

# National Weekly Wool Market Report

Season: 2008/2009

Sale Date: 19/20 May 2009



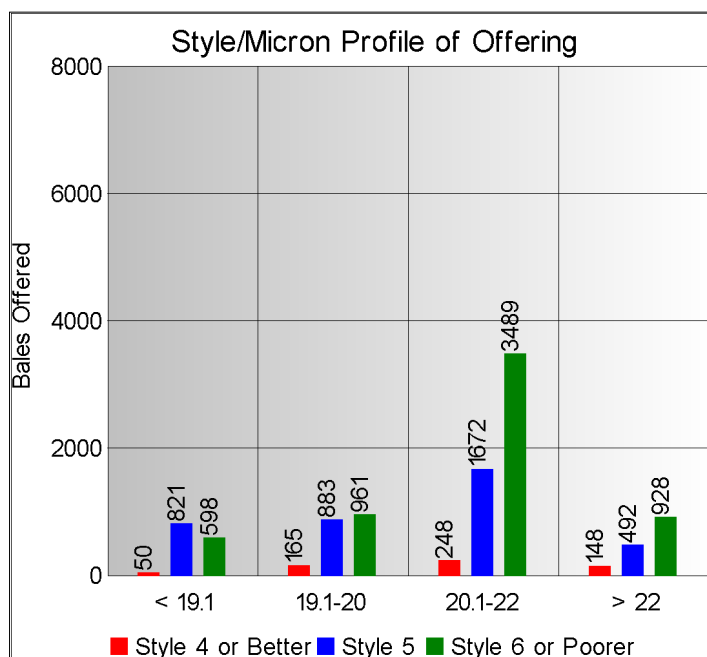
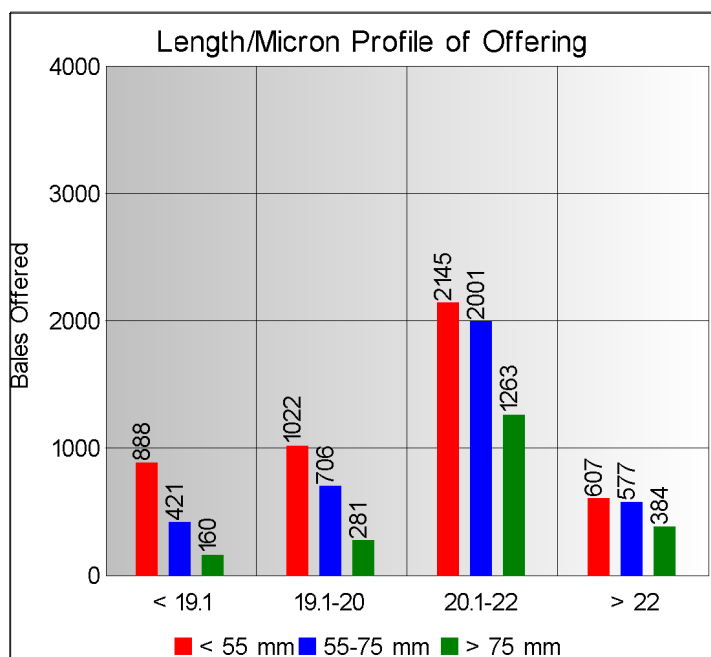
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Market Indicators				Buyers			
Indicator Unit	Current Sale	Last Sale	Change	Company	Bales Purchased This Week	% of Purchases	Total Bales Purchased This Season
SA c/kg	5150	4910	4.9%	Standard Wool SA	2756	26.4%	68641
Ave. to date (08/09)	4807	4795	0.3%	Lempriere SA	2532	24.2%	35187
Ave. to date (07/08)	6151			G Modiano SA	1553	14.9%	49524
US c/kg	614	580	5.8%	Segard Masurel SA	1422	13.6%	32687
Euro c/kg	450	436	3.2%	Stucken & Co	1096	10.5%	34365
AWEX EMI	826	822	0.5%	Chargeurs Wool SA	746	7.1%	30546
Exchange Rates				A Dewavrin Freres	182	1.7%	7931
Currency Unit	This Week	Previous Week	% Change	New England Wool SA	4	0.0%	793
R/USD	8.3930	8.4650	0.9%				
R/Euro	11.4465	11.2642	-1.6%				
R/AUD	6.4823	6.2741	-3.3%				
USD/AUD	0.7722	0.7411	-4.2%				

