

CAPE WOOLS SA
Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary

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Market Commentary

LITTLE CHANGE IN WOOL PRICES

PORT ELIZABETH: Wool prices remained largely unchanged at this week's sale and Cape Wools market indicator finished the day up a marginal 0,2% at R24,64/kg (clean).

The rand was unchanged, which provided support to the market. Prices for most micron categories remained at more or less the same levels than last week, while one or two dropped slightly. The worst performer was 25 microns, which closed 2% lower. A total of 6 809 bales was offered of which 93% was sold. Major buyers were Modiano (1 875 bales), Stucken (1 329 bales), Chargeurs Wool (934 bales), Beier Finance (657 bales), and ADF (533 bales).

Average clean prices for good quality long (75 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns were 1,2% cheaper at R37,72/kg, 20 microns were up 0,8% at R35,26/kg, 21 microns were up 0,7% at R33,09/kg, 22 microns dropped 0,4% to R32,15/kg, 23 microns were unchanged at R32,08/kg, 24 microns gained 0,8% at R31,34/kg, but 25 microns were down 2,1% at R29,62/kg.

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

Auction Analysis

Composition of Fleece Offerings			Analysis of Offerings					
Description	% This Week	% Prev Week	Description	This Week			Previous Week	
				%	Bales	% Sold	Bales	% Sold
Long Wool	59.5	56.4	Merino Fleeces	48.7	3 314	92.5	4 332	93.1
Medium Wool	36.1	39.8	Merino Bellies	6.0	409	99.8	548	98.9
Short Wool and Locks	4.4	3.8	Merino Lambs	7.2	493	87.6	716	90.1
Fine Wool (<20μ)	11.2	10.0	Merino Locks	6.3	426	99.3	625	99.2
Medium Wool (20 - 22μ)	58.8	63.4	Other	31.8	2 167	91.9	1 838	89.5
Strong Wool (22 - 24μ)	27.0	22.0	Total	100.0	6 809	92.8	8 059	92.9
Overstrong (24 - 27μ)	3.0	4.6						

Other Indicators

Offerings per Port

Indicators	This Week	Prev Week	% Change	Ports	This Week (Bales)			Prev Week (Bales)	
					Offered	Sold	% Sold	Offered	Sold
SA Market Indicator	2 464	2 459	0.2	Cape Town	1 476	1 388	94.0	899	859
AWEX EMI	670	679	-1.3	Durban	631	516	81.8	732	636
R/US Dollar	6.4357	6.4203	-0.2	Port Elizabeth	4 702	4 418	94.0	6 428	5 989
R/A Dollar	4.8888	4.8675	-0.4	Total	6 809	6 322	92.8	8 059	7 484
R/Euro	7.6920	7.7234	0.4						

