

CAPE WOOLS SA
Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary

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Market Commentary

SEASON GETS OFF TO A GOOD START

The new wool selling season got off to a good start with solid price increases for most categories and Cape Wools market indicator closed at R23,81/kg (clean) - 4,5% up on last season's closing sale.

Although the weaker rand contributed to the higher prices, the sale was also marked by keen demand, particularly from topmakers for the limited offering, which at 9 932 bales was notably smaller than at previous opening auctions.

It can be attributed to the fact that last season closed later than previous seasons with larger volumes of wool offered towards the end.

Medium to coarser wools (22,5 and coarser) were in short supply and subsequently recorded the biggest price increases - some types were up to 13% dearer compared with the closing sale. The finer end of the market - 19 microns and finer - was less fortunate and saw prices weakening.

No sale has been scheduled for next week. Sales resume on 5 September.

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	42.6	33.7	Merino Fleeces	61.0	6 060	96.6	2 838	91.3	
Medium Wool	50.9	53.4	Merino Bellies	7.4	738	96.9	715	91.2	
Short Wool and Locks	6.5	13.0	Merino Lambs	11.1	1 105	80.7	915	85.6	
Fine Wool (<20µ)	9.2	11.6	Merino Locks	6.9	689	100.0	931	97.7	
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	49.9	49.2	Other	13.5	1 337	93.6	2 405	88.2	
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	35.8	34.1	Total		9 929	94.7	7 804	90.4	
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	5.2	5.1							
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	2 381	2 279	4.5	Cape Town	2 522	2 442	96.8	1 534	1 391
AWEX EMI	771	803	-4.0	Durban	803	714	88.9	540	529
R/US Dollar	8.3800	8.0846	-3.7	Port Elizabeth	6 604	6 247	94.6	5 730	5 137
R/A Dollar	4.4944	4.1894	-7.3	Total	9 929	9 403	94.7	7 804	7 057
R/Euro	7.6652	6.8937	-11.2						
Main Buyers				Receipts					
Buyers	This Week	Prev Week	% Change	Season to Date (Kg)		Last Season (Kg)		% Change	
				No Data Available		4 544 351			
Stucken	2402	1534	56.6						
United Wool	2399	663	261.8						
G Modiano	1186	385	208.1						
Chargeurs Wool	1061	821	29.2						
STD Wool	830	1840	-54.9						
ADF	755	530	42.5						
Beier Fin	596	928	-35.8						
Fibres Int	174	356	-51.1						
CPC	0	0	0.0						
				Next Auction					
				Name	Date	Offerings (Bales)			
				S A Wool Exchange	05/09/2001	±9 000			
				Van Lill Wool Buyers	04/09/2001	-			
				Saunders et al.	11/09/2001	-			

