

CAPE WOOLS SA
Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary

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Market Commentary

ANOTHER GOOD WEEK FOR WOOL

PORT ELIZABETH: The market firmed for a third week in a row on the back of keen competition from the trade for the selection of good quality wools on offer. Cape Wools' indicator rose 4,7% to finish the day at R24,93/kg (clean).

Fine-wool prices surged as one the country's largest fine-wool clips came under the hammer. The 19-micron category (long wool) gained over 5%, while most other categories rose between 1% and 4%. The rand was 0,7% softer against the US dollar, but 0,5% stronger against the Euro. Of the 7 133 bales on offer, 94% was sold. Major buyers were Modiano (1 586 bales), Chargeurs Wool (1 298 bales), SA Wool Exporters (1 284 bales) and Stucken (867 bales).

Average clean prices for good quality long (75 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns were up 5,4% at R41, 37/kg; 20 dropped 1,3% at R34,94/kg; 21 microns strengthened 4,3% at R34,00/kg; 22 microns gained 2,9% at R32,63/kg; 23 microns were 4% dearer at R32,35/kg; 24 microns were down 0,9% at R30,38/kg, but there were no quotes for 25 microns.

Approximately 7 500 bales have been rostered for next week.

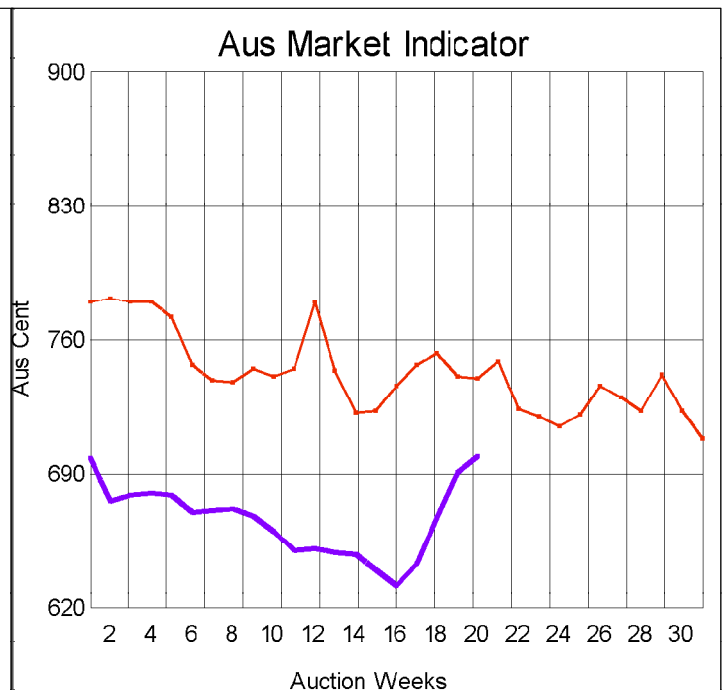
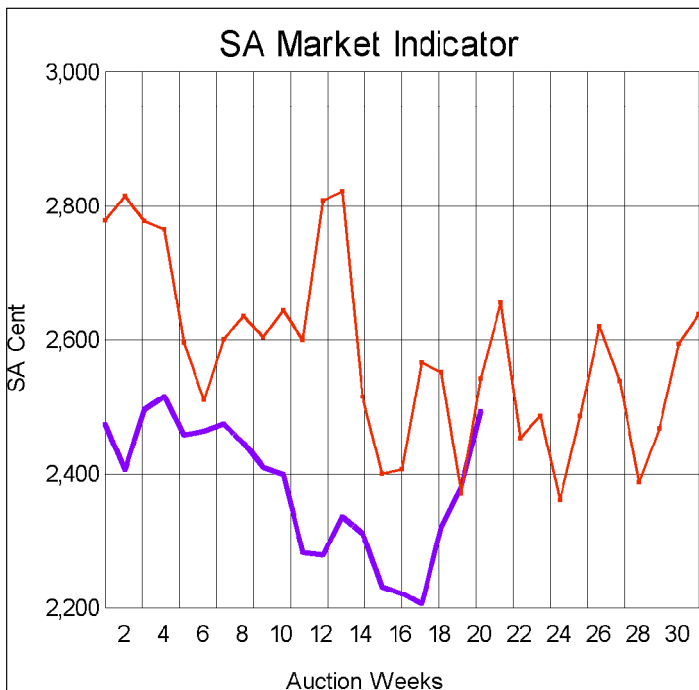
Auction Analysis

