

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

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**Market Commentary**

**STRONG SURGE IN WOOL PRICES**

**Port Elizabeth - Despite shock and uncertainty on world financial markets following the attack on the USA, the wool market performed well with the overall indicator gaining 3,2% to close at R25,18/kg (clean).**

**Medium to stronger wools continued to surge, posting increases of more than 3%, pushing prices above those for similar Australian types. Best performing category was 25 micron which rose by 5,1%. Traders say the quality of the wool offered was exceptionally good, comprising mainly long wool. Main buyers were local topmakers. Grease wool exporters said local prices were too high to compete on the international market.**

**Receipts are still at record lows for this time of the year - down 24,7% - but field officers say intermittent rain in the Western Cape and parts of the Free State has delayed shearing.**

**Average price movements for good quality long (60 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners<sup>1</sup> and good topmakers<sup>1</sup> styles) were as follows: 19 microns gained 3,9% at R43,38/kg, 20 microns were virtually unchanged at R31,96/kg, 21 microns gained 3,8% at R32,27/kg, 22 microns were 3,8% dearer at R31,76/kg, 23 microns were up 3,7% at R31,55/kg, 24 microns rose 3,6% to R31,15/kg, and 25 microns closed 5,1% up at R31,04/kg.**

**Approximately 6 000 bales will on offer at next week<sup>1</sup>s sale.**

**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	56.5	57.8	Merino Fleeces	59.5	4 105	98.9	3 768	98.0	
Medium Wool	38.8	37.3	Merino Bellies	6.9	477	91.6	643	98.6	
Short Wool and Locks	4.7	4.9	Merino Lambs	10.0	688	82.0	816	85.8	
Fine Wool (<20µ)	7.6	7.4	Merino Locks	9.2	636	100.0	706	100.0	
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	49.6	51.2	Other	14.4	991	94.3	1 303	97.9	
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	36.0	35.9	<b>Total</b>		<b>6 897</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>7 236</b>	<b>96.9</b>	
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	6.8	5.4							
<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>2 518</b>	<b>2 440</b>	<b>3.2</b>	Cape Town	1 563	1 452	92.9	816	797
AWEX EMI	769	765	0.5	Durban	274	270	98.5	519	497
R/US Dollar	8.5786	8.4808	-1.2	Port Elizabeth	5 060	4 908	97.0	5 901	5 715
R/A Dollar	4.4209	4.4014	-0.4	<b>Total</b>	<b>6 897</b>	<b>6 630</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>7 236</b>	<b>7 009</b>
R/Euro	7.7525	7.5293	-3.0						
<b>Main Buyers</b>				<b>Receipts</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>	
				<b>6 225 953</b>	<b>8 266 629</b>	<b>8 266 629</b>	<b>-24.7</b>		
Stucken	1629	1408	15.7	<b>Next Auction</b>					
United Wool	1588	1441	10.2	<b>Name</b>		<b>Date</b>		<b>Offerings (Bales)</b>	
Chargeurs Wool	1372	1666	-17.6	S A Wool Exchange		19/09/2001		± 6 000	
ADF	637	697	-8.6	Van Lill Wool Buyers		02/10/2001		± 800	
STD Wool	627	761	-17.6	Saunders et al.		02/10/2001		± 800	
Beier Fin	486	580	-16.2						
G Modiano	152	319	-52.4						
Fibres Int	139	137	1.5						
CPC	0	0	0.0						