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

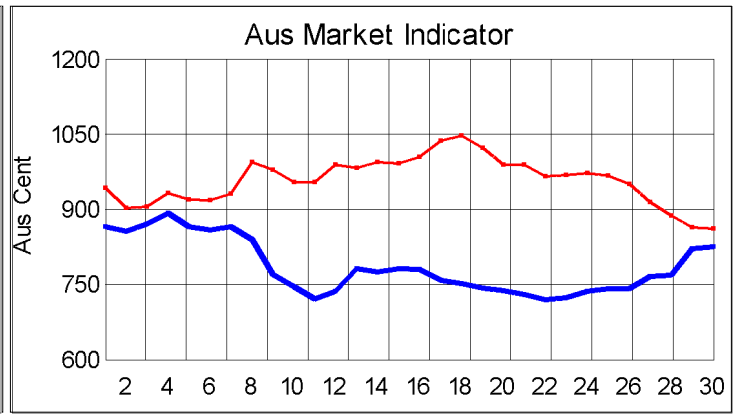
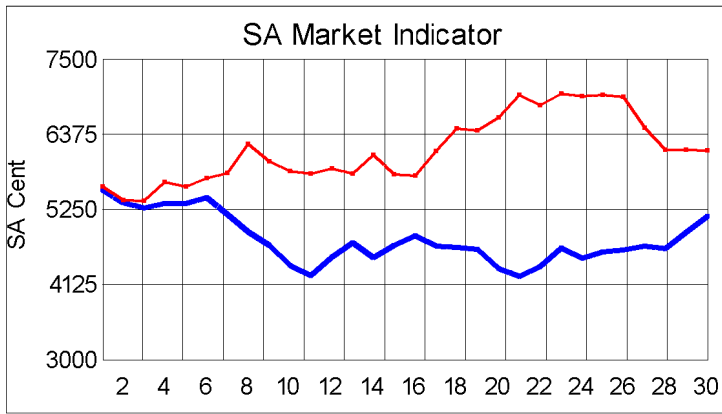
Broker	Merino Fleeces	Merino Bellies	Merino Lambs	Merino Backs	Merino Locks	* Other	Total	% Sold
BKB	2686	539	552	760	542	1473	6552	99.0%
CMW	1517	247	382	116	221	431	2914	96.8%
LAN	29	8	7	2	8	57	111	100.0%
SBL	155	31	53	27	84	110	460	99.6%
VLW	197	38	63	23	58	39	418	99.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4584</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>1057</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>2110</b>	<b>10455</b>	<b>98.4%</b>

\* Crossbred types, Coarse and Coloured and Inferior



## Receipts 08/09 Season

Season to Date (Kg.) 46,164,174.9 Previous Season to Date 46,680,556.2 Percentage Change: -1.11%



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							6023			
18.5				6654		5803				
19.0				6529	5978	5414	5323			
19.5			5970	5951	5531	5046				
20.0			5474	5500	5141	4832	4729			
20.5		5338	5344	5306	5031	4810	4788			
21.0			5417	5281	5008	4512				
21.5			5344	5292	5152	4490	4397			
22.0			5271	5325	5084	4547				
22.5		5321	5191	5308		4525	4091			
23.0				5355		3994				
23.5			4654				3580			
24.0										

