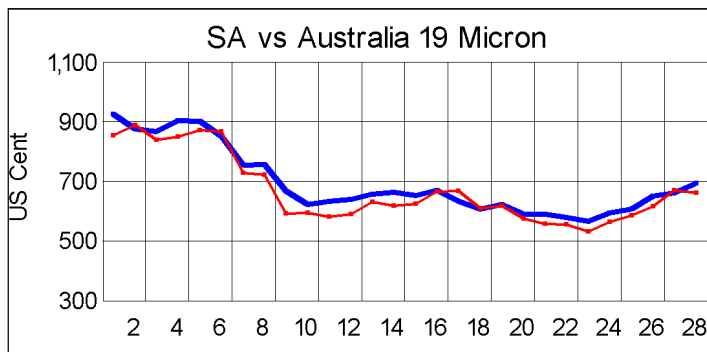
**Average Topmaking Styles (AWEX MF6)**

Micron	100+mm	90mm	80mm	70mm	60mm	50mm	40mm	30mm	20mm	10mm
18.0										
18.5										
19.0										
19.5						4905				
20.0						3713				
20.5				4727	4395	4421				
21.0					4344	4193				
21.5							3915			
22.0							3554			
22.5						3985	3660			
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	6070	4759	4596	5288	4628	4408
Bellies	5368	4787		4856	4527	3733
Locks				3690	3307	2790
<b>Average Quality</b>						
Lambswool	5816	4837	4699	5050	4440	4325
Bellies		4586	3433	4792	4512	3674
Locks				3302	3063	1939
<b>Inferior Quality</b>						
Fleecewool	5084	4503	4397	5029	4701	4172
Lambswool	4906	4235	4235	5137	4495	4234
Bellies		4556	4249	4570	4235	3239
Locks				3098	2721	2508



2007/2008

SA in USc  
Aus in USc

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### Market Commentary

#### MARKET MARGINALLY DOWN AS CURRENCY STRENGTHENS

**Port Elizabeth:** The market was relatively firm at at this week's sale despite a stronger rand. Cape Wool's Merino indicator was down a marginal 0,7% compared with the same sale a fortnight ago to close at R46,73/kg (clean).

At R9,06, the rand was 1,6% stronger against the US dollar compared with the average exchange rate at the previous sale, while it was 3,4% stronger against the euro at R11,72.

With sales taking place every second week, competition between the various sectors of the trade remains strong, lending good support to the market. A total of 11 452 bales was offered, of which 98% changed hands. Major buyers were Standard Wool SA (3 639 bales); Stucken (1 683 bales); Modiano (1 541 bales); Lempriere SA (1 443 bales), and Segard Masurel (997 bales).

Average prices for AWEX types MF4 and MF 5 (70 mm) were as follows: 19 microns were down 2,7% to R61,97/kg; 20 microns gained 1,1% to R50,13/kg; 21 microns were down 2% to R47,59/kg, but 22 microns eased 2,4% to R47,65/kg.

There will be no sale next week. The next sale has been scheduled for 6 May when approximately 10 000 bales will come under the hammer.