<b>Price Analysis</b>											
<b>Long Merino Fleece Wool (60 - 90mm)</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	4 524	6 436	4	6	-29.7	<18.7µ	3 863	0	1	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	4 338	4 176	3	12	3.9	18.8-19.2µ	0	3 549	0	1	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	3 517	3 635	11	10	-3.2	19.3-19.7µ	3 071	3 836	1	1	-19.9
19.8-20.2µ	3 196	3 192	34	19	0.1	19.8-20.2µ	3 036	3 194	4	2	-5.0
20.3-20.7µ	3 214	3 096	51	24	3.8	20.3-20.7µ	3 070	3 106	8	2	-1.1
20.8-21.2µ	3 227	3 108	51	59	3.8	20.8-21.2µ	3 085	3 007	9	9	2.6
21.3-21.7µ	3 169	3 065	66	72	3.4	21.3-21.7µ	3 015	2 948	19	15	2.3
21.8-22.2µ	3 176	3 059	53	57	3.8	21.8-22.2µ	3 064	2 804	13	10	9.3
22.3-22.7µ	3 148	3 044	67	59	3.4	22.3-22.7µ	2 998	2 903	12	5	3.3
22.8-23.2µ	3 155	3 042	48	45	3.7	22.8-23.2µ	3 052	2 961	8	8	3.0
23.3-23.7µ	3 152	3 027	41	31	4.2	23.3-23.7µ	3 005	2 776	4	3	8.3
23.8-24.2µ	3 115	3 008	19	23	3.6	23.8-24.2µ	3 056	2 878	2	4	6.2
24.3-24.7µ	3 127	2 973	23	8	5.2	24.3-24.7µ	3 046	2 930	1	2	4.0
24.8-25.2µ	3 104	2 954	9	7	5.1	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	3 074	0	3	0	0.0	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	3 056	2 961	5	1	3.2	>25.8µ	0	2 785	0	1	0.0
<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	4 205	4 675	6	9	-10.0	<18.7µ	3 699	4 173	1	1	-11.3
18.8-19.2µ	3 554	3 604	4	3	-1.4	18.8-19.2µ	0	3 138	0	1	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	3 195	3 317	5	3	-3.7	19.3-19.7µ	3 121	3 197	2	1	-2.4
19.8-20.2µ	2 901	2 838	12	9	2.2	19.8-20.2µ	2 930	2 787	4	1	5.1
20.3-20.7µ	2 891	2 817	20	14	2.6	20.3-20.7µ	2 810	2 803	6	6	0.3
20.8-21.2µ	2 929	2 822	19	19	3.8	20.8-21.2µ	2 826	2 645	8	6	6.8
21.3-21.7µ	2 876	2 843	19	14	1.2	21.3-21.7µ	2 880	2 709	5	10	6.3
21.8-22.2µ	2 945	2 791	19	18	5.5	21.8-22.2µ	2 833	2 688	8	6	5.4
22.3-22.7µ	2 919	2 804	15	20	4.1	22.3-22.7µ	2 719	2 780	7	3	-2.2
22.8-23.2µ	2 904	2 760	11	11	5.2	22.8-23.2µ	2 777	2 632	3	1	5.5
23.3-23.7µ	2 817	2 837	10	7	-0.7	23.3-23.7µ	2 498	2 483	3	1	0.6
23.8-24.2µ	2 699	2 811	8	2	-4.0	23.8-24.2µ	0	2 629	0	1	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	2 996	2 701	2	2	10.9	24.3-24.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	2 799	0	2	0	0.0	24.8-25.2µ	2 728	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
<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>
	<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	0	0	0	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	2 981	3 084	2	2	-3.3	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	0	2 826	0	1	0.0	19.3-19.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	2 959	0	0	0	0.0	19.8-20.2µ	0	2 624	0	1	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	2 144	2 776	1	2	-22.8	20.3-20.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
20.8-21.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	20.8-21.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
21.3-21.7µ	2 677	2 523	1	1	6.1	21.3-21.7µ	0	2 438	0	1	0.0
21.8-22.2µ	2 408	0	2	0	0.0	21.8-22.2µ	0	2 524	0	1	0.0
22.3-22.7µ	2 678	0	1	0	0.0	22.3-22.7µ	0	2 316	0	1	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	22.8-23.2µ	2 626	0	1	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)	4 236	4 229	12	10	0.2
Long Lambs (20μ)	3 208	3 186	13	8	0.7
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 618	3 838	6	7	-5.7
Medium Lambs (20μ)	2 976	2 898	2	2	2.7
Long Bellies (20μ)	2 946	2 946	2	2	0.0
Long Bellies (21μ)	2 957	2 805	2	4	5.4
Medium Bellies (20μ)	3 042	3 042	2	2	0.0
Medium Bellies (21μ)	2 774	2 695	5	4	2.9
Long Locks (Good Color)	2 080	2 080	13	13	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)	3 537	3 838	1	1	-7.9
Long Lambs (20μ)	3 155	3 009	1	2	4.9
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 426	3 686	3	3	-7.1
Medium Lambs (20μ)	2 863	2 699	1	3	6.1
Long Bellies (20μ)	2 674	2 679	1	1	-0.2
Long Bellies (21μ)	2 872	2 725	4	3	5.4
Medium Bellies (20μ)	2 863	2 676	8	7	7.0
Medium Bellies (21μ)	2 707	2 608	10	17	3.8
Long Locks (Good Color)	1 702	1 705	3	2	-0.2