

CAPE WOOLS SA
Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary

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Market Commentary

STRONG DEMAND PUSHES PRICES UP

PORT ELIZABETH: Wool prices were up at this week's sale despite the stronger rand and Cape Wools market indicator finished the day up 2,5% (57c) at R23,36/kg (clean).

The sale saw good competition from all sectors of the trade on the back of increased orders. The South African market has been under-performing compared with Australia. As a result, price levels for local wools were attractive to overseas buyers, notwithstanding the strengthening of the rand by 2,5% against the US dollar and 1,6% against the euro over last week.

A total of 9590 bales was on offer of which 91% changed hands. Major buyers were Chargers Wool (2 536 bales), Modiano (1 485 bales), Stucken (1 244 bales), ADF (926 bales) and United Wool (953 bales). Average clean prices for good quality long (75 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns, of which there were only 6 lots, were down 1,5% at R36,05/kg, 20 microns rose 2,2% at R34,11/kg, 21 microns gained 3,5% at R31,84/kg, 22 microns were 3,4% dearer at R31,27/kg, 23 microns were up 4,8% at R30,78/kg, 24 microns gained 0,8% at R29,92/kg, and 25 microns (3 lots) rose 1% to close at R29,02/kg.

Approximately 8 000 bales have been rostered for 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	47.6	51.0	Merino Fleeces	39.7	3 805	95.5	4 028	90.7
Medium Wool	43.9	44.2	Merino Bellies	8.2	782	87.0	591	86.1
Short Wool and Locks	8.5	4.8	Merino Lambs	7.8	744	84.5	747	79.7
Fine Wool (<20µ)	17.0	14.7	Merino Locks	8.8	847	94.5	644	97.7
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	61.8	59.6	Other	35.6	3 412	83.9	2 932	86.6
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	19.8	24.8	Total	100.0	9 590	89.7	8 942	88.6
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	1.3	1.0						

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	2 336	2 279	2.5	Cape Town	958	869	90.7	1 326	1 128
AWEX EMI	649	651	-0.3	Durban	1 795	1 642	91.5	1 703	1 505
R/US Dollar	6.5690	6.7383	2.5	Port Elizabeth	6 837	6 095	89.1	5 913	5 292
R/A Dollar	4.8438	4.9212	1.6	Total	9 590	8 606	89.7	8 942	7 925
R/Euro	7.7531	7.8901	1.7						

