

CAPE WOOLS SA
Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary

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Market Commentary

SHARP LIFT IN WOOL PRICES

PORT ELIZABETH: Wool prices lifted sharply at this week's sale despite a slightly stronger rand and Cape Wools' market indicator gained 5,2% to finish the day at R23,20/kg (clean).

Buyers say the good selection of quality long wools, which have been in short supply lately, was the main driver behind the price surge and resulted in strong competition in the auction room. Most long wool micron indicators rose by between 1% and 5%, the exception being 20 and 24 microns, which were unchanged.

The rand traded 1% stronger against the US dollar and 0,6% stronger against the euro compared with last week. A total of 8 318 bales was offered of which 96% was sold. Major buyers were SA Wool Exporters (2 173 bales), Modiano (1 938 bales), Chargeurs Wool (1 690 bales) and Stucken (947 bales).

Average clean prices for good quality long (75 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns (4 lots) gained 5,3% at R38,39/kg; 20 was unchanged R33,45/kg; 21 microns rose 4,6% at R31,33/kg; 22 microns gained 3,8% at R30,89/kg; 23 microns were 4% dearer at R30,48/kg; 24 microns were unchanged at R29,14/kg, but there were no quotes for 25 microns.

Approximately 9 000 bales have been rostered for next week's sale.

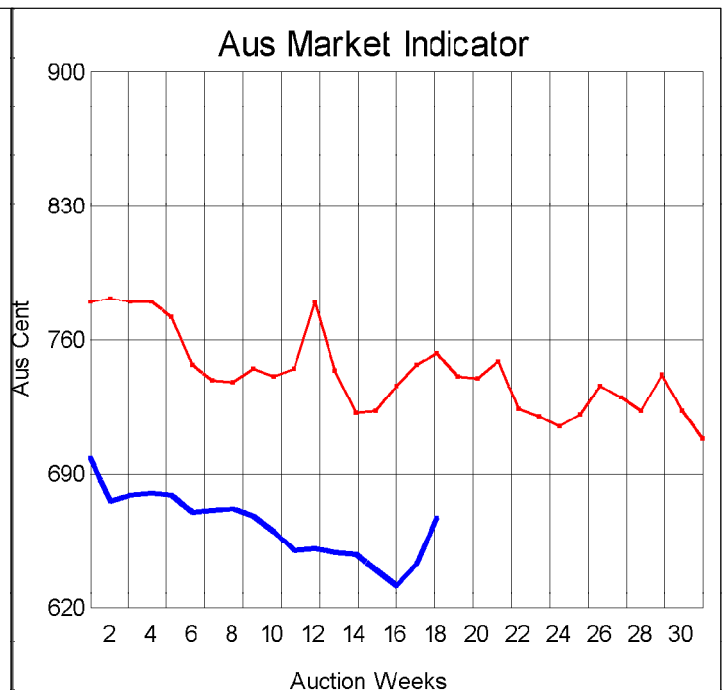
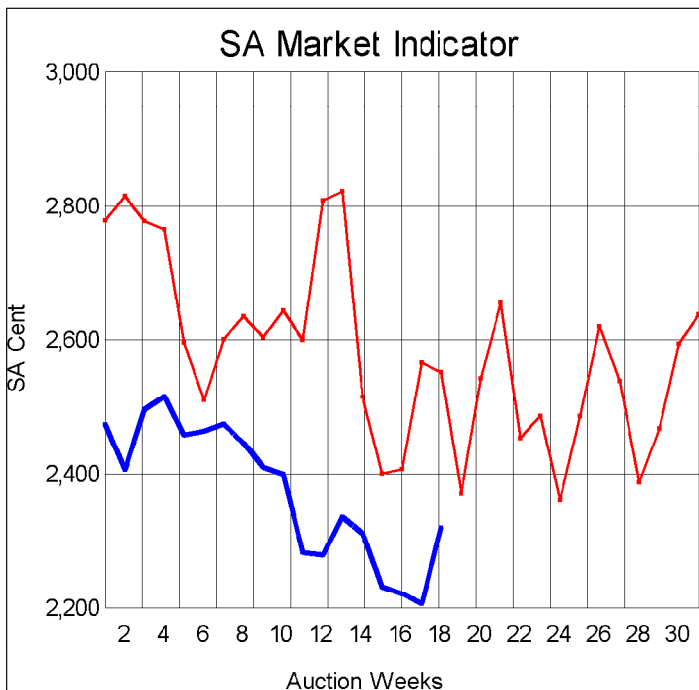
Auction Analysis

