

CAPE WOOLS SA
Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary

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Market Commentary

STRONG CURRENCY PUSHES PRICES DOWN

PORT ELIZABETH: The sharp increase in the value of the rand negatively affected this week's wool sale and Cape Wools' market indicator dropped 6,4% to close at R24,25/kg (clean).

The appreciation was spurred on by a rampant gold price and dramatic gains in the euro, which saw the rand gaining 32c (5,2%) against the US dollar since the previous sale two weeks ago.

All micron categories were affected with prices of some long wool categories falling by as much as 8%. The downturn in the market also resulted in a higher than usual pass in rate. Only 71% of the 11 588 bales on offer was sold.

Major buyers were SA Wool Exporters (2 197 bales), Modiano (2 163 bales), Stucken (1 847 bales), Segard Masurel (816 bales), and Beier Finances (753 bales).

Average clean prices for good quality long (75 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: there were no quotes for 19 microns; 20 microns (7 lots) were down 7,8% at R35,95/kg; 21 microns (13 lots) shed 7,4% at R32,32/kg; 22 microns (8 lots) were 8% cheaper at R31,46/kg; 23 microns (10 lots) shed 6,4% at R30,97/kg, 24 microns (8 lots) were down 4,8% at R29,92/kg, and 25 microns (2 lots) dropped 3,1% at R29,55/kg.

The next sale has been rostered for 19 April when approximately 8 500 bales will be offered.

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	32.1	35.6	Merino Fleeces	41.9	4 856	56.1	4 391	90.1
Medium Wool	57.4	53.0	Merino Bellies	7.0	811	84.5	759	84.8
Short Wool and Locks	10.5	11.4	Merino Lambs	9.1	1 057	63.4	1 040	85.7
Fine Wool (<20µ)	14.4	14.3	Merino Locks	7.1	821	96.3	766	95.2
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	61.6	59.3	Other	34.9	4 043	82.1	4 178	90.3
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	22.5	21.7	Total	100.0	11 588	70.7	11 134	89.7
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	1.5	4.7						

Other Indicators

Indicators	This Week	Prev Week	% Change	Ports	Offerings per Port				
					This Week (Bales)			Prev Week (Bales)	
					Offered	Sold	% Sold	Offered	Sold
SA Market Indicator	2 425	2 590	-6.4	Cape Town	1 786	1 097	61.4	1 564	1 410
AWEX EMI	736	746	-1.3	Durban	3 265	2 416	74.0	3 236	2 988
R/US Dollar	6.0120	6.3397	5.2	Port Elizabeth	6 537	4 675	71.5	6 334	5 594
R/A Dollar	4.3463	4.5462	4.4	Total	11 588	8 188	70.7	11 134	9 992
R/Euro	7.3736	7.6593	3.7						

