

CAPE WOOLS SA
Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary

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Market Commentary

WOOL MARKET EASES

Port Elizabeth - This week's sale was marked by a lacklustre performance resulting from a weaker demand for tops and general uncertainty about the global economy. Cape Wools market indicator subsequently eased 2,8% to close at R24,06/kg (clean).

The weaker demand outlook for tops in particular had a dampening effect on demand from local processors. The market also saw prices correcting downward to be more in line with Australian levels. Local prices for most types have been above Australian levels for some time now and a correction was expected. The weakening Australian dollar also did not help local market. Fine wool continued its downward trend but middle microns also lost earlier gains with 25 microns posting a 4% drop.

A total of 7 197 bales was offered of which 96% was sold.

Average price movements for good quality long (60 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns shed 3,7% at R40,26/kg, 20 microns were virtually unchanged at R31,71/kg, 21 microns were down 3,5% to R30,34/kg, 22 microns were 3,5% cheaper at R30,02/kg, 23 microns were down 3,6% at 29,84/kg, 24 microns dropped 3,1% to R29,82/kg, and 25 microns closed 4% down at R29,29/kg.

Approximately 8 000 bales will be on offer at next week's sale

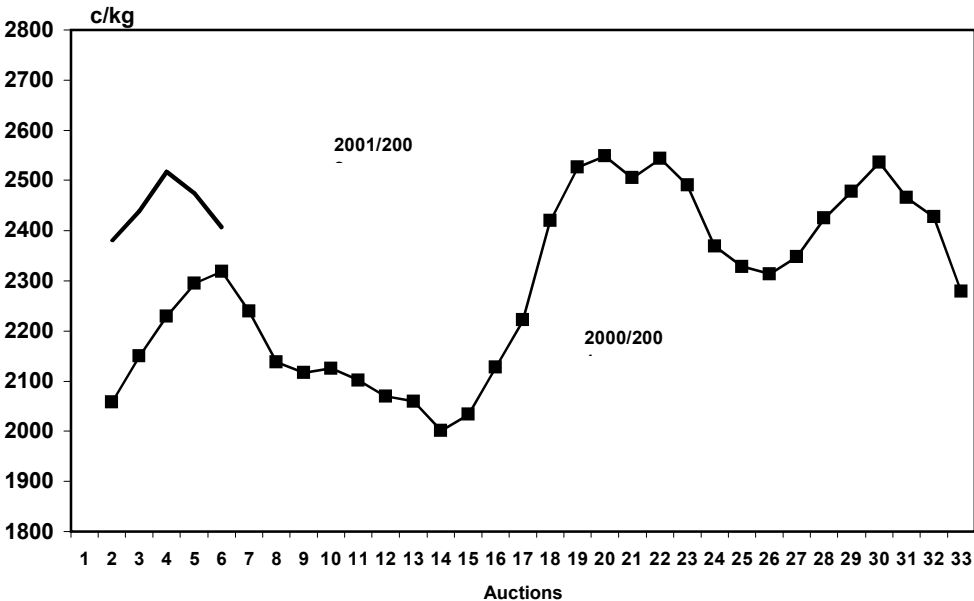
Auction Analysis

Composition of Fleece Offerings				Analysis of Offerings					
Description	% This Week	% Prev Week	Description	This Week			Previous Week		
				%	Bales	% Sold	Bales	% Sold	
Long Wool	67.5	68.1	Merino Fleeces	55.0	3 955	91.8	3 534	97.7	
Medium Wool	27.7	26.5	Merino Bellies	7.5	538	97.4	446	98.7	
Short Wool and Locks	4.8	5.4	Merino Lambs	8.6	622	77.7	781	80.5	
Fine Wool (<20µ)	7.2	8.7	Merino Locks	8.4	608	99.5	492	100.0	
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	47.2	52.2	Other	20.5	1 474	91.9	1 083	98.1	
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	41.4	34.1	Total		7 197	91.7	6 336	95.9	
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	4.2	5.0							
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	2 406	2 475	-2.8	Cape Town	1 361	1 253	92.1	720	706
AWEX EMI	779	777	0.3	Durban	480	408	85.0	563	531
R/US Dollar	8.7890	8.6462	-1.7	Port Elizabeth	5 356	4 938	92.2	5 053	4 837
R/A Dollar	4.3403	4.2553	-2.0	Total	7 197	6 599	91.7	6 336	6 074
R/Euro	8.1096	8.0090	-1.3						
Main Buyers				Receipts					
Buyers	This Week	Prev Week	% Change	Season to Date (Kg)		Last Season (Kg)		% Change	
Chargeurs Wool	1503	1113	35.0	8 165 516		10 689 761		-23.6	
Stucken	1227	1262	-2.8	Next Auction					
United Wool	1197	1496	-20.0	Name		Date		Offerings (Bales)	
ADF	1101	573	92.1	S A Wool Exchange		03/10/2001		± 8 000	
STD Wool	550	732	-24.9	Van Lill Wool Buyers		02/10/2001		± 772	
G Modiano	484	222	118.0	Saunders et al.		02/10/2001		± 975	
Beier Fin	461	580	-20.5						
Fibres Int	76	96	-20.8						
CPC	0	0	0.0						