Composition of Fleece Offerings				Analysis of Offerings					
Description	% This Week	% Prev Week	Description	This Week			Previous Week		
				%	Bales	% Sold	Bales	% Sold	
Long Wool	48.2	48.3	Merino Fleeces	39.2	2 793	98.0	3 730	98.7	
Medium Wool	47.5	46.5	Merino Bellies	6.5	465	96.6	523	87.0	
Short Wool and Locks	4.3	5.3	Merino Lambs	5.9	421	81.0	822	94.2	
Fine Wool (<20µ)	26.7	19.2	Merino Locks	7.2	511	99.6	548	96.2	
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	58.1	60.2	Other	41.3	2 943	91.5	4 086	90.2	
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	14.2	18.3	Total	100.0	7 133	94.3	9 709	93.9	
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	0.9	2.3							
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	2 493	2 382	4.7	Cape Town	186	186	100.0	349	304
AWEX EMI	699	691	1.2	Durban	3 340	3 164	94.7	3 896	3 676
R/US Dollar	6.0480	6.0072	-0.7	Port Elizabeth	3 607	3 378	93.7	5 464	5 141
R/A Dollar	4.5754	4.5202	-1.2	Total	7 133	6 728	94.3	9 709	9 121
R/Euro	7.3449	7.3807	0.5						
Main Buyers				Receipts 27/01/2006					
Buyers	This Week	% of Sale	To Date	Season to Date (Kg)		Last Season (Kg)		% Change	
				29 426 354		30 190 139		-2.5	
G Modiano	1 586	23.6	42 689	Next Auction					
Chargeurs Wool	1 298	19.3	28 523	Name	Date	Offerings (Bales)			
SA Wool Exporters	1 284	19.1	21 788	S A Wool Exchange	08/02/2006	± 7 000			
Stucken	867	12.9	26 846	Van Lill Wool Buyers	07/02/2006	± 330			
United Wool	838	12.5	15 530	Saunders et al.	07/02/2006	± 290			
Beier Fin	463	6.9	12 871	Lanata	-	-			
ADF	382	5.7	9 657	SA Market Indicator	-	MA20	2 493		
Lempriere (Aus) Ltd	10	0.1	743	Ave SA Market Indicator - Season to Date			2 381		
				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	4909	4742	4835				3502	3502	3502	6	27			1	1				-14.1
18,0	4724	4643	4710	4428	4094	4264				2	13	3	10			10.0	-2.0		
18,5	4338	4105	4268	4348	4212	4288	3421	3248	3327	3	7	6	16	2	2	5.6	3.1	-9.0	
19,0	4277	4047	4137	4215	3959	4073				7	45	6	21			5.4	5.6		
19,5	4163	3811	4072	4105	3374	3845	3567	3215	3440	8	52	13	72	7	34	6.5	6.0	6.4	
20,0	3811	3437	3494	3867	3374	3676	3567	2903	3273	6	59	14	65	12	43	-1.3	6.3	6.4	
20,5	3661	3357	3450	3720	3176	3416	3287	2787	3122	11	108	16	75	12	34	3.6	4.5	4.8	
21,0	3477	3286	3400	3451	3038	3297	3270	2787	3113	11	69	31	173	12	27	4.3	4.2	7.8	
21,5	3421	3172	3278	3381	2902	3248	3167	2833	3044	12	89	36	256	16	75	2.3	4.5	6.0	
22,0	3302	3172	3263	3319	2902	3219	3143	2328	3019	11	82	18	172	12	76	2.9	4.4	4.5	
22,5	3302	3172	3253	3272	2857	3202	3127	2328	3022	9	67	17	168	8	62	3.9	5.3	10.6	
23,0	3246	3186	3235	3255	2857	3164	3127	2798	2970	3	21	10	89	7	43	4.0	4.2	12.3	
23,5	3242	3100	3223	3255	2966	3141	3127	2798	2964	2	5	6	47	5	17	3.2	4.7	8.8	
24,0	3100	3035	3038	3171	2923	3092	2918	2840	2883	2	11	7	11	2	4	-0.9	3.7	4.9	
24,5	3035	3035	3034	3125	2923	3044	2840	2804	2827	1	10	6	9	2	3	1.6	3.9	10.5	
25,0				2976	2933	2952	2804	2804	2804									4.0	11.0
25,5				2933	2933	2933												2.7	



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	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	4602	4602	4602				3824	3824	3823	1	4			1	3			
18,5				4452	4452	4451	3405	3405	3405			1	3	1	4	14.2	-15.5	
19,0	3933	3933	3933	3973	3687	3805	3803	3309	3548	1	2	3	10	4	20	-1.3	-2.2	2.8
19,5	3933	3933	3933	3973	3280	3601	3580	2908	3192	1	2	8	44	5	14	10.0	2.0	-7.0
20,0				3760	3280	3505	3517	2841	3143			11	57	12	37	4.9	3.1	
20,5	3193	3193	3193	3492	3179	3360	3517	2446	3057	1	5	13	58	16	54	3.3	5.0	4.2
21,0	3193	3193	3193	3402	2906	3229	3291	2446	2954	1	5	17	111	14	77	4.2	4.3	4.6
21,5	3170	3158	3163	3258	2848	3113	3291	2658	2829	2	7	24	167	15	138	4.2	2.4	3.6
22,0	3170	3158	3163	3258	2848	3099	3132	1799	2794	2	7	23	191	18	139	5.7	3.9	0.8
22,5				3186	2870	3079	3132	1799	2642			8	70	13	43	5.1	-4.5	
23,0				3077	2989	3052	3053	1799	2563			3	15	6	31	5.5	-3.8	
23,5				2989	2714	2834	2740	2341	2414			2	3	2	11	-1.8	-6.8	
24,0				2714	2714	2714						1	2			-7.8		
24,5																		
25,0																		
25,5																		

Other Selected Types/Qualities

Clean Price per Kilogram

	Long			Medium		
	19μ	20μ	21μ	19μ	20μ	21μ
Good Quality						
Lambswool	4102	3439	3416	3458	3041	3033
Bellies		3308		3452		
Locks				2367	1967	1526
Average Quality						
Lambswool	3767	3580	3219	3292	3142	2725
Bellies	3549	3551	3092	3646	2936	2809
Locks				2438	1698	1690
Inferior Quality						
Fleecewool		3198	2897	3541	3177	2771
Lambswool						
Bellies				2958	2677	2357
Locks				1290	1312	1411

Industry News

Top destinations for South African wool

Export figures for the first half of the season (July to December 2005) show that the five top export destinations for South African wool (based on value) were the Czech Republic (18,7% of total FOB value), followed by Italy (18%), Germany (14,1%), China (12,1%) and Bulgaria (5,3%).

Grease wool exports to China resumed at the start of the season following the lifting of the ban in June 2005 on grease wool exports from South Africa. The volume of grease wool exported to China for July to December 2005 came to 1,5 mkg.

The largest grease wool importer is the Czech Republic (4,4 mkg).