

**CAPE WOOLS SA**  
**Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary**

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**Market Commentary**

**WOOL MARKET SLIGHTLY DEARER**

Port Elizabeth - The wool market showed little sparkle at this week sale, except for fine wools, which fetched excellent prices and helped to push Cape Wools' market indicator 0,8% higher to close at R45,69/kg (clean).

Buyers were unimpressed with the quality of most of the wool on offer. The highlight of the day was the large quantity good quality fine wools offered by the largest woolgrower in the country, which attracted a lot of interest. Quality long wools were also in good demand but the prices of short, carding types were considerably lower due to little interest in these types. Strong competition from one of the large exporting companies with a big order to fill and who subsequently was willing to pay a little more also supported the market.

Wool finer than 19 microns rose by 15,9% on average, but 19 microns were slightly cheaper. The 20-micron category posted a 2,1% increase, 21 microns rose 0,9%, 22 microns were up 1,7%, and 23 gained 0,7%. There were no quotes for 24 and 25 microns due to the small offering.

The total offering comprised 6 457 bales of which 90% was traded.

Average clean price movements for good quality long (75 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns were down 0,5% at R66,67/kg, 20 microns were up 2,1% at R65,48/kg, 21 microns gained 0,9% at R63,22/kg, 22 microns were 1,7% dearer at R62,44/kg, 23 microns gained 0,7% at R61,59/kg, but there were no quotes for 24 and 25 microns due to a small offering.

No sale has been scheduled for next week. Sales will resume on 26 February when approximately 12 500 bales will be on offer.

**Auction Analysis**

<b>Composition of Fleece Offerings</b>			<b>Analysis of Offerings</b>					
<b>Description</b>	<b>% This Week</b>	<b>% Prev Week</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>This Week</b>			<b>Previous Week</b>	
				<b>%</b>	<b>Bales</b>	<b>% Sold</b>	<b>Bales</b>	<b>% Sold</b>
Long Wool	35.6	29.9	Merino Fleeces	36.9	2 420	94.4	2 032	87.2
Medium Wool	57.5	62.5	Merino Bellies	4.9	320	89.4	306	77.1
Short Wool and Locks	6.9	7.6	Merino Lambs	6.3	415	90.6	351	77.5
Fine Wool (<20µ)	31.0	27.5	Merino Locks	6.2	407	89.2	534	83.0
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	59.9	55.7	Other	45.7	3 003	86.3	2 879	91.9
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	9.0	15.7	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6 565</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>6 102</b>	<b>88.0</b>
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	0.1	1.2						

<b>Other Indicators</b>				<b>Offerings per Port</b>					
<b>Indicators</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Ports</b>	<b>This Week (Bales)</b>			<b>Prev Week (Bales)</b>	
					<b>Offered</b>	<b>Sold</b>	<b>% Sold</b>	<b>Offered</b>	<b>Sold</b>
<b>SA Market Indicator</b>	<b>4 569</b>	<b>4 533</b>	<b>0.8</b>	Cape Town	212	195	92.0	249	213
AWEX EMI	1162	1165	-0.3	Durban	3 362	3 036	90.3	3 454	3 034
R/US Dollar	8.3600	8.3113	-0.6	Port Elizabeth	2 991	2 669	89.2	2 399	2 123
R/A Dollar	4.9432	4.9237	-0.4	<b>Total</b>	<b>6 565</b>	<b>5 900</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>6 102</b>	<b>5 370</b>
R/Euro	8.9820	9.0734	1.0						

