

**CAPE WOOLS SA**  
**Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary**

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**Market Commentary**

**WOOL MARKET STABLE**

**PORT ELIZABETH:** There was little change in this week's wool sale and Cape Wools' overall indicator closed a marginal 0,4% higher at R24,75/kg (clean).

The rand, which was 1,5% weaker against the US dollar compared with the previous sale, supported the market. As a result, the average prices for the various micron categories were mostly unchanged.

A total of 8 337 bales was offered of which 95% was sold. Major buyers were Modiano (3 179 bales), Stucken (1 222 bales), Chargeurs Wool (1 126 bales), SA Wool Exporters (830 bales) and United Wool (746 bales).

Average clean prices for good quality long (75 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns were 4% dearer at R39,23/kg, 20 microns were up 0,4% at R35,41/kg, 21 microns were unchanged at R33,05/kg, 22 microns were 0,3 cheaper at R32,24/kg, 23 microns were unchanged at R32,04/kg, 24 microns dropped 1,2% to R30,96/kg, and 25 microns were unchanged at R29,61/kg.

Approximately 7 000 bales have been rostered for next week's sale

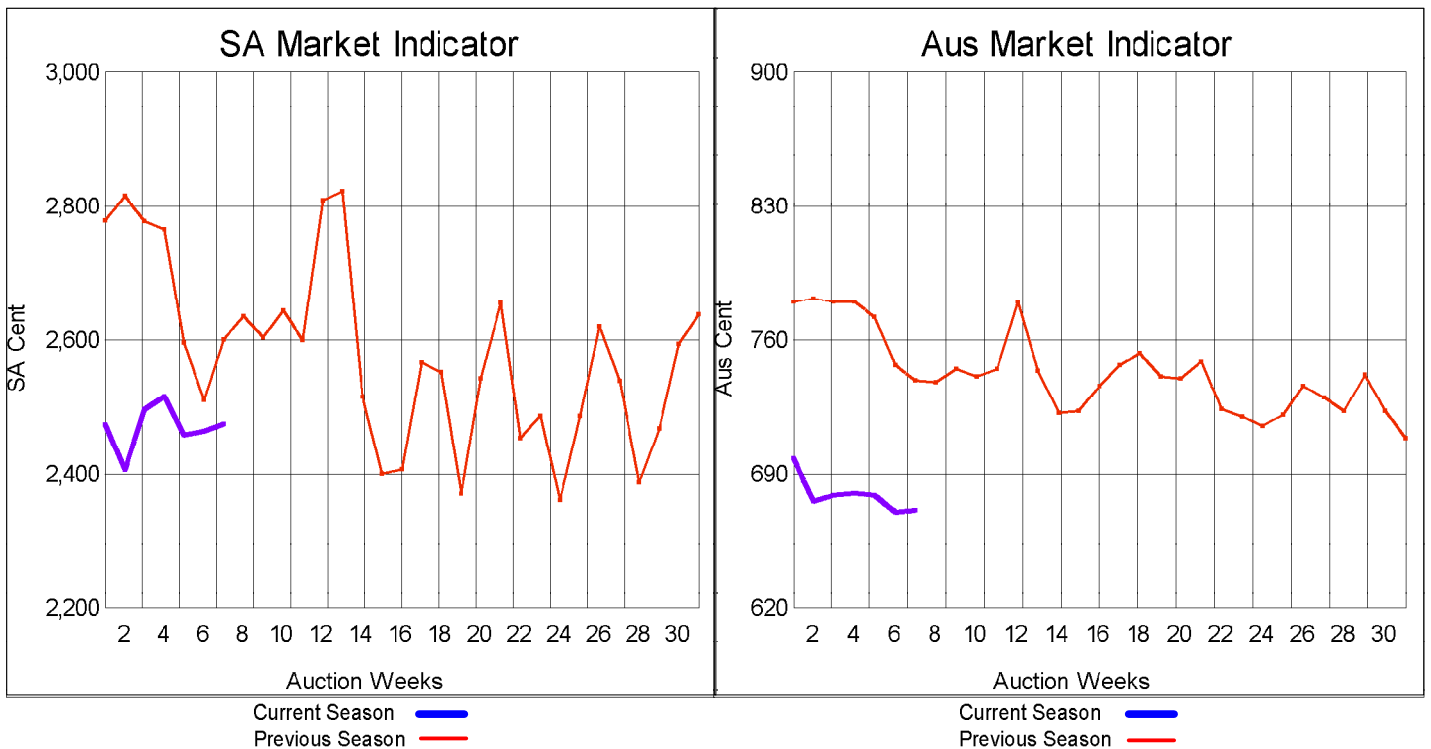
**Auction Analysis**

<b>Composition of Fleece Offerings</b>				<b>Analysis of Offerings</b>					
<b>Description</b>	<b>% This Week</b>	<b>% Prev Week</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>This Week</b>			<b>Previous Week</b>		
				<b>%</b>	<b>Bales</b>	<b>% Sold</b>	<b>Bales</b>	<b>% Sold</b>	
Long Wool	56.5	59.5	Merino Fleeces	48.7	4 060	96.9	3 314	92.5	
Medium Wool	37.5	36.1	Merino Bellies	7.1	594	96.8	409	99.8	
Short Wool and Locks	6.0	4.4	Merino Lambs	8.9	742	96.0	493	87.6	
Fine Wool (<20µ)	12.7	11.2	Merino Locks	8.3	691	98.1	426	99.3	
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	61.7	58.8	Other	27.0	2 250	88.2	2 167	91.9	