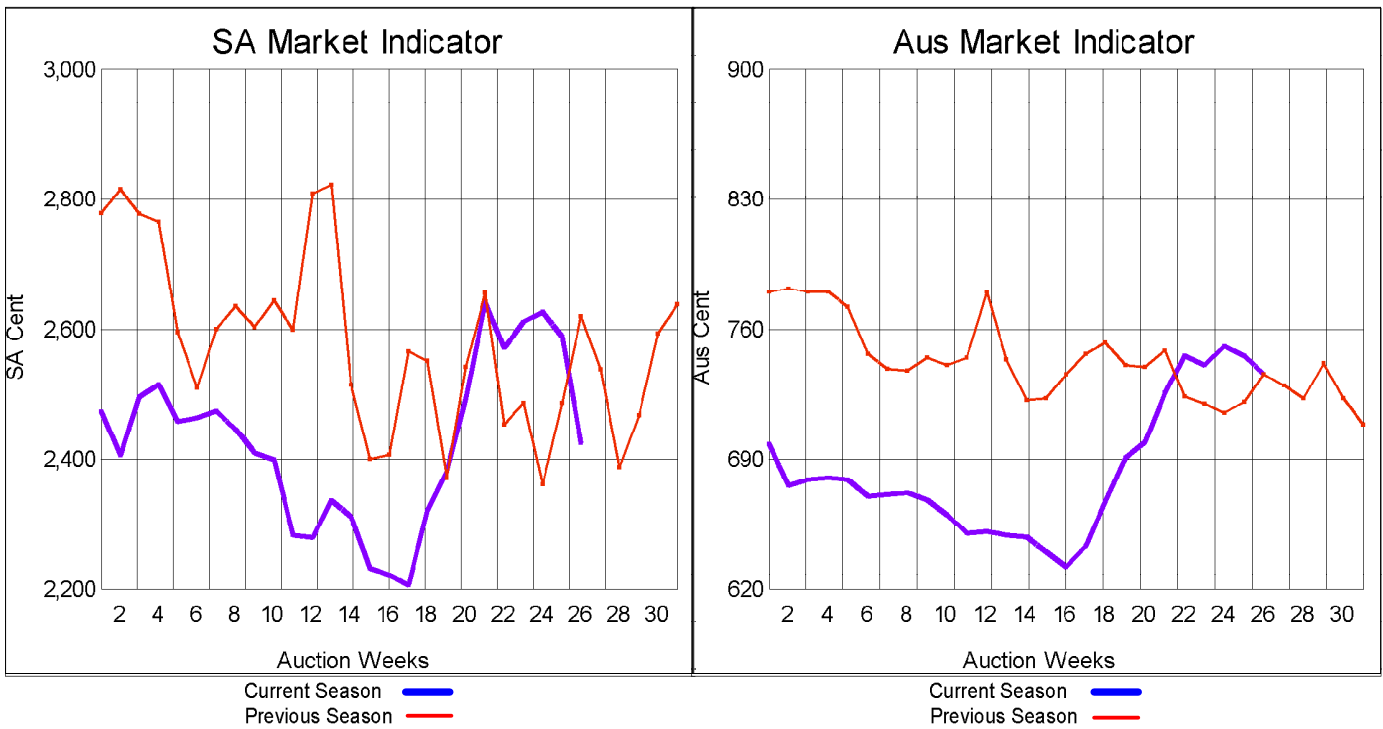
Receipts 31/03/2006

Main Buyers				Season to Date (Kg)		Last Season (Kg)		% Change
Buyers	This Week	% of Sale	To Date	38 385 970		39 089 279		-1.8
SA Wool Exporters	2 197	26.8	33 791	Next Auction				
G Modiano	2 163	26.4	56 851	Name	Date	Offerings (Bales)		
Stucken	1 847	22.6	36 376	S A Wool Exchange	20/04/2006	± 8 000		
Segard Masurel	816	10.0	19 869	Van Lill Wool Buyers	19/04/2006	± 180		
Beier Fin	753	9.2	17 133	Saunders et al.	19/04/2006	± 200		
Chargeurs Wool	411	5.0	35 462	Lanata	19/04/2006	± 200		
Lempriere (Aus) Ltd	1	0.0	922	SA Market Indicator	-	MA26	2 425	
ADF	0	0.0	12 422	Ave SA Market Indicator - Season to Date			2 426	
				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	4390	4390	4390				4227	4227	4227	1	1			1	1			-6.7
18,0	4375	4375	4374	4124	4085	4098	3128	3128	3127	1	1	2	3	1	4	-8.7	-11.9	-25.8
18,5	4225	4214	4220	4095	4038	4055	3944	3146	3585	2	5	2	4	6	12	-8.1	-9.6	-4.3
19,0				4024	3796	3909	3772	3019	3411			4	8	6	19		-7.9	-4.5
19,5	3741	3614	3673	3906	3368	3614	3679	2797	3234	4	14	19	59	22	70	-10.9	-10.3	-4.8
20,0	3741	3387	3595	3727	3306	3486	3448	2726	3079	7	23	26	116	30	98	-7.8	-5.7	-7.1
20,5	3631	3132	3383	3560	3034	3340	3294	2496	2945	8	30	36	195	47	150	-6.6	-6.0	-8.6
21,0	3387	3115	3232	3410	2969	3238	3242	2496	2915	13	52	46	251	60	216	-7.4	-7.0	-5.8
21,5	3327	3086	3197	3294	2969	3155	3238	2504	2877	15	60	41	190	41	188	-7.4	-7.3	-5.6
22,0	3216	3086	3146	3191	2876	3096	3143	2338	2852	8	30	37	133	28	121	-8.0	-8.1	-5.1
22,5	3132	3041	3108	3131	2876	3063	3137	2338	2763	8	39	34	142	30	116	-7.9	-8.5	-7.2
23,0	3120	3032	3097	3131	2876	3036	3085	2439	2740	10	42	24	107	25	108	-6.4	-8.2	-8.3
23,5	3052	2983	3006	3068	2843	2962	2995	2439	2779	7	26	16	51	11	37	-5.5	-9.1	-4.9
24,0	3052	2947	2992	3016	2843	2946	2995	2439	2799	8	36	13	40	4	10	-4.8	-6.5	0.4
24,5	2999	2947	2976	2983	2912	2935				6	34	5	13			-4.4	-4.1	
25,0	2962	2954	2955	2918	2918	2917				2	8	1	2			-3.1	-3.1	
25,5	2865	2865	2864							1	3					-4.2		
26,0	2865	2865	2864				2596	2596	2595	1	3			1	3	-4.1		
26,5							2596	2596	2595					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			
17,5																		
18,0																		