Receipts 18/11/2005

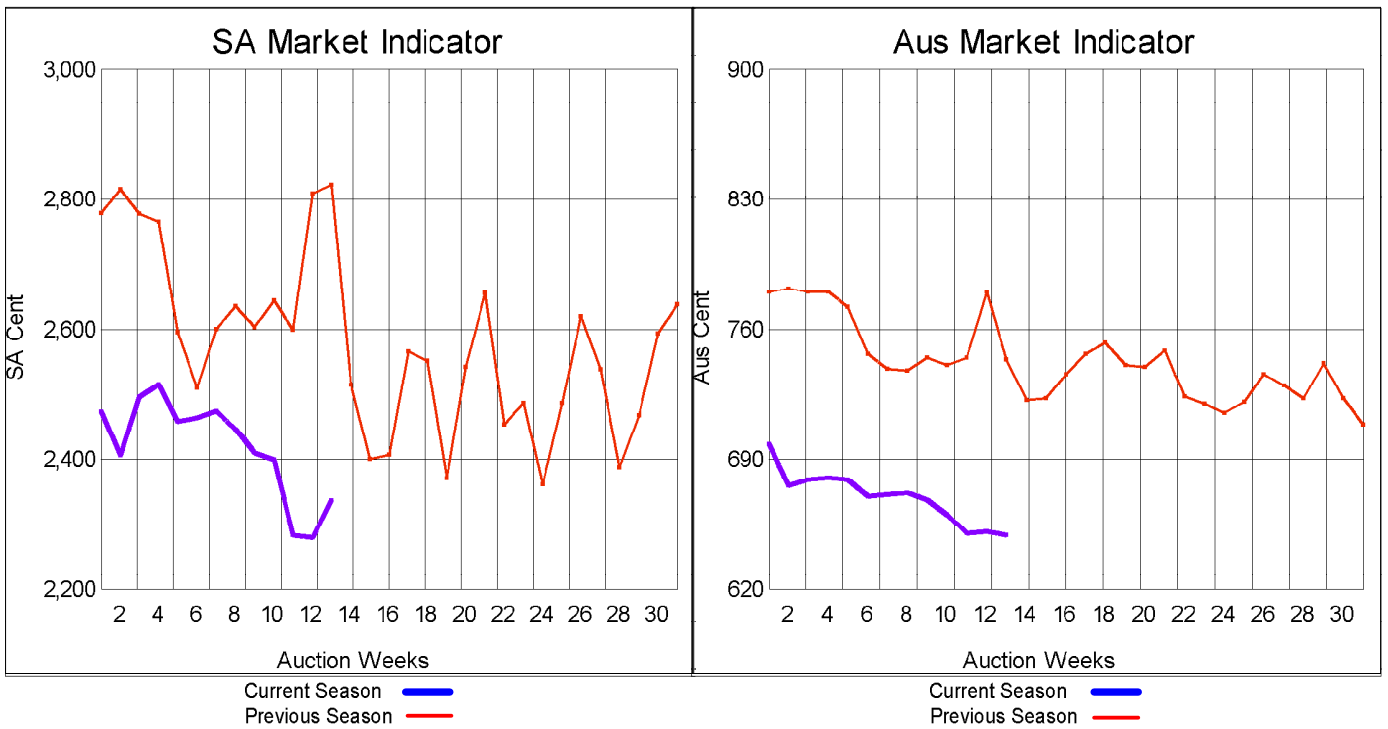
Main Buyers

Buyers	This Week	% of Sale	To Date	Season to Date (Kg)		Last Season (Kg)		% Change
				20 867 602		20 262 467		
Chargeurs Wool	2 536	29.5	16 495	Next Auction				
G Modiano	1 485	17.3	29 494	Name	Date	Offerings (Bales)		
Stucken	1 244	14.5	18 481	S A Wool Exchange	30/11/2005	± 8 000		
United Wool	953	11.1	10 663	Van Lill Wool Buyers	-	-		
ADF	926	10.8	7 297	Saunders et al.	-	-		
SA Wool Exporters	808	9.4	10 535	Lanata	-	-		
Beier Fin	649	7.5	8 955	SA Market Indicator	-	MA13	2 336	
Lempriere (Aus) Pty	5	0.1	711	Ave SA Market Indicator - Season to Date			2 419	
				Ave SA Market Indicator - Previous Season			2 568	

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Average Fleece Wool Prices (Spinners and Good Topmaking Styles)

Micron	Clean Price (c/kg.)						Quantities Sold						Percentage change from previous auction					
	75-95mm			60-70mm			40-55mm			75-95mm		60-70mm		40-55mm		75-95	60-70	40-55
	Hi	Lo	Avg	Hi	Lo	Avg	Hi	Lo	Avg	Lots	bales	Lots	bales	Lots	bales			
17,5	4217	4217	4217	3630	3630	3629	3867	3647	3852	1	2	1	1	2	11	-10.4	6.9	
18,0	4166	3914	4100	4117	3896	4015	3627	3394	3509	4	16	3	5	4	7	1.5	2.0	
18,5	4019	3957	3996	3873	3873	3872	3723	3235	3604	3	8	1	2	7	19	5.0	5.3	
19,0	3791	3447	3605	3867	3432	3663	3735	3176	3304	6	26	7	18	10	46	-1.5	1.8	-1.6
19,5	3741	3331	3520	3695	3306	3508	3409	2930	3167	18	88	14	33	18	46	0.2	2.4	-3.8
20,0	3629	3281	3411	3485	2982	3264	3349	2587	3025	18	93	23	91	35	122	2.2	1.1	3.4
20,5	3428	2988	3237	3411	2822	3156	3261	2587	2991	34	263	37	166	50	210	2.4	1.0	3.8
21,0	3303	2925	3184	3248	2822	3088	3201	2552	2916	44	392	44	200	39	164	3.5	0.9	1.2
21,5	3229	2925	3156	3204	2822	3074	3115	2475	2868	39	313	49	226	33	130	3.4	1.6	-0.2
22,0	3182	3007	3127	3161	2876	3069	3102	2407	2829	31	219	44	193	21	73	3.4	2.0	-1.4
22,5	3177	2650	3101	3145	2884	3039	3041	2407	2759	37	238	30	133	14	76	4.0	2.1	-1.9
23,0	3151	2650	3078	3102	2903	3015	2971	2407	2765	28	115	16	82	13	77	4.8	2.7	-2.4
23,5	3102	2826	3003	3102	2952	3021	2971	2495	2829	16	55	10	52	7	30	2.1	3.1	0.8
24,0	3053	2882	2992	3031	2941	2969	2947	2947	2946	9	40	6	34	1	10	0.8	6.3	6.3
24,5	3050	2882	2973	2988	2941	2958	2615	2615	2614	4	6	3	24	1	3	0.8	3.1	-6.7
25,0	3013	2874	2902	2988	2957	2983	2615	2615	2614	3	6	3	10	1	3	1.0		-4.7
25,5	2874	2874	2874	2979	2957	2966	2829	2615	2706	1	3	2	2	3	7	0.2		-1.4
26,0				2793	2793	2792	2829	2736	2770			1	3	2	4			
26,5				2793	2793	2792						1	3					