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	24.2	27.0	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8 337</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>6 809</b>	<b>92.8</b>	
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	1.4	3.0							
<b>Other Indicators</b>				<b>Offerings per Port</b>					
<b>Indicators</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Ports</b>	<b>This Week (Bales)</b>			<b>Prev Week (Bales)</b>	
					<b>Offered</b>	<b>Sold</b>	<b>% Sold</b>	<b>Offered</b>	<b>Sold</b>
<b>SA Market Indicator</b>	<b>2 475</b>	<b>2 464</b>	<b>0.4</b>	Cape Town	1 808	1 614	89.3	1 476	1 388
AWEX EMI	671	670	0.1	Durban	957	887	92.7	631	516
R/US Dollar	6.5318	6.4357	-1.5	Port Elizabeth	5 572	5 381	96.6	4 702	4 418
R/A Dollar	4.9109	4.8888	-0.5	<b>Total</b>	<b>8 337</b>	<b>7 882</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>6 809</b>	<b>6 322</b>
R/Euro	7.8191	7.6920	-1.7						
				<b>Receipts 07/10/2005</b>					
<b>Main Buyers</b>				<b>Season to Date (Kg)</b>		<b>Last Season (Kg)</b>		<b>% Change</b>	
<b>Buyers</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>% of Sale</b>	<b>To Date</b>	<b>11 528 853</b>		<b>11 591 290</b>		<b>-0.5</b>	
G Modiano	3 179	40.3	<b>14 700</b>	<b>Next Auction</b>					
Stucken	1 222	15.5	<b>10 772</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Offerings (Bales)</b>			
Chargeurs Wool	1 126	14.3	<b>6 740</b>	S A Wool Exchange	19/10/2005	± 7 000			
SA Wool Exporters	830	10.5	<b>5 121</b>	Van Lill Wool Buyers	-	-			
United Wool	746	9.5	<b>6 733</b>	Saunders et al.	-	-			
Beier Fin	609	7.7	<b>4 619</b>	Lanata	-	-			
ADF	170	2.2	<b>3 098</b>	<b>SA Market Indicator</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>MA07</b>	<b>2 475</b>		
CPC	0	0.0	<b>0</b>	<b>Ave SA Market Indicator - Season to Date</b>				<b>2 470</b>	
Lempriere Aus (Pty)	0	0.0	<b>706</b>	<b>Ave SA Market Indicator - Previous Season</b>				<b>2 568</b>	