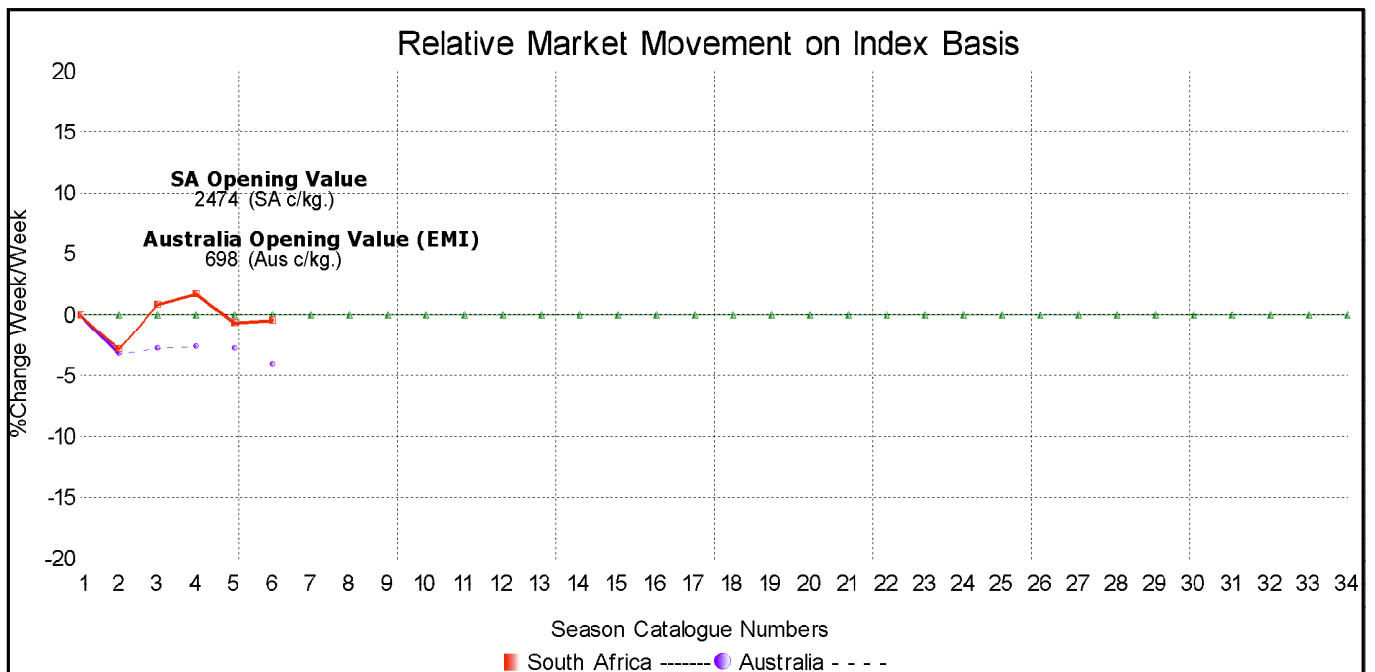
Receipts 30/09/2005

Main Buyers				Season to Date (Kg)	Last Season (Kg)	% Change
Buyers	This Week	% of Sale	To Date	10 308 788	10 101 053	2.1
G Modiano	1 875	29.7	11 430	Next Auction		
Stucken	1 329	21.0	9 523	Name	Date	Offerings (Bales)
Chargeurs Wool	934	14.8	5 614	S A Wool Exchange	12/10/2005	± 8 000
Beier Fin	657	10.4	3 980	Van Lill Wool Buyers	11/10/2005	± 575
ADF	533	8.4	2 928	Saunders et al.	11/10/2005	± 550
United Wool	525	8.3	5 986	Lanata	11/10/2005	± 490
SA Wool Exporters	469	7.4	4 265	SA Market Indicator	-	MA06
CPC	0	0.0	0	Ave SA Market Indicator - Season to Date		2 469
Lempriere Aus(Pty)	0	0.0	706	Ave SA Market Indicator - Previous Season		2 568

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Average Fleece Wool Prices (Spinners and Good Topmaking Styles)