Price Analysis											
Long Merino Fleece Wool (60 - 90mm)											
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	6 056	5 608	8	3	8.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	4 457	4 945	7	6	-9.9	18.8-19.2µ	5 088	3 998	1	1	27.3
19.3-19.7µ	3 819	3 650	12	7	4.6	19.3-19.7µ	3 682	3 812	3	3	-3.4
19.8-20.2µ	3 185	3 048	20	13	4.5	19.8-20.2µ	3 024	3 011	8	5	0.5
20.3-20.7µ	3 089	2 802	35	15	10.2	20.3-20.7µ	3 005	2 726	3	9	10.2
20.8-21.2µ	3 078	2 755	86	15	11.7	20.8-21.2µ	2 942	2 598	12	5	13.2
21.3-217µ	3 008	2 705	64	32	11.2	21.3-217µ	2 839	2 533	13	6	12.1
21.8-22.2µ	3 011	2 721	104	34	10.7	21.8-22.2µ	2 939	2 566	17	16	14.5
22.3-22.7µ	2 966	2 689	79	37	10.3	22.3-22.7µ	2 865	2 570	7	11	11.5
22.8-23.2µ	2 982	2 658	75	27	12.2	22.8-23.2µ	2 999	2 564	5	7	17.0
23.3-23.7µ	2 976	2 689	37	21	10.7	23.3-23.7µ	2 756	2 559	3	3	7.7
23.8-24.2µ	2 884	2 654	29	20	8.7	23.8-24.2µ	2 794	2 392	3	2	16.8
24.3-24.7µ	2 979	2 561	15	2	16.3	24.3-24.7µ	2 817	2 316	1	2	21.6
24.8-25.2µ	2 960	2 596	12	5	14.0	24.8-25.2µ	0	2 498	0	1	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	2 931	2 433	4	1	20.4	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	2 816	2 404	3	4	17.1	>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
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	4 866	4 673	12	8	4.1	<18.7µ	4 825	0	1	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	3 679	3 607	5	3	2.0	18.8-19.2µ	3 617	3 745	5	5	-3.4
19.3-19.7µ	3 307	3 173	11	6	4.2	19.3-19.7µ	3 312	3 198	1	3	3.6
19.8-20.2µ	2 836	2 819	20	22	0.6	19.8-20.2µ	2 725	2 563	6	6	6.3
20.3-20.7µ	2 734	2 609	20	14	4.8	20.3-20.7µ	2 605	2 441	8	9	6.7
20.8-21.2µ	2 739	2 490	48	24	10.0	20.8-21.2µ	2 651	2 392	15	15	10.8
21.3-217µ	2 724	2 527	39	30	7.8	21.3-217µ	2 693	2 429	10	15	10.9
21.8-22.2µ	2 694	2 502	39	28	7.7	21.8-22.2µ	2 645	2 371	5	10	11.5
22.3-22.7µ	2 679	2 505	32	22	7.0	22.3-22.7µ	2 637	2 415	10	16	9.2
22.8-23.2µ	2 691	2 479	17	21	8.5	22.8-23.2µ	2 548	2 405	10	5	5.9
23.3-23.7µ	2 640	2 447	18	14	7.9	23.3-23.7µ	2 490	2 388	3	2	4.3
23.8-24.2µ	2 538	2 358	12	10	7.6	23.8-24.2µ	2 387	2 215	1	3	7.8
24.3-24.7µ	2 780	2 304	3	6	20.6	24.3-24.7µ	2 333	2 110	1	1	10.6
24.8-25.2µ	2 314	2 288	1	1	1.1	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	0	2 059	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
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	3 628	4 106	2	2	-11.6	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	2 217	3 147	1	2	-29.6	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	2 840	2 526	4	2	12.4	19.3-19.7µ	0	2 338	0	1	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	2 541	2 622	6	1	-3.1	19.8-20.2µ	2 500	2 326	3	2	7.5
20.3-20.7µ	2 509	2 490	5	3	0.7	20.3-20.7µ	0	2 344	0	1	0.0
20.8-21.2µ	2 546	2 318	1	5	9.9	20.8-21.2µ	2 570	2 377	1	2	8.1
21.3-217µ	2 580	2 324	1	2	11.0	21.3-217µ	2 431	2 215	5	1	9.7
21.8-22.2µ	2 531	2 443	1	4	3.6	21.8-22.2µ	2 539	2 452	1	3	3.5
22.3-22.7µ	2 450	2 169	2	1	12.9	22.3-22.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	2 523	2 424	1	1	4.1	22.8-23.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0

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)	4 449	5 155	7	7	-13.7
Long Lambs (20μ)	3 157	3 142	11	4	0.5
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 716	3 716	10	7	0.0
Medium Lambs (20μ)	2 941	2 726	9	10	7.9
Long Bellies (20μ)	2 887	2 887	1	1	0.0
Long Bellies (21μ)	0	0	0	0	0.0
Medium Bellies (20μ)	2 783	2 783	5	5	0.0
Medium Bellies (21μ)	2 581	2 385	11	5	8.2
Long Locks (Good Color)	1 871	1 871	11	11	0.0
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)	0	4 990	0	1	0.0
Long Lambs (20μ)	0	3 020	0	2	0.0
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 625	3 566	5	4	1.7
Medium Lambs (20μ)	2 849	2 781	8	4	2.4
Long Bellies (20μ)	0	0	0	0	0.0
Long Bellies (21μ)	2 614	2 436	1	6	7.3
Medium Bellies (20μ)	2 681	2 456	11	8	9.2
Medium Bellies (21μ)	2 543	2 409	13	16	5.6
Long Locks (Good Color)	0	1 780	0	3	0.0