

CAPE WOOLS SA
Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary

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Market Commentary

STRONG RAND PUNISHES WOOL MARKET

PORT ELIZABETH: The strong rand and a weaker Australian market pushed average prices down at this week's sale and Cape Wools' market indicator dropped 3,5 % to finish the day at R22,32/kg (clean).

Prices of all micron categories were down, dropping by between 2% and 4% compared with last week.

A total of 9 260 bales was offered of which 87.6% changed hands. Major buyers were Modiano (1 857 bales), Chargeurs Wool (1 469 bales), SA Wool Exporters (1 327 bales), Stucken (1 265 bales) and United Wool (906 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 7 lots, were down 1,6% at R37,09/kg, 20 microns dropped 2% to R33,17/kg, 21 microns were down 3,4% at R30,65/kg, 22 microns were 4,1% cheaper at R30,34/kg, 23 microns softened 2% at R30,07/kg, 24 microns were down 1,5% at R29,61/kg, but there no quotes for 25 microns due to the limited volume offered.

Approximately 8 000 bales will come under the hammer next week's sale.

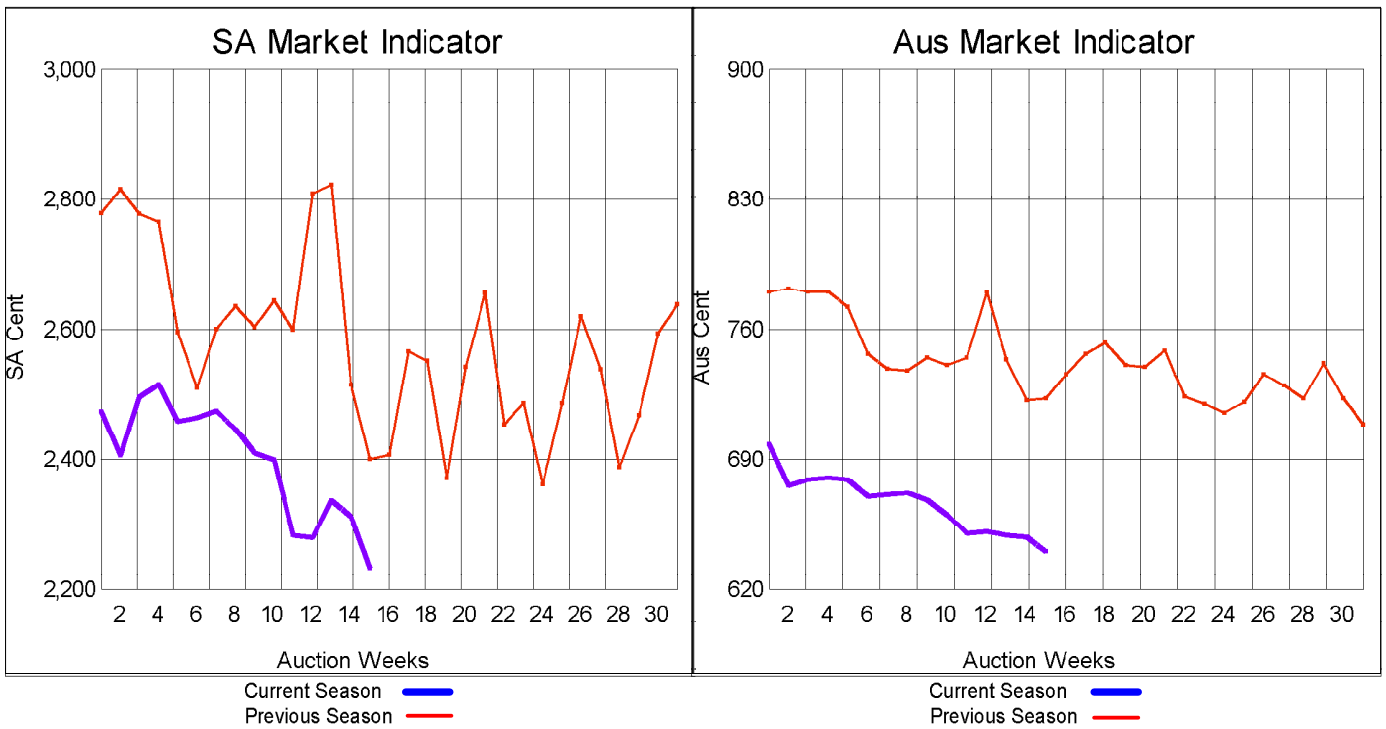
Auction Analysis

Composition of Fleece Offerings				Analysis of Offerings					
Description	% This Week	% Prev Week	Description	This Week			Previous Week		
				%	Bales	% Sold	Bales	% Sold	
Long Wool	48.1	45.4	Merino Fleeces	37.8	3 502	92.4	2 916	94.5	
Medium Wool	45.9	49.8	Merino Bellies	7.9	730	87.9	467	93.6	
Short Wool and Locks	6.1	4.8	Merino Lambs	7.5	695	84.6	550	87.6	
Fine Wool (<20µ)	11.6	15.6	Merino Locks	6.8	630	96.5	516	94.0	
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	56.1	66.2	Other	40.0	3 703	82.0	3 178	79.8	
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	29.4	17.3	Total	100.0	9 260	87.6	7 627	87.8	
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	3.0	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	2 232	2 312	-3.5	Cape Town	911	866	95.1	784	676
AWEX EMI	640	648	-1.2	Durban	1 870	1 657	88.6	2 184	1 715
R/US Dollar	6.2868	6.4548	2.6	Port Elizabeth	6 479	5 588	86.2	4 659	4 303
R/A Dollar	4.6993	4.7668	1.4	Total	9 260	8 111	87.6	7 627	6 694
R/Euro	7.3877	7.3055	-1.1						
