

CAPE WOOLS SA
Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary

Auction Date **1-Jun-2005**
Catalogue Number **MV30**



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Market Commentary

WEAKER RAND BOOSTS WOOL MARKET

PORT ELIZABETH: The downturn in the value of the rand benefited the wool market and Cape Wools' market indicator gained 5,1% to close at R25,94/kg (clean). The rand fell to fresh lows against both the US dollar and the euro and traded at around R6,83 against the dollar and R8,38 against the euro. This was down 6,9% on the dollar and 3,9% lower than the euro compared with the exchange rates at the previous sale.

Prices rose across the board with most types posting gains of around 4%. The best performer was the 23 micron category, which was up 6%. Grease wool Modiano was the major buyer taking up 25,3% (2 351 bales) of the 10 428 bales on offer. Other major buyers were Stucken (1 860 bales), ADF(1 380 bales), SA Wool Exporters (1 186 bales) and Chargeurs Wool (869 bales).

Average clean prices for good quality long (75 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns rose 4,4% to close at R43,83/kg, 20 microns were up 4,2% at R40,26/kg, 21 microns were 4,3% dearer at R36,17/kg, 22 microns gained 4,5% to R34,71/kg, 23 microns were up 6,1% to R34,21/kg, but there were no quotes for 24 and 25 microns due to the limited volumes.

The final sale of the season takes place on 15 June when approximately 9 000 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	30.0	28.4	Merino Fleeces	46.1	4 804	95.2	4 145	94.5
Medium Wool	58.4	57.9	Merino Bellies	6.5	682	94.4	727	97.1
Short Wool and Locks	11.6	13.7	Merino Lambs	10.9	1 135	97.8	955	97.6
Fine Wool (<20μ)	13.9	15.1	Merino Locks	6.8	713	97.8	781	97.6
Medium Wool (20 - 22μ)	63.5	60.5	Other	29.7	3 094	73.8	4 183	83.3
Strong Wool (22 - 24μ)	21.8	23.3	Total	100.0	10 428	89.3	10 791	90.8
Overstrong (24 - 27μ)	0.9	1.2						

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	2 594	2 468	5.1	Cape Town	925	782	84.5	1 222	1 112
AWEX EMI	723	742	-2.6	Durban	1 626	1 061	65.3	2 479	2 027
R/US Dollar	6.8379	6.3994	-6.9	Port Elizabeth	7 877	7 464	94.8	7 090	6 662
R/A Dollar	5.1361	4.8391	-6.1	Total	10 428	9 307	89.3	10 791	9 801
R/Euro	8.3895	8.0779	-3.9						

Receipts 27/05/2005

Main Buyers				Season to Date (Kg)	Last Season (Kg)	% Change
Buyers	This Week	% of Sale	To Date	45 326 870	45 733 703	-0.9
G Modiano	2 351	25.3	91 259			
Stucken	1 860	20.0	44 592			
ADF	1 380	14.8	31 268			
SA Wool Exporters	1 186	12.7	18 106			
Chargeurs Wool	869	9.3	36 138			
Beier Fin	814	8.7	23 760			
United Wool	501	5.4	27 003			
Lempriere Aus (PTY)	346	3.7	4 816			
CPC	0	0.0	0			