18,5				3926	3926	3926	3950	3814	3851		1	8	3	5	-9.9	-0.1		
19,0				3908	3908	3907	3766	3766	3766			1	2	1	4	-5.1	2.8	
19,5	3410	3410	3410	3908	3364	3513	3766	2958	3464	1	1	9	27	6	16	-17.0	-9.2	1.8
20,0	3410	3291	3325	3626	3053	3413	3525	2702	3032	3	20	13	39	10	35	-9.7	-6.1	-7.2
20,5	3410	3225	3310	3430	2586	3180	3229	2432	2864	4	24	15	63	18	68	-5.9	-8.5	-12.4
21,0	3291	3102	3184	3266	2586	3080	3153	2432	2825	4	14	20	122	27	103	-8.3	-5.8	-9.8
21,5	3160	3097	3121	3266	2714	3061	3017	2434	2772	4	15	22	113	24	84	-8.4	-4.7	-7.0
22,0	3119	3048	3091	3135	2687	2976	3006	2268	2686	3	12	21	61	17	85	-7.4	-6.8	-6.2
22,5	3075	3048	3057	3127	2687	2983	2885	2268	2684	2	6	17	53	13	67	-8.5	-8.6	-2.9
23,0	3075	3048	3057	3085	2860	2997	2885	2575	2729	2	6	10	32	9	38	-9.3	-7.0	-3.7
23,5				3082	3006	3044	2870	2581	2715			2	4	4	24		-2.6	-1.9
24,0				2516	2384	2440						2	5				-21.7	
24,5	2898	2898	2897	2894	2384	2664				1	4	3	10				-4.6	
25,0	2898	2898	2897	2894	2384	2705				1	4	2	8				26.1	
25,5				2854	2854	2854						1	1				33.0	
26,0				2854	2854	2854						1	1					
26,5																		

Other Selected Types/Qualities

Clean Price per Kilogram

	Long			Medium		
	19μ	20μ	21μ	19μ	20μ	21μ
Good Quality						
Lambswool	3888	3594	3251	3383	3195	3142
Bellies			3017	3159	2965	2921
Locks				2293	2039	1989
Average Quality						
Lambswool	3842	3400	2962	3413	2671	2943
Bellies		2768	2669	2958	2696	2425
Locks				1942	1852	1653
Inferior Quality						
Fleecewool		3076	2916	3459	3010	2748
Lambswool		3485		3253	2861	2680
Bellies	2989		1862	2755	2469	2436
Locks				1755	1607	1556

Industry News

Record prices for Merino lambs

There seems to be renewed interest in woolled sheep. Merino ewe lambs and wethers were snapped up at record prices at one the largest private production sales held at Aberdeen in the Eastern Cape recently. A total of 8 500 small stock were offered, including 4 000 Merino ewe lambs, 3 000 Merino and some angora ewes and dorper ewe lambs. There was such keen from the 121 buyers that the entire small-stock offering was sold within 55 minutes. The Merino lambs were sold for an average price of R550 each while the wethers fetched an average price of R460 per head.