Micron	75-95mm			Clean Price (c/kg.) 60-70mm			40-55mm			Percentage change from previous auction		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	Hi	Lo	Avg	Hi	Lo	Avg	75-95mm	60-70mm	40-55mm
17,5							3901	3901	3900			
18,0	4463	4286	4395	4167	3936	4069	4079	3657	3899			5.0
18,5	4398	4199	4238	4206	3946	4039				3.2	-3.8	
19,0	3824	3425	3772	3905	3491	3719	3738	3373	3517	-1.2	-0.5	2.5
19,5	3824	3425	3706	3737	3472	3593	3738	3261	3430		-0.9	1.2
20,0	3738	3358	3526	3701	3137	3465	3563	3113	3294	0.8	-0.0	1.1
20,5	3612	3263	3377	3527	3108	3303	3316	3079	3198	0.1	-2.2	0.4
21,0	4027	3142	3309	3445	3108	3254	3314	2987	3150	0.7	-1.0	-0.1
21,5	4027	3109	3258	3272	3076	3225	3246	2923	3119	0.3	0.2	-0.2
22,0	3273	3109	3215	3269	3076	3200	3211	2923	3118	-0.4	0.3	0.1
22,5	3273	3145	3222	3269	3109	3196	3211	2936	3079	0.0	0.2	-0.7
23,0	3262	3129	3208	3236	3109	3173	3211	2936	3039	-0.0	-0.4	-0.6
23,5	3222	3129	3188	3234	2979	3163	3148	2798	2994	0.3	-0.1	-1.3
24,0	3194	2980	3134	3207	2979	3152	3148	2798	2994	0.8	1.7	0.2
24,5	3128	2942	3061	3128	2972	3059	3058	2857	2995	0.3	0.4	1.8
25,0	2983	2942	2962	3094	2916	3026	3058	2857	2947	-2.1	0.6	2.3
25,5	2983	2943	2957	3005	2839	2942	2961	2961	2961	1.4	-1.2	2.0
26,0	2943	2943	2942	2839	2839	2838	2961	2961	2961	2.4	-3.8	



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Average Fleece Wool Prices (Averages Topmaking Styles)

Micron	Clean Price (c/kg.)									Percentage change from previous auction		
	75-95mm			60-70mm			40-55mm			75-95mm	60-70mm	40-55mm
	Hi	Lo	Avg	Hi	Lo	Avg	Hi	Lo	Avg			
17,5												
18,0												
18,5							3703	3703	3702			1.5
19,0				3721	3340	3557	3484	3484	3483		-1.9	1.5
19,5	3464	3464	3463	3721	3340	3580	3484	2976	3297	-0.4	3.1	-1.3
20,0	3511	3220	3486	3670	3037	3356	3455	2976	3219	3.1	2.1	-1.5
20,5	3511	3203	3415	3473	3037	3211	3321	2976	3136	4.2	-1.8	4.1
21,0	3267	3187	3206	3355	3070	3180	3160	2714	3022	-1.9	0.2	1.8
21,5	3216	3142	3206	3248	2863	3138	3143	2714	2998	-1.3	0.1	0.9
22,0	3216	3142	3192	3252	2863	3118	3118	2911	3002	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8
22,5	3218	3145	3165	3252	2870	3080	3043	2517	2854	-0.2	-1.7	-5.2
23,0	3218	2862	3148	3167	2788	3000	3004	2517	2789	-1.0	-3.7	-3.9
23,5	3218	2862	3112	3078	2788	2978	2728	2728	2727	-1.7	-4.0	
24,0	2862	2862	2862	3078	2788	2998					-1.3	
24,5												
25,0							2514	2514	2514			
25,5							2514	2514	2514			
26,0												

Other Selected Types/Qualities

Clean Price per Kilogram

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	Long			Medium		
	19μ	20μ	21μ	19μ	20μ	21μ
Good Quality						
Lambswool	3840	3616	3255	3614	3258	3142
Bellies	3465	3427	3038	3374	3254	2968
Locks				2347	2284	2083
Average Quality						
Lambswool	3623	3453	3125	3584	3226	3020
Bellies	3437	3159	3026	3412	2942	2888
Locks				2200	1983	2460
Inferior Quality						
Fleecewool		3252	3104		2749	2840
Lambswool	2778	3434		2973	3007	3232
Bellies			2513	2983	2796	2726
Locks				1654	1846	1806

World wool production to remain flat

World wool production is likely to remain flat at decade-low levels in 2005/06 and into 2006/07, says The Woolmark Company in its Monthly Market Briefing.

According to the latest forecast from Australia, Australian shorn wool production will be 470 mkg greasy (303 mkg clean) in 2005/06. This is 1% lower than production in 2004/05 and in 2003/04, which is estimated at 475 mkg greasy (306 mkg clean) in both years.

With stagnant wool production in Australia, global wool production and supplies are unlikely to lift significantly from the current very low levels, especially for apparel wool.