Next Auction

Name	Date	Offerings (Bales)
S A Wool Exchange	15/06/2005	± 8 000
Van Lill Wool Buyers	14/06/2005	± 500
Saunders et al.	14/06/2005	± 300
Lanata	14/06/2005	± 521
SA Market Indicator	-	MV30
Ave SA Market Indicator - Season to Date		2 566
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	4 383	4 199	4	3	4.4	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	4 213	3 984	5	5	5.7	19.3-19.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	4 026	3 865	8	10	4.2	19.8-20.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	3 797	3 603	12	11	5.4	20.3-20.7µ	0	3 487	0	5	0.0
20.8-21.2µ	3 617	3 467	18	7	4.3	20.8-21.2µ	3 637	3 358	1	1	8.3
21.3-21.7µ	3 554	3 443	18	10	3.2	21.3-21.7µ	3 217	3 151	2	1	2.1
21.8-22.2µ	3 471	3 321	11	6	4.5	21.8-22.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
22.3-22.7µ	3 485	3 275	9	8	6.4	22.3-22.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	3 421	3 224	3	4	6.1	22.8-23.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	3 382	3 093	2	4	9.3	23.3-23.7µ	3 256	0	1	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	3 300	0	1	0	0.0	24.3-24.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	3 092	2 828	1	1	9.4	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	0	2 468	0	1	0.0	>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	4 045	4 058	4	16	-0.3	18.8-19.2µ	3 854	0	2	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	4 055	3 857	14	18	5.1	19.3-19.7µ	4 142	3 651	3	2	**
19.8-20.2µ	3 913	3 657	28	29	7.0	19.8-20.2µ	3 424	3 654	7	3	-6.3
20.3-20.7µ	3 682	3 520	43	34	4.6	20.3-20.7µ	3 413	3 409	12	13	0.1
20.8-21.2µ	3 508	3 402	57	40	3.1	20.8-21.2µ	3 423	3 191	20	12	7.3
21.3-21.7µ	3 451	3 330	50	40	3.6	21.3-21.7µ	3 235	3 185	10	16	1.6
21.8-22.2µ	3 428	3 315	39	42	3.4	21.8-22.2µ	3 136	3 196	4	11	-1.9
22.3-22.7µ	3 423	3 230	45	26	6.0	22.3-22.7µ	3 233	3 127	7	8	3.4
22.8-23.2µ	3 341	3 130	17	15	6.7	22.8-23.2µ	2 862	3 026	4	6	-5.4
23.3-23.7µ	3 295	3 092	13	11	6.6	23.3-23.7µ	0	2 799	0	1	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	3 195	3 020	11	2	5.8	23.8-24.2µ	0	2 643	0	1	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	3 185	2 927	2	2	8.8	24.3-24.7µ	0	2 924	0	1	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	2 939	2 777	2	2	5.8	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	3 087	0	1	0	0.0	25.3-25.7µ	0	2 569	0	1	0.0
>25.8µ	2 650	2 651	1	1	0.0	>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0