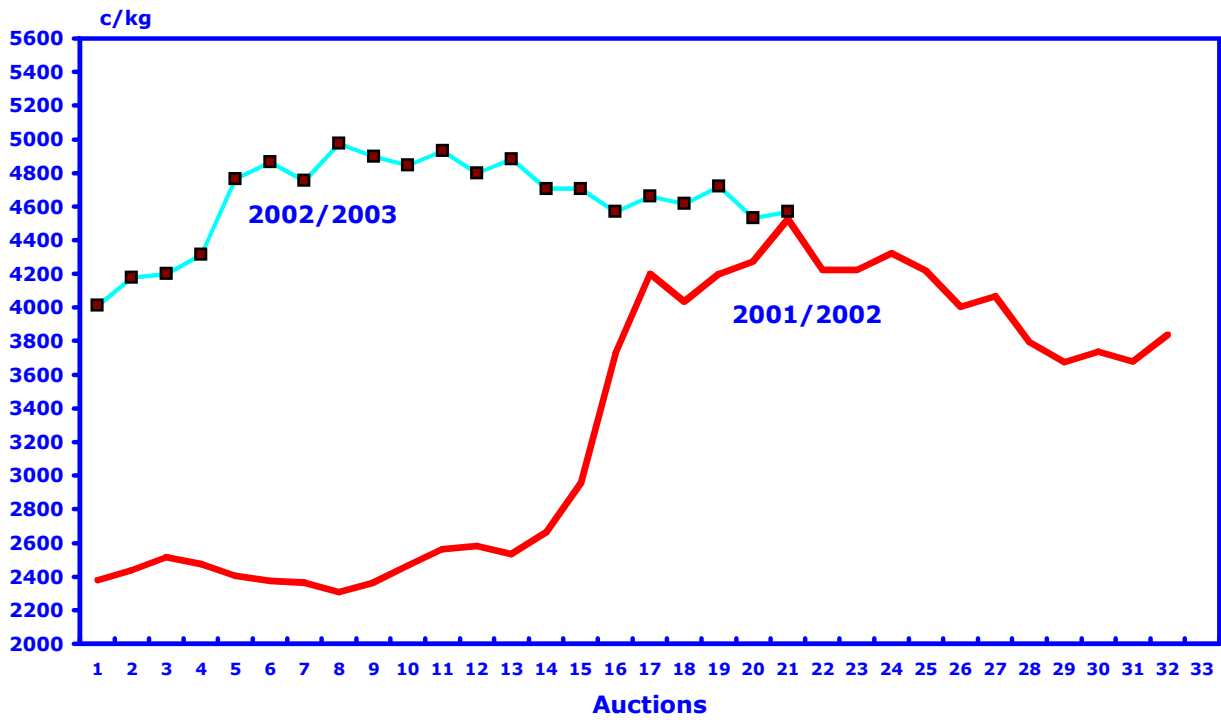
<b>Main Buyers</b>				<b>Receipts 07/02/2003</b>		
<b>Buyers</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Season to Date (Kg)</b>	<b>Last Season (Kg)</b>	<b>% Change</b>
				Chargeurs Wool	1840	1309
Stucken	1201	905	32.7	<b>Next Auction</b>		
United Wool	995	735	35.4	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Offerings (Bales)</b>
G Modiano	615	1066	-42.3	S A Wool Exchange	26/02/2003	± 12 500
ADF	422	157	168.8	Van Lill Wool Buyers	25/02/2003	± 335
Beier Fin	381	257	48.2	Saunders et al.	25/02/2003	± 650
STD Wool	215	414	-48.1	Lanata		
Fibres Int	149	388	-61.6			
CPC	82	139	-41.0			

<b>Price Analysis</b>											
<b>Long Merino Fleece Wool (75 - 95mm)</b>											
<b>Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers</b>						<b>Average to Inferior Topmakers</b>					
<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>	<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>			<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	
<18.7µ	8 076	6 969	10	7	15.9	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	6 667	6 702	5	5	-0.5	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	6 525	6 453	4	2	1.1	19.3-19.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	6 548	6 412	2	6	2.1	19.8-20.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	6 449	6 376	4	7	1.1	20.3-20.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
20.8-21.2µ	6 322	6 266	3	10	0.9	20.8-21.2µ	0	6 299	0	1	0.0
21.3-21.7µ	6 361	6 295	4	2	1.0	21.3-21.7µ	6 324	0	2	0	0.0
21.8-22.2µ	6 244	6 138	2	3	1.7	21.8-22.2µ	6 247	6 114	1	2	2.2
22.3-22.7µ	6 202	6 198	3	5	0.1	22.3-22.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	6 159	6 116	1	4	0.7	22.8-23.2µ	0	6 137	0	1	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	23.3-23.7µ	0	6 029	0	1	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	0	6 005	0	1	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	5 789	0	1	0.0	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	0	5 720	0	1	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
<b>Medium to Long Merino Fleece Wool (60 - 70mm)</b>											
<b>Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers</b>						<b>Average to Inferior Topmakers</b>					
<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>	<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>
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<18.7µ	7 439	7 524	6	15	-1.1	<18.7µ	6 620	6 205	6	2	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	6 670	6 344	8	1	5.1	18.8-19.2µ	5 923	6 432	2	4	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	6 491	6 295	10	5	3.1	19.3-19.7µ	6 248	6 146	4	4	1.7
19.8-20.2µ	6 394	6 266	9	5	2.1	19.8-20.2µ	5 957	5 893	8	6	1.1
20.3-20.7µ	6 291	6 028	15	6	4.4	20.3-20.7µ	6 113	6 167	10	15	-0.9
20.8-21.2µ	6 210	6 150	19	6	1.0	20.8-21.2µ	6 003	6 111	7	8	-1.8
21.3-21.7µ	6 091	6 115	10	8	-0.4	21.3-21.7µ	6 028	5 911	10	9	2.0
21.8-22.2µ	6 211	6 109	18	5	1.7	21.8-22.2µ	5 929	5 989	9	4	-1.0
22.3-22.7µ	6 163	6 016	6	6	2.4	22.3-22.7µ	6 054	6 067	4	6	-0.2
22.8-23.2µ	6 061	6 090	2	2	-0.5	22.8-23.2µ	6 090	5 967	3	6	2.1
23.3-23.7µ	0	6 027	0	3	0.0	23.3-23.7µ	0	6 002	0	1	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	5 952	0	1	0	0.0	23.8-24.2µ	0	5 974	0	1	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	5 962	5 891	1	1	1.2	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	5 453	0	1	0.0
>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0