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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	4385	4385	4384	4350	4350	4350						
18,0	4327	4327	4327	4202	4164	4172				-1.6	2.5	
18,5				4080	3951	4060	3907	3453	3792		0.5	
19,0	4005	3760	3923	3917	3679	3832	3665	3161	3460	4.0	3.0	-1.6
19,5	3885	3563	3676	3905	3281	3636	3665	3161	3408	-0.8	1.2	-0.6
20,0	3738	3376	3541	3681	3277	3447	3632	3142	3278	0.4	-0.5	-0.5
20,5	3584	3235	3409	3567	3224	3375	3454	2997	3247	1.0	2.2	1.5
21,0	3483	3156	3305	3443	3162	3291	3387	2693	3198	-0.1	1.1	1.5
21,5	3345	3060	3248	3311	3094	3256	3256	2635	3127	-0.3	1.0	0.3
22,0	3300	3060	3224	3292	3055	3202	3236	2632	3095	0.3	0.1	-0.7
22,5	3296	3100	3213	3270	3055	3179	3230	2632	3107	-0.3	-0.5	0.9
23,0	3296	3116	3204	3260	3062	3180	3230	2756	3041	-0.1	0.2	0.1
23,5	3210	3093	3161	3208	2989	3144	3070	2941	2984	-0.9	-0.6	-0.3
24,0	3173	3008	3096	3143	2989	3039	2996	2996	2995	-1.2	-3.6	0.0
24,5	3008	2933	2988				3091	3066	3074	-2.4		2.6
25,0	2977	2933	2961				3091	2726	2857	-0.0		-3.1
25,5	2977	2977	2977				2726	2726	2726	0.7		-7.9
26,0												
26,5												



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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		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	Hi	Lo	Avg	Hi	Lo	Avg			
17,5				4306	4306	4305						
18,0												
18,5	3912	3912	3911	3980	3708	3812						
19,0	3736	3736	3735	3871	3520	3691	3665	3298	3502		3.8	0.6
19,5	3736	3491	3577	3821	3514	3567	3580	3298	3438	3.3	-0.4	4.3
20,0	3644	3491	3555	3567	3215	3446	3381	3006	3277	2.0	2.7	1.8
20,5	3585	3255	3382	3514	2993	3334	3331	2883	3158	-1.0	3.8	0.7
21,0	3339	3181	3278	3370	2993	3202	3331	2597	3070	2.3	0.7	1.6
21,5	3300	2963	3168	3300	2848	3162	3185	2597	3034	-1.2	0.8	1.2
22,0	3276	2963	3158	3257	2718	3146	3185	2794	3024	-1.1	0.9	0.7
22,5	3196	3004	3137	3257	2718	3088	3093	2707	2995	-0.9	0.3	4.9
23,0	3211	3004	3135	3257	2853	3069	3093	2530	2890	-0.4	2.3	3.6
23,5	3211	2882	3041	3168	2701	2957	2784	2530	2685	-2.3	-0.7	-1.5
24,0	2963	2882	2935	2989	2546	2761				2.6	-7.9	
24,5	2963	2963	2963	2989	2186	2558						
25,0				2989	2186	2402						
25,5				2739	2220	2341						
26,0				2001	2001	2001						
26,5				2001	2001	2001						

#### Other Selected Types/Qualities

Clean Price per Kilogram

	Long			Medium		
	19μ	20μ	21μ	19μ	20μ	21μ
<b>Good Quality</b>						
Lambswool	3877	3546	3284	3554	3378	3140
Bellies		3216		3467	3263	2956
Locks				2319	2009	2085
<b>Average Quality</b>						
Lambswool	3715	3433	3250	3430	3275	3064
Bellies		3209	3033	3378	3105	2982
Locks				2222	1982	1975
<b>Inferior Quality</b>						
Fleecewool			3216	3382	3134	2991
Lambswool		3269		3369		2635
Bellies		3109	3090	3233	2892	2752
Locks				1955	1672	1741

#### Industry News

##### Farmers' gross income drops

The gross income of South African farmers has dropped more than 20% in the past year as a result of lower prices for their produce and higher input costs, says the National Department of Agriculture in its latest annual report.

The department says this was due to the considerable decreases in the producer prices of almost all the primary agricultural products, but in particular those of hay, grain, sorghum, wool, milk, vegetables and maize.

Net farm income was lower for the second consecutive year.

Agriculture accounts for about 4% of South Africa's total economy.