Main Buyers				Receipts 02/12/2005					
Buyers	This Week	% of Sale	To Date	Season to Date (Kg)		Last Season (Kg)		% Change	
				23 082 471	23 609 360	23 082 471	23 609 360	-2.2	
G Modiano	1 857	22.9	32 556	Next Auction					
Chargeurs Wool	1 469	18.1	20 473	Name	Date	Offerings (Bales)			
SA Wool Exporters	1 327	16.4	12 745	S A Wool Exchange	14/12.2005	± 8 000			
Stucken	1 265	15.6	20 625	Van Lill Wool Buyers	-	-			
United Wool	906	11.2	12 246	Saunders et al.	-	-			
ADF	824	10.2	8 839	Lanata	-	-			
Beier Fin	462	5.7	9 936	SA Market Indicator	-	MA15	2 232		
Lempriere (Aus) Ltd	1	0.0	715	Ave SA Market Indicator - Season to Date			2 399		
				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	4177	4177	4176				3351	3351	3350	1	1			1	1			-10.1
18,0	4056	3983	4008	3932	3649	3784	3782	3782	3782	3	4	3	7	1	4	0.6	4.9	3.6
18,5	3921	3792	3835	3853	3853	3853	3254	3254	3254	4	15	1	3	1	4	-3.5	1.6	-1.2
19,0	3796	3534	3709	3797	3507	3646	3308	3016	3172	7	18	7	20	4	12	-1.6	-2.2	-0.3
19,5	3782	3225	3441	3776	3151	3417	3308	2691	3100	16	71	16	38	14	41	-2.7	-1.0	-4.6
20,0	3563	3076	3317	3494	2917	3158	3252	2609	2991	23	102	27	83	20	50	-2.0	-4.0	-1.3
20,5	3337	2883	3151	3246	2911	3094	3138	2569	2879	30	135	39	149	37	114	-3.0	-1.2	-3.4
21,0	3134	2883	3065	3142	2866	3034	3066	2543	2847	38	180	44	220	39	134	-3.4	-2.0	-2.6
21,5	3134	2785	3054	3079	2571	3008	3005	2455	2813	42	307	46	207	44	203	-3.1	-2.2	-3.6
22,0	3096	2785	3034	3079	2571	3004	3007	2455	2798	28	255	48	308	36	180	-4.1	-1.9	-3.8
22,5	3074	2785	2994	3051	2601	2998	3007	2477	2775	17	114	41	286	26	111	-3.9	-1.2	-2.1
23,0	3045	2949	3007	3034	2601	2986	2982	2477	2743	14	88	28	136	19	65	-2.0	-1.2	3.4
23,5	3026	2877	2990	3025	2752	2965	2895	2506	2752	12	72	14	55	14	43	-1.5	-1.8	2.2
24,0	3026	2877	2961	2996	2752	2871	2854	2396	2627	7	31	10	38	11	28	-1.5	-0.7	-3.2
24,5	2985	2877	2951	2996	2752	2877	2815	2396	2584	3	6	10	41	7	23	-2.3	0.8	-9.2
25,0	2872	2872	2872	2917	2772	2828	2795	2606	2663	1	2	4	19	2	6	-3.6	-1.6	-3.9
25,5	2872	2799	2807	2848	2090	2682	2795	2778	2782	2	16	3	13	2	6	-5.7	-8.9	12.0
26,0	2799	2799	2798	2090	2090	2089	2778	2778	2777	1	14	1	2	1	4			1.5
26,5																		