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

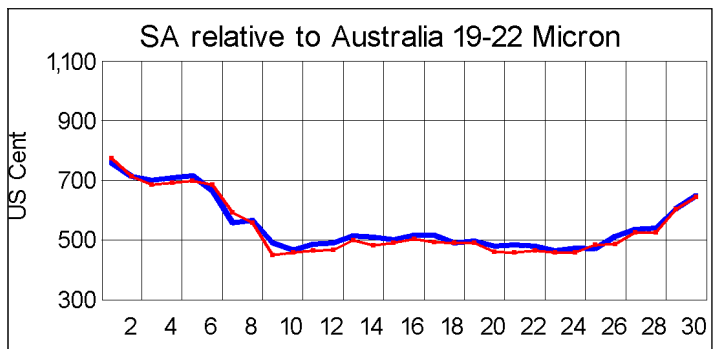
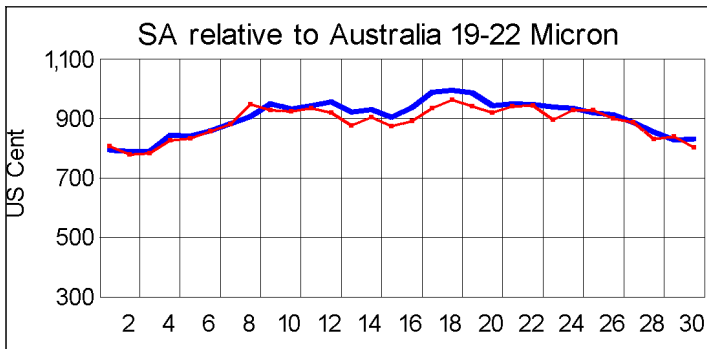
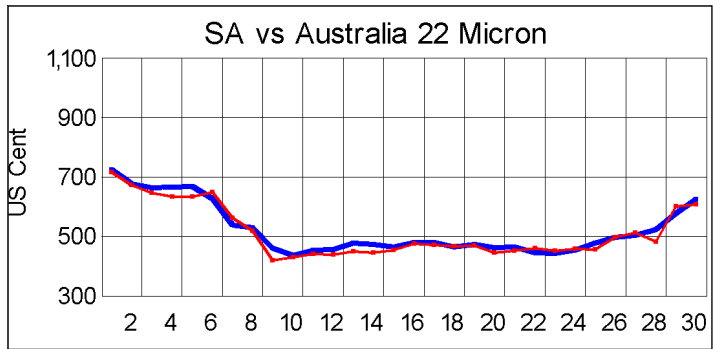
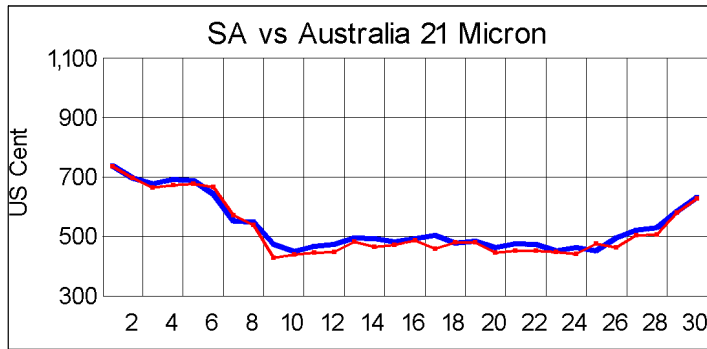
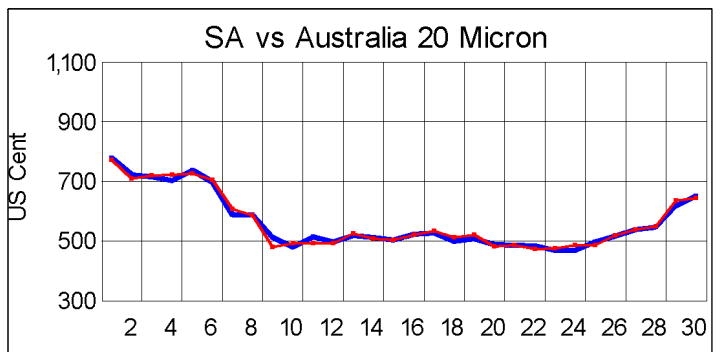
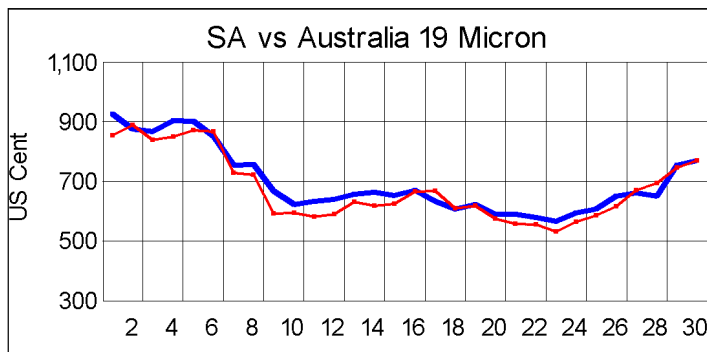
**Average Topmaking Styles (AWEX MF6)**

Micron	100+mm	90mm	80mm	70mm	60mm	50mm	40mm	30mm	20mm	10mm
18.0										
18.5										
19.0										
19.5							5110			
20.0					5011		4510			
20.5						4662				
21.0						4505	4423			
21.5				5165	4960	4229				
22.0						4339				
22.5							3584			
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	6168	5380		5400	4997	4382
Bellies	6060	5017		4989	4782	4347
Locks				3719	3116	2783
<b>Average Quality</b>						
Lambswool	6185	5423	4840	5119	4671	4318
Bellies	5537	4640	4624	4951	4599	4159
Locks				3546	3118	2725
<b>Inferior Quality</b>						
Fleecewool	5850	4878	4684	5679	4666	
Lambswool		3649		4915		
Bellies		4636		4311	4110	3824
Locks				3004	2746	2445



2007/2008

— SA in USc  
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## Market Commentary

### ANOTHER BIG JUMP IN PRICES

**Port Elizabeth:** The market put up an excellent performance at this week's sale despite a stronger rand and Cape wools' Merino indicator gained another 4,9% on the previous sale a fortnight ago, to close at R51,50/kg (clean). This follows a 5,1% jump at the previous sale.

The indicator has since its seasonal low in February this year now risen by 17%, but it is still 7% below the opening level of the season.

The major driving force in the market currently is strong demand from China, where stocks have been running low while processors need supplies to fill orders. This strong demand is reflected in export figures, which show a 61% year-on-year increase in grease-wool exports from South Africa to China so far this season.

With only one sale left before the close of the season, there was strong competition between the various sectors of the trade, which supported the market.

At R8,39, the rand was 0,9% stronger against the US dollar, but 1,6% weaker against the euro.

Prices were up across the board with long wool categories gaining between 3% to 7%.

A total of 10 455 bales was offered, of which 98% changed hands. Major buyers were Standard Wool SA (2 756 bales); Lempriere SA (2 532 bales); Modiano (1 553 bales); Segard Masurel (1 422 bales), and Stucken (1 096 bales).

Average prices for AWEX types MF4 and MF5 (70 mm) were as follows: 19 microns were up 3,8% at R64,82/kg; 20 microns gained 3,6% to R54,10/kg; 21 microns were 6,6% dearer at R52,35/kg, and 22 microns rose 7,2% to R52,92/kg. There will be no sale next week. The final sale of the season will take place on 10 June when approximately 14 000 bales will come under the hammer.