

CAPE WOOLS SA
Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary

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Catalogue Number **MV26**



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Market Commentary

WOOL PRICES UP AT FIRST SALE AFTER EASTER RECESS

PORT ELIZABETH: The wool market finished stronger at the first sale after the Easter recess despite the fluctuating rand and Cape Wools' market indicator gained 5,4% to close at R26,21/kg (clean). The market appeared to ignore the fluctuating rand, which started off at R6,18 to the US dollar but later strengthened to R6,08 before losing some ground. There was good competition from both grease wool exporters and local topmakers who were stocking up to carry them over until the next sale on 20 April. Prices were up across the board but the medium to stronger wools benefited most while the finer wools were lagging behind. The biggest gains were posted by 22, 24 and 25 microns that rose between 5% to 6%. Major buyers for the day were Modiano (4105 bales), Chargeurs Wool (3 220 bales), ADF (2 192 bales), Stucken (1 835 bales) and United Wool (1 398 bales).

Average clean prices for good quality long (75 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns rose 4,3% to close at R42,47/kg, 20 microns were up 3,6% at R38,64/kg, 21 microns were 4,2% dearer at R36,07/kg, 22 microns gained 6,4% to R35,16/kg, 23 microns rose 5,1% to R33,63/kg, 24 microns were 6,5% dearer at R32,73/kg and 25 microns rose 5,7% at R30,64/kg.

No sale has been scheduled for next week. Sales will resume on 20 April when approximately 8 000 bales will come under the hammer.

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	35.1	36.2	Merino Fleeces	47.4	7 456	97.5	3 894	94.9
Medium Wool	51.1	56.3	Merino Bellies	6.3	994	96.6	409	97.3
Short Wool and Locks	13.8	7.5	Merino Lambs	10.0	1 573	91.9	590	93.6
Fine Wool (<20μ)	14.9	12.1	Merino Locks	5.8	911	96.9	668	96.9
Medium Wool (20 - 22μ)	53.5	61.6	Other	30.4	4 785	92.0	2 618	90.7
Strong Wool (22 - 24μ)	27.2	24.2	Total	100.0	15 719	95.2	8 179	93.8
Overstrong (24 - 27μ)	4.4	2.2						

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	2 621	2 487	5.4	Cape Town	2 257	2 067	91.6	1 125	951
AWEX EMI	736	721	2.1	Durban	3 203	3 072	95.9	3 735	3 612
R/US Dollar	6.0998	6.0680	-0.5	Port Elizabeth	10 259	9 823	95.8	3 319	3 105
R/A Dollar	4.6772	4.7968	2.5	Total	15 719	14 962	95.2	8 179	7 668
R/Euro	7.8631	8.0997	2.9						

Receipts 01/04/2005

Main Buyers

Buyers	This Week	% of Sale	To Date	Season to Date (Kg)		Last Season (Kg)		% Change
				39 893 781	41 198 484			
G Modiano	4 105	27.4	78 186	Next Auction				
Chargeurs Wool	3 220	21.5	32 001	Name	Date	Offerings (Bales)		
ADF	2 192	14.7	28 730	S A Wool Exchange	20/04/2005	± 7 000		
Stucken	1 835	12.3	36 973	Van Lill Wool Buyers	19/04/2005	± 300		
United Wool	1 398	9.3	24 681	Saunders et al.	19/04/2005	± 450		
Beier Fin	1 376	9.2	19 858	Lanata	-			
SA Wool Exporters	831	5.6	13 248	SA Market Indicator	-	MV26	2 621	
Fibres Int	5	0.0	3 436	Ave SA Market Indicator - Season to Date				2 576
CPC	0	0.0	0	Ave SA Market Indicator - Previous Season				3 085