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Average Fleece Wool Prices (Averages Topmaking Styles)

Micron	75-95mm			Clean Price (c/kg.)			40-55mm			Quantities Sold			Percentage change from previous auction			
	Hi	Lo	Avg	Hi	Lo	Avg	Hi	Lo	Avg	75-95mm	60-70mm	40-55mm	75-95	60-70	40-55	
										Lots	Bales	Lots	Bales	Lots	Bales	
17,5																
18,0				3950	3950	3949	3782	3320	3560			1	11	4	4	7.3
18,5				3811	3275	3363	3637	3339	3558			3	16	5	8	-6.1 4.9
19,0				3566	3478	3535	3460	3117	3315			3	7	4	11	2.1 4.0
19,5	3498	3071	3285	3566	3134	3279	3422	2834	3086	2	4	9	33	10	35	-4.1 2.4 -2.6
20,0	3252	3027	3205	3368	2845	3108	3068	2578	2847	5	29	19	59	15	50	-3.8 -1.7 -4.0
20,5	3252	3020	3149	3289	2782	3094	3068	2449	2800	9	51	26	113	21	61	5.6 0.4 1.6
21,0	3123	2954	3054	3240	2683	2987	2897	2392	2679	7	42	35	175	20	85	1.7 0.6 -2.9
21,5	3123	2954	3055	3181	2332	2912	3076	2392	2650	5	35	35	154	16	75	1.6 -1.3 -1.7
22,0	3103	2886	2988	3127	2332	2880	3076	2392	2620	3	5	34	118	15	84	1.4 -1.4 -0.5
22,5	3026	2680	2926	3006	2518	2850	2911	2355	2640	8	17	22	67	12	65	0.1 -0.4 1.2
23,0	3087	2643	2942	2898	2518	2811	2756	2355	2608	8	34	12	31	9	29	2.4 0.6 1.5
23,5	3087	2643	2946	2898	2627	2806	2635	2208	2471	4	28	6	17	6	10	2.4 1.4 -1.0
24,0				2878	2528	2706	2419	2208	2337			2	5	3	5	-6.7
24,5				2528	2528	2528						1	2			
25,0																
25,5																
26,0																
26,5																

Other Selected Types/Qualities

Clean Price per Kilogram

	Long			Medium		
	19μ	20μ	21μ	19μ	20μ	21μ
Good Quality						
Lambswool	3772	3454	3190	3380	2983	2760
Bellies		2990	2766	3349	2854	2620
Locks				1894	1984	1696
Average Quality						
Lambswool	3597	3204	3194	3334	2872	2372
Bellies		2882	2743	2894	2686	2602
Locks				2003	1872	1652
Inferior Quality						
Fleecewool	3209	2946	2818	2899	2710	2585
Lambswool	3383	3103		2813		2454
Bellies	3499	2781	2717	2743	2292	2251
Locks				1602	1479	1441

Industry News

Machine-washable wool-blend suits for China

Chinese businessmen will soon get to wear their first machine washable wool-blend suits, thanks to a partnership including Australian Wool Innovation Limited (AWI), reports Farmonline.

Four thousand of the suits will go on sale in coming months, as part of a consumer feedback trial being conducted by Chinese apparel manufacturer and retailer, the Heilan Group.

AWI Trade Development general manager, Pascal Senkoff, said Heilan and AWI had spent the past two months fine-tuning the finishing technology to ensure the 50% wool, 50pc% polyester blend suits held their shape after machine washing.