Composition of Fleece Offerings				Analysis of Offerings					
Description	% This Week	% Prev Week	Description	This Week			Previous Week		
				%	Bales	% Sold	Bales	% Sold	
Long Wool	53.9	27.8	Merino Fleeces	40.5	3 369	98.8	2 516	90.6	
Medium Wool	42.7	64.7	Merino Bellies	6.0	495	96.4	668	93.4	
Short Wool and Locks	3.5	7.5	Merino Lambs	7.2	599	98.7	487	94.5	
Fine Wool (<20µ)	15.5	8.2	Merino Locks	5.5	460	98.3	478	94.6	
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	62.6	63.4	Other	40.8	3 395	93.2	4 350	90.9	
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	20.1	27.4	Total	100.0	8 318	96.3	8 499	91.4	
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	1.8	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	2 320	2 206	5.2	Cape Town	547	471	86.1	1 025	767
AWEX EMI	667	643	3.7	Durban	2 757	2 704	98.1	2 773	2 602
R/US Dollar	6.0418	6.1057	1.0	Port Elizabeth	5 014	4 835	96.4	4 701	4 402
R/A Dollar	4.5235	4.5796	1.2	Total	8 318	8 010	96.3	8 499	7 771
R/Euro	7.3175	7.3645	0.6						
Main Buyers				Receipts 13/01/2006					
Buyers	This Week	% of Sale	To Date	Season to Date (Kg)		Last Season (Kg)		% Change	
				28 261 770	28 295 552	-0.1			
SA Wool Exporters	2 173	27.1	18 494	Next Auction					
G Modiano	1 938	24.2	38 989	Name	Date	Offerings (Bales)			
Chargeurs Wool	1 690	21.1	24 830	S A Wool Exchange	25/01/2006	± 8 000			
Stucken	947	11.8	24 401	Van Lill Wool Buyers	2006/01/24	± 400			
United Wool	684	8.5	13 985	Saunders et al.	2006/01/24	± 510			
Beier Fin	562	7.0	11 679	Lanata	2006/01/24	± 350			
Lempriere (Aus) Ltd	16	0.2	733	SA Market Indicator	-	MA18	2 320		
ADF	0	0.0	9 275	Ave SA Market Indicator - Season to Date			2 374		
				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	Lots	bales	Lots	bales
17,5	4771	4771	4770	4697	4393	4468	3664	3249	3447	1	7	3	8	6	18				
18,0	4573	4108	4375	3977	3639	3721	3787	3701	3716	4	10	2	8	3	5			1.4	
18,5	3863	3863	3862	3922	3699	3817	3644	3376	3519	1	5	5	11	6	27	1.0			4.3
19,0	3912	3750	3839	3792	3506	3730	3428	3165	3323	4	11	4	16	4	9	5.3	4.8		2.8
19,5	3787	3201	3490	3792	3097	3510	3409	2876	3138	18	73	12	46	15	56	1.4	6.4		3.1
20,0	3667	3094	3345	3592	2944	3259	3294	2758	3002	24	127	24	136	23	81	-0.2	3.5		3.6
20,5	3408	3060	3203	3387	2944	3192	3082	2758	2862	36	239	42	227	31	110	4.8	3.4		0.7
21,0	3272	2918	3133	3247	2827	3076	3063	2674	2835	43	280	62	306	32	127	4.6	2.4		0.0
21,5	3178	2918	3113	3174	2716	3025	2980	2488	2823	45	306	67	359	29	129	4.9	2.3		1.0
22,0	3133	2956	3089	3131	2716	3019	2980	2488	2812	45	247	43	251	25	99	3.8	2.4		3.2
22,5	3133	2956	3065	3110	2812	3010	2879	2534	2770	36	196	30	174	17	62	3.4	2.8		4.1
23,0	3094	2774	3048	3077	2664	2968	2752	2432	2594	29	116	21	92	16	33	4.0	1.8		-1.7
23,5	3071	2774	2999	3022	2664	2926	2899	2280	2586	16	34	15	43	18	37	1.9	0.9		-1.2
24,0	3068	2768	2914	3006	2742	2888	2899	2280	2533	12	39	9	24	11	28	-0.1			-0.9
24,5	2994	2768	2915	2944	2773	2866	2899	2282	2560	10	35	4	15	9	24				5.7
25,0	2988	2843	2917	2646	2646	2646				4	8	1	1						
25,5	2859	2843	2849	2646	2646	2646	2114	2114	2113	2	3	1	1	1	1	7.6			-14.5
26,0	2843	2843	2842	2646	2646	2646	2114	2114	2113	1	2	1	1	1	1	7.3	1.1		-13.3
26,5							2114	2114	2113					1	1				