Price Analysis											
Long Merino Fleece Wool (75 - 95mm)											
Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers						Average to Inferior Topmakers					
Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change	Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change
	This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week			This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week	
<18.7µ *	0	0	0	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	4 247	4 072	8	3	4.3	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	4 038	3 959	15	1	2.0	19.3-19.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	3 864	3 728	13	4	3.6	19.8-20.2µ	0	3 597	0	1	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	3 692	3 509	16	5	5.2	20.3-20.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
20.8-21.2µ	3 607	3 463	16	7	4.2	20.8-21.2µ	3 570	0	1	0	0.0
21.3-21.7µ	3 538	3 392	25	9	4.3	21.3-21.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
21.8-22.2µ	3 516	3 306	20	6	6.4	21.8-22.2µ	3 502	0	2	0	0.0
22.3-22.7µ	3 427	3 248	21	10	5.5	22.3-22.7µ	3 295	0	1	0	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	3 363	3 199	14	8	5.1	22.8-23.2µ	3 287	0	1	0	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	3 333	3 161	7	3	5.4	23.3-23.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	3 273	3 072	7	2	6.5	23.8-24.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	3 164	3 016	3	2	4.9	24.3-24.7µ	3 169	0	1	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	3 064	2 899	2	4	5.7	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	2 958	0	3	0	0.0	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	2 825	2 695	2	1	4.8	>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
Medium to Long Merino Fleece Wool (60 - 70mm)											
Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers						Average to Inferior Topmakers					
Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change	Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change
	This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week			This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week	
<18.7µ *	0	0	0	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	4 191	3 970	14	10	5.6	18.8-19.2µ	4 103	0	4	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	3 970	3 843	25	18	3.3	19.3-19.7µ	3 868	3 684	13	3	5.0
19.8-20.2µ	3 763	3 614	28	14	4.1	19.8-20.2µ	3 612	3 580	12	5	0.9
20.3-20.7µ	3 651	3 453	60	27	5.7	20.3-20.7µ	3 541	3 338	14	6	6.1
20.8-21.2µ	3 555	3 324	42	18	7.0	20.8-21.2µ	3 391	3 191	25	12	6.2
21.3-21.7µ	3 501	3 316	55	36	5.6	21.3-21.7µ	3 370	3 203	23	21	5.2
21.8-22.2µ	3 462	3 282	43	21	5.5	21.8-22.2µ	3 316	3 173	24	14	4.5
22.3-22.7µ	3 385	3 275	44	14	3.3	22.3-22.7µ	3 276	3 129	21	18	4.7
22.8-23.2µ	3 330	3 194	24	12	4.2	22.8-23.2µ	3 307	3 063	9	6	8.0
23.3-23.7µ	3 299	3 128	14	4	5.5	23.3-23.7µ	3 247	2 841	6	1	**
23.8-24.2µ	3 174	3 006	19	2	5.6	23.8-24.2µ	3 127	2 798	1	2	**
24.3-24.7µ	3 134	2 915	2	2	7.5	24.3-24.7µ	2 920	0	1	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	3 038	0	5	0	0.0	24.8-25.2µ	3 076	2 546	2	1	**
25.3-25.7µ	3 009	2 674	5	2	**	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	2 936	2 603	4	1	**	>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0