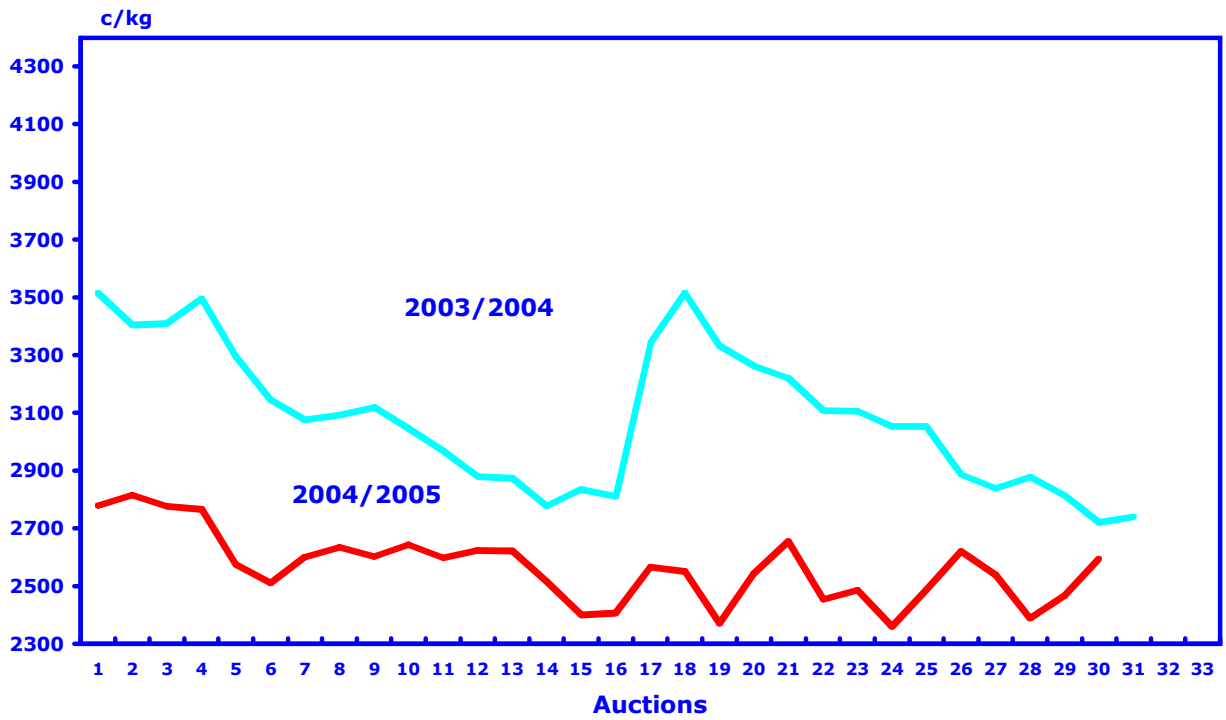
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Price Analysis											
Medium Merino Fleece Wool (40 - 55mm)											
Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers						Average to Inferior Topmakers					
Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change	Micron	Price (c/kg)		Lots Sold		% Price Change
	This 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	3 840	3 738	16	5	2.7	18.8-19.2µ	3 743	3 877	3	3	-3.4
19.3-19.7µ	3 799	3 653	15	20	4.0	19.3-19.7µ	3 300	3 591	10	4	-8.1
19.8-20.2µ	3 624	3 419	30	27	6.0	19.8-20.2µ	3 447	3 278	12	7	5.1
20.3-20.7µ	3 433	3 268	34	29	5.0	20.3-20.7µ	3 145	3 126	15	12	0.6
20.8-21.2µ	3 308	3 171	44	34	4.3	20.8-21.2µ	3 001	2 983	18	19	0.6
21.3-21.7µ	3 209	3 098	29	35	3.6	21.3-21.7µ	3 095	2 825	13	18	9.6
21.8-22.2µ	3 173	3 121	29	26	1.7	21.8-22.2µ	2 947	2 772	7	10	6.3
22.3-22.7µ	3 234	3 062	15	19	5.6	22.3-22.7µ	2 969	2 846	5	9	4.3
22.8-23.2µ	3 026	3 026	23	18	0.0	22.8-23.2µ	2 804	2 615	3	3	7.2
23.3-23.7µ	2 927	2 975	3	6	-1.6	23.3-23.7µ	2 964	2 950	2	2	0.5
23.8-24.2µ	3 024	2 886	4	5	4.8	23.8-24.2µ	2 834	2 661	1	2	6.5
24.3-24.7µ	3 267	2 745	1	4	**	24.3-24.7µ	0	2 554	0	1	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	2 963	0	1	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	2 858	2 146	1	1	**	>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	2 929	0	1	0	0.0	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	2 358	1 904	2	1	**	19.3-19.7µ	2 121	1 791	2	1	**
19.8-20.2µ	2 812	2 720	2	1	3.4	19.8-20.2µ	3 230	2 633	1	2	**
20.3-20.7µ	3 078	0	3	0	0.0	20.3-20.7µ	0	2 201	0	2	0.0
20.8-21.2µ	2 629	0	2	0	0.0	20.8-21.2µ	2 836	2 922	4	2	-2.9
21.3-21.7µ	2 692	0	3	0	0.0	21.3-21.7µ	2 921	1 925	1	2	**
21.8-22.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	21.8-22.2µ	3 107	0	1	0	0.0
22.3-22.7µ	0	1 859	0	1	0.0	22.3-22.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	2 625	0	1	0	0.0	22.8-23.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	23.3-23.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	2 852	0	1	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	0	0	0	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)	4 385	4 214	13	7	4.1
Long Lambs (20μ)	4 085	3 941	6	2	3.7
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 811	3 816	16	15	-0.1
Medium Lambs (20μ)	3 606	3 447	7	7	4.6
Long Bellies (20μ)	0	3 434	0	1	0.0
Long Bellies (21μ)	3 193	0	3	0	0.0
Medium Bellies (20μ)	3 324	3 268	4	3	1.7
Medium Bellies (21μ)	0	3 084	0	3	0.0
Long Locks (Good Color)	2 019	1 782	14	20	13.3
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)	4 236	0	3	0	0.0
Long Lambs (20μ)	3 625	3 363	1	1	7.8
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 690	3 454	6	5	6.8
Medium Lambs (20μ)	3 418	3 216	2	2	6.3
Long Bellies (20μ)	3 331	3 105	4	2	7.3
Long Bellies (21μ)	0	3 210	0	1	0.0
Medium Bellies (20μ)	3 087	3 240	10	21	-4.7
Medium Bellies (21μ)	3 155	2 850	6	12	10.7
Long Locks (Stain)	1 635	1 538	12	12	6.3

S.A. Market Indicator



Aust Market Indicator