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	4 251	6 878	1	7	-38.2	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	4 026	4 181	4	7	-3.7	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	3 406	3 452	12	18	-1.3	19.3-19.7µ	3 214	0	3	0	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	3 171	3 174	16	19	-0.1	19.8-20.2µ	2 992	2 922	2	3	2.4
20.3-20.7µ	3 059	3 139	26	48	-2.5	20.3-20.7µ	2 981	2 990	9	10	-0.3
20.8-21.2µ	3 034	3 145	43	48	-3.5	20.8-21.2µ	2 966	3 029	11	12	-2.1
21.3-21.7µ	3 004	3 125	51	63	-3.9	21.3-21.7µ	2 939	2 975	20	17	-1.2
21.8-22.2µ	3 002	3 111	57	65	-3.5	21.8-22.2µ	2 932	2 973	13	15	-1.4
22.3-22.7µ	2 998	3 111	72	61	-3.6	22.3-22.7µ	2 942	2 986	20	8	-1.5
22.8-23.2µ	2 984	3 096	55	39	-3.6	22.8-23.2µ	2 966	2 875	8	4	3.2
23.3-23.7µ	2 993	3 102	39	27	-3.5	23.3-23.7µ	2 982	3 056	1	4	-2.4
23.8-24.2µ	2 982	3 077	16	19	-3.1	23.8-24.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	2 956	3 095	7	10	-4.5	24.3-24.7µ	2 887	0	1	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	2 929	3 050	8	2	-4.0	24.8-25.2µ	0	3 038	0	1	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	0	3 056	0	2	0.0	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	0	2 902	0	2	0.0	>25.8µ	2 659	0	1	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	3 913	4 100	3	6	-4.6	<18.7µ	0	4 059		1	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	3 427	3 769	4	2	-9.1	18.8-19.2µ	0	3 348	0	4	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	2 901	3 174	8	4	-8.6	19.3-19.7µ	0	3 158	0	1	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	2 959	2 909	7	10	1.7	19.8-20.2µ	0	2 927	0	5	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	2 886	2 913	14	10	-0.9	20.3-20.7µ	2 858	2 894	3	3	-1.2
20.8-21.2µ	2 898	2 877	14	19	0.7	20.8-21.2µ	2 771	2 816	5	6	-1.6
21.3-21.7µ	2 868	2 903	20	12	-1.2	21.3-21.7µ	2 803	2 782	9	7	0.7
21.8-22.2µ	2 854	2 894	11	11	-1.4	21.8-22.2µ	2 827	2 699	7	7	4.7
22.3-22.7µ	2 859	2 919	6	12	-2.0	22.3-22.7µ	2 741	2 869	4	2	-4.5
22.8-23.2µ	2 818	2 787	7	8	1.1	22.8-23.2µ	2 816	2 627	2	1	7.2
23.3-23.7µ	2 823	2 691	3	3	4.9	23.3-23.7µ	2 556	2 509	1	1	1.9
23.8-24.2µ	2 677	2 805	3	3	-4.5	23.8-24.2µ	0	2 579	0	1	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	2 574	2 855	2	4	-9.8	24.3-24.7µ	0	2 623	0	1	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	2 442	0	1	0	0.0	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	0	2 433	0	1	0.0	25.3-25.7µ	0	2 313	0	1	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	3 624	0	1		0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	2 777	0	2	0	0.0	18.8-19.2µ	3 034	2 864	1	1	5.9
19.3-19.7µ	2 820	2 797	2	1	0.8	19.3-19.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	0	2 984	0	1	0.0	19.8-20.2µ	0	2 535	0	2	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	2 817	2 300	2	1	22.5	20.3-20.7µ	0	2 773	0	1	0.0
20.8-21.2µ	2 863	0	1	0	0.0	20.8-21.2µ	2 531	0	1	0	0.0
21.3-21.7µ	2 770	2 728	1	1	1.6	21.3-21.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
21.8-22.2µ	2 793	0	2	0	0.0	21.8-22.2µ	0	2 689	0	1	0.0
22.3-22.7µ	2 816	0	1	0	0.0	22.3-22.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	2 711	0	1	0	0.0	22.8-23.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	2 730	2 683	1	1	1.8	23.3-23.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	0	2 423	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	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

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)	3 820	4 103	6	15	-6.9
Long Lambs (20μ)	3 121	3 204	7	8	-2.6
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 386	3 420	2	8	-1.0
Medium Lambs (20μ)	2 965	2 952	1	5	0.5
Long Bellies (20μ)	2 887	2 887	1	1	0.0
Long Bellies (21μ)	2 842	2 898	2	3	-1.9
Medium Bellies (20μ)	2 873	2 873	2	2	0.0
Medium Bellies (21μ)	2 778	2 775	7	3	0.1
Long Locks (Good Color)	2 103	2 103	6	6	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)	3 785	3 548	2	2	6.7
Long Lambs (20μ)	3 070	2 960	2	2	3.7
Medium Lambs (19μ)	3 325	3 494	2	4	-4.9
Medium Lambs (20μ)	2 840	2 886	1	3	-1.6
Long Bellies (20μ)	0	2 821	0	3	0.0
Long Bellies (21μ)	2 751	2 845	4	6	-3.3
Medium Bellies (20μ)	2 759	2 795	7	12	-1.3
Medium Bellies (21μ)	2 780	2 732	13	10	1.7
Long Locks (Good Color)	0	0	0	0	0.0

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