Current Season — (Blue line)
Previous Season — (Red line)

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Average Fleece Wool Prices (Averages 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																		
18,0				4202	4202	4202	3684	3684	3684			1	1	1	1			4.5
18,5				3523	3523	3523	3441	3002	3226			1	1	3	7			4.4
19,0				3583	3293	3491	3400	3160	3314			3	9	2	3			-1.4 6.5
19,5	3678	3584	3610	3749	2879	3373	3400	2659	2966	2	4	17	47	8	23			2.5 4.2
20,0	3584	3256	3413	3595	2879	3192	3246	2326	2778	2	6	20	71	15	44			2.8 0.1
20,5	3256	3044	3141	3221	2863	3075	3024	2326	2706	3	8	22	116	23	66	4.7	6.7	2.7
21,0	3256	3044	3141	3221	2679	2972	2965	2429	2716	3	8	36	188	24	88	4.9	4.9	2.7
21,5	3128	2781	3015	3131	2679	2914	2965	2429	2705	4	26	41	223	30	98	5.9	3.8	2.0
22,0	3128	2781	3025	3084	2605	2892	2904	2429	2706	7	40	31	144	20	64	6.7	3.8	4.2
22,5	3068	2861	2991	3066	2559	2826	2855	2555	2730	4	20	19	72	8	27	5.3	2.2	5.7
23,0	3035	2861	2900	2965	2559	2760	2745	2419	2597	2	8	5	23	4	17	1.9	1.1	0.9
23,5	2861	2678	2825	2907	2500	2619	2419	2419	2419	2	8	4	24	1	7			-0.1 -13.8
24,0	2678	2678	2677	2907	2500	2656				1	2	2	12					-1.1
24,5																		
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	3713	3346		3222	2930	2806
Bellies		2993	2913	2939	2902	2875
Locks				2187	2008	1021
Average Quality						
Lambswool	3576	3191	2764	3074	2896	2163
Bellies	3635	2857	2752	2833	2840	2633
Locks				1997	1748	1594
Inferior Quality						
Fleecewool	3641	3271	2581		2961	2654
Lambswool		3242		3101	2724	2456
Bellies				2393	2309	2347
Locks					1374	1463

Industry News

First BIOCLIP sale to be held

The first sale of wool harvested using the revolutionary BIOCLIP process will be held in Melbourne, Australia, on 16 February.

The BIOCLIP wool harvesting process involves injecting sheep with a naturally occurring protein that causes the wool fibre to break just below to skin surface.

Once the sheep have been injected, an elastic retention net is fitted to capture and hold the wool in place for harvesting. The net is left on the sheep for at least four weeks.

Elders will conduct the sale. More than 250 bales from clips sourced from producers from all over Australia will be offered.

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