<b>Price Analysis</b>											
<b>Medium Merino Fleece Wool (40 - 55mm)</b>											
<b>Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers</b>						<b>Average to Inferior Topmakers</b>					
<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>	<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>			<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	
<18.7µ	6 091	5 720	7	7	0.0	<18.7µ	5 925	6 479	8	8	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	5 669	5 829	7	5	-2.7	18.8-19.2µ	5 903	5 916	3	7	-0.2
19.3-19.7µ	5 702	5 598	10	4	1.9	19.3-19.7µ	5 764	5 828	10	6	-1.1
19.8-20.2µ	5 709	5 642	7	9	1.2	19.8-20.2µ	5 574	5 601	15	6	-0.5
20.3-20.7µ	5 788	5 554	8	8	4.2	20.3-20.7µ	5 711	5 818	20	23	-1.8
20.8-21.2µ	5 607	5 624	9	6	-0.3	20.8-21.2µ	5 511	5 682	15	15	-3.0
21.3-21.7µ	5 663	5 465	9	8	3.6	21.3-21.7µ	5 650	5 852	16	16	-3.4
21.8-22.2µ	5 707	5 607	7	5	1.8	21.8-22.2µ	5 467	5 664	8	11	-3.5
22.3-22.7µ	5 829	5 660	1	2	3.0	22.3-22.7µ	5 706	5 811	7	6	-1.8
22.8-23.2µ	5 967	5 564	1	2	7.2	22.8-23.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	5 630	5 848	1	1	-3.7	23.3-23.7µ	0	5 474	0	2	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	0	5 497	0	1	0.0	23.8-24.2µ	0	5 454	0	1	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	5 182	0	1	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
<b>Short Merino Fleece Wool (20 - 35mm)</b>											
<b>Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers</b>						<b>Average to Inferior Topmakers</b>					
<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>	<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>
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<18.7µ	0	4 810	0	1	0.0	<18.7µ	4 988	0	2	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	18.8-19.2µ	4 016	0	2	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	4 988	0	1	0	0.0	19.3-19.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	4 310	0	1	0	0.0	19.8-20.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	0	4 527	0	3	0.0	20.3-20.7µ	5 273	0	1	0	0.0
20.8-21.2µ	4 223	0	1	0	0.0	20.8-21.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
21.3-21.7µ	4 405	4 033	1	2	0.0	21.3-21.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
21.8-22.2µ	4 389	0	2	0	0.0	21.8-22.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
22.3-22.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	22.3-22.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	0	0	0	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	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	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

<b>Other Types</b>					
<b>Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers</b>					
<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg)</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	
Long Lambs (19μ)	0	6 668	0	1	0.0
Long Lambs (20μ)	0	0	0	0	0.0
Medium Lambs (19μ)	5 780	5 539	3	6	4.4
Medium Lambs (20μ)	5 637	5 688	1	2	0.0
Long Bellies (20μ)	6 033	0	1	0	0.0
Long Bellies (21μ)	0	5 394	0	1	0.0
Medium Bellies (20μ)	5 589	5 622	3	1	-0.6
Medium Bellies (21μ)	5 547	5 577	2	1	-0.5
Long Locks (Good Color)	3 408	3 823	6	3	0.0
<b>Other Types</b>					
<b>Average to Inferior Topmakers</b>					
<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg)</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Prev Week</b>	
Long Lambs (19μ)	0	5 693	0	1	0.0
Long Lambs (20μ)	0	5 968	0	1	0.0
Medium Lambs (19μ)	5 755	5 651	6	8	1.8
Medium Lambs (20μ)	5 422	5 561	1	3	-2.5
Long Bellies (20μ)	5 689	5 656	1	2	0.6
Long Bellies (21μ)	0	5 633	0	1	0.0
Medium Bellies (20μ)	5 533	5 540	8	7	-0.1
Medium Bellies (21μ)	5 539	5 419	8	3	2.2
Long Locks (Stain)	2 816	2 868	4	4	-1.8

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