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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	60-70mm			Hi	Lo	Avg	75-95mm		60-70mm		40-55mm		75-95	60-70	40-55	
17,5				3863	3863	3863						1	1					2.3	
18,0	3783	3783	3783	3261	3261	3261	3595	3595	3594	1	1	1	2	1	5				
18,5							3452	3263	3364					2	7			-3.0	
19,0							3142	2104	2578					3	9			-19.5	
19,5	3034	3034	3033	3169	2850	3028	3244	2412	2855	1	1	4	12	6	13	-13.6	-5.4	-6.2	
20,0	3034	2988	3001	3169	2771	2994	3137	2282	2623	2	3	13	34	6	11			-2.1	-11.9
20,5	3078	2829	2952	3118	2478	2960	3137	2239	2631	5	11	25	81	12	23	-1.6	-2.1	-7.7	
21,0	3078	2808	2928	3099	2277	2904	2908	2239	2672	10	52	35	114	11	32	-2.6	-2.5	0.6	
21,5	3064	2760	2914	3061	2277	2872	2886	2354	2642	18	75	39	123	11	49	-7.2	-1.8	0.2	
22,0	3064	2653	2917	3061	2530	2849	2886	2354	2596	22	107	38	134	8	37	-6.8	-1.3	-4.1	
22,5	3008	2653	2902	3001	2530	2856	2886	2313	2607	7	41	27	107	7	36	-5.4	-1.7	-5.2	
23,0	2926	2926	2925	3001	2356	2830	2727	2291	2568	1	6	24	118	6	17	-0.9	-1.3	-5.1	
23,5	2926	2821	2904	3001	2280	2809	2727	2235	2573	3	12	18	91	5	14	3.7	2.5		
24,0	2926	2523	2863	2911	2280	2674	2291	2235	2254	5	15	3	17	2	3	2.3			
24,5	2811	2523	2711	2675	2675	2674				2	3	1	3			0.4			
25,0																			
25,5	2104	2104	2104	2857	2857	2856				1	1	1	1						
26,0	2104	2104	2104	2857	2857	2856				1	1	1	1						
26,5	2104	2104	2104							1	1								

Other Selected Types/Qualities

Clean Price per Kilogram

	Long			Medium		
	19μ	20μ	21μ	19μ	20μ	21μ
Good Quality						
Lambswool	3685	3252		3141	2960	2488
Bellies			2726		2761	2464
Locks				1872	1716	1570
Average Quality						
Lambswool	3650	3105		2806	2885	2474
Bellies		2759	2781	2909	2507	2399
Locks				1624	1576	1522
Inferior Quality						
Fleecewool	3148	3057	2736	2930	2270	2403
Lambswool			2328		2705	2217
Bellies		1739	2374	2090	2110	2041
Locks				1667	1358	1285

Industry News

Australia's finest wool nets 45,000c/kg season high

The finest bale of wool offered in Australia this season, measuring 12,6 microns, sold for approximately R2 124/kg (A45 000c/kg) greasy last week. It was the highest price this year, reports Farmonline.

It was bought by superfine wool buyer Michael Kiernan & Co, Sydney. The bale was one of five fine wool bales sold in Newcastle last week.

A second bale produced by the same grower, measuring 13,4 micron, was also bought Michael Kiernan for about R1 259/kg (A26 500c/kg) greasy.

The wool will be sent to Biella, Italy, and combed into wool tops, before being sold to spinners and weavers for the manufacture of extra fine fabrics.