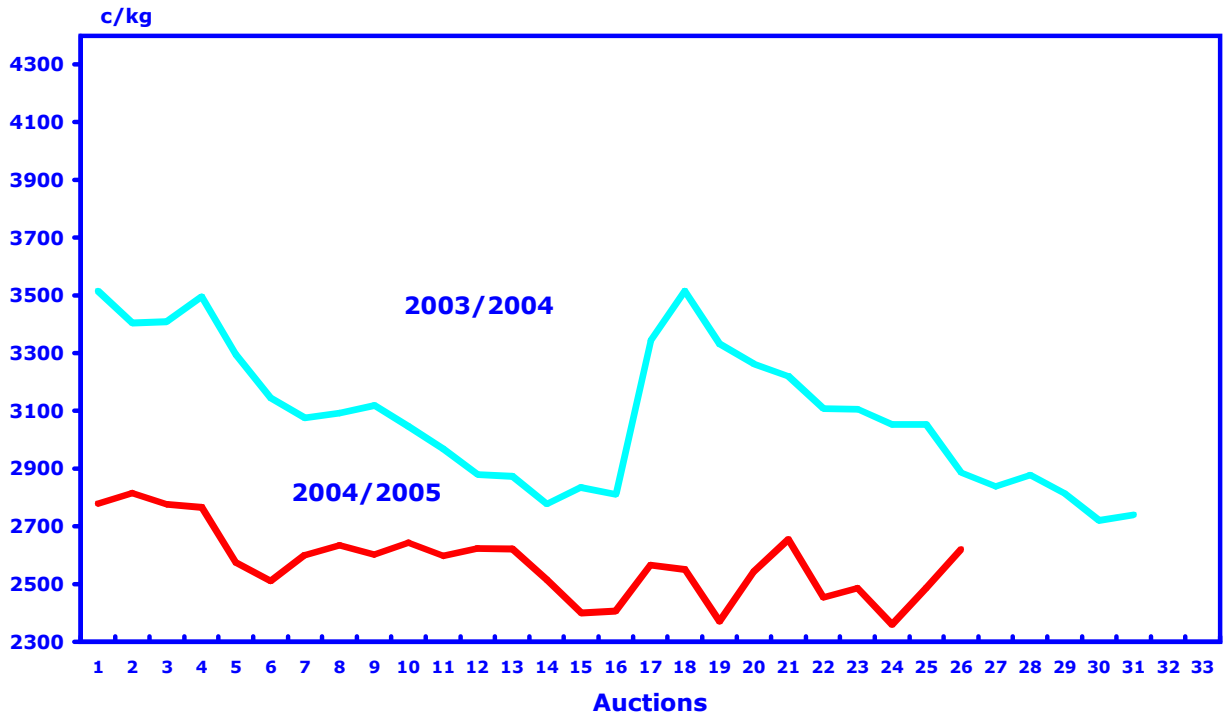
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Price Analysis											
Medium Merino Fleece Wool (40 - 55mm)											
Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers						Average to Inferior Topmakers					
Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change	Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change
	This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week			This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week	
<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	3 775	3 832	20	8	-1.5	18.8-19.2µ	3 896	3 669	9	9	6.2
19.3-19.7µ	3 760	3 525	20	8	6.7	19.3-19.7µ	3 741	3 586	17	13	4.3
19.8-20.2µ	3 546	3 488	38	11	1.7	19.8-20.2µ	3 342	3 289	18	15	1.6
20.3-20.7µ	3 474	3 379	49	17	2.8	20.3-20.7µ	3 360	3 144	21	25	6.9
20.8-21.2µ	3 362	3 256	42	13	3.3	20.8-21.2µ	3 218	3 093	39	16	4.0
21.3-21.7µ	3 351	3 222	48	12	4.0	21.3-21.7µ	3 282	3 055	27	19	7.5
21.8-22.2µ	3 286	3 205	39	11	2.5	21.8-22.2µ	3 064	2 977	21	14	2.9
22.3-22.7µ	3 227	3 124	45	9	3.3	22.3-22.7µ	2 929	2 819	21	13	3.9
22.8-23.2µ	3 205	3 024	17	7	6.0	22.8-23.2µ	2 771	0	8	0	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	3 074	3 089	16	4	-0.5	23.3-23.7µ	2 848	2 637	3	2	8.0
23.8-24.2µ	3 041	2 672	11	3	**	23.8-24.2µ	2 838	2 704	4	3	4.9
24.3-24.7µ	2 995	2 855	2	3	4.9	24.3-24.7µ	2 776	0	1	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	2 979	2 582	4	1	**	24.8-25.2µ	2 528	0	1	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
Short Merino Fleece Wool (20 - 35mm)											
Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers						Average to Inferior Topmakers					
Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change	Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change
	This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week			This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week	
<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	2 721	0	2	0	0.0	18.8-19.2µ	1 933	0	1	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	2 583	1 847	5	1	**	19.3-19.7µ	2 641	0	1	0	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	3 026	0	6	0	0.0	19.8-20.2µ	1 922	0	2	0	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	3 243	2 986	2	2	8.6	20.3-20.7µ	1 853	2 383	1	1	**
20.8-21.2µ	3 021	3 021	1	2	0.0	20.8-21.2µ	3 358	0	1	0	0.0
21.3-21.7µ	3 033	0	6	0	0.0	21.3-21.7µ	3 145	0	3	0	0.0
21.8-22.2µ	2 859	2 958	2	2	-3.3	21.8-22.2µ	2 664	0	1	0	0.0
22.3-22.7µ	3 137	0	1	0	0.0	22.3-22.7µ	2 109	2 466	1	1	**
22.8-23.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	22.8-23.2µ	2 310	0	1	0	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	2 964	0	1	0	0.0	23.3-23.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	23.8-24.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	24.3-24.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	2 952	0	2	0	0.0	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0

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Other Types					
Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers					
Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change
	This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week	
Long Lambs (19μ)	4 278	4 176	5	1	2.4
Long Lambs (20μ)	3 748	3 691	3	4	1.5
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 924	3 712	13	7	5.7
Medium Lambs (20μ)	3 679	3 291	2	4	11.8
Long Bellies (20μ)	3 433	0	6	0	0.0
Long Bellies (21μ)	0	2 994	0	1	0.0
Medium Bellies (20μ)	3 559	3 229	3	1	10.2
Medium Bellies (21μ)	3 310	2 943	3	2	12.5
Long Locks (Good Color)	2 016	1 895	14	8	6.4
Other Types					
Average to Inferior Topmakers					
Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change
	This Week	Prev Week	This Week	Prev Week	
Long Lambs (19μ)	4 228	0	4	0	0.0
Long Lambs (20μ)	3 629	0	3	0	0.0
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 751	3 746	7	9	0.1
Medium Lambs (20μ)	3 580	0	8	0	0.0
Long Bellies (20μ)	3 372	3 159	5	1	6.7
Long Bellies (21μ)	3 240	2 986	3	3	8.5
Medium Bellies (20μ)	3 276	3 096	22	9	5.8
Medium Bellies (21μ)	3 175	2 902	16	6	9.4
Long Locks (Stain)	1 826	1 580	15	8	15.6

S.A. Market Indicator



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