

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

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**Market Commentary**

**WOOL MARKET SLIGHTLY HIGHER**

Port Elizabeth - Strong competition from all sectors of the trade helped to stop the downward trend of the past few weeks and Cape Wools' market indicator finished the day 0,3% higher at R38,20/kg (clean). This was the market's first gain since mid-February.

Since no sales were held during the past two weeks, grease wool exporters and topmakers competed keenly for the fairly large offering in order to stock up before the Easter recess. Topmakers in particular were looking for enough wool to keep their mills running in the next few weeks. One more sale has been scheduled for next week, but the offering will be small and the selection limited.

The best performer at this week's sale was the 21 micron category, which gained 3%. Fine wools, however, were down with 19 microns shedding 2,9% on average. The offering comprised 13 574 bales of which 87% changed hands, the highest clearance rate in weeks. Major buyers were Modiano, Stucken, Chargeurs and United Wool.

Average clean price movements for good quality long (75 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners<sup>1</sup> and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns were down 2,9% at R58,20/kg, 20 microns gained 1,6% at R57,93/kg, 21 microns rose 3% at R54,93/kg, 22 microns were 0,6% dearer at R54,73/kg, 23 microns were up 0,3 % at R53,55/kg, and 24 microns were down 2,2% at R52,62/kg. There were no quotes for 25 microns. Approximately 5 000 bales will be on offer at next week's sale.

**Auction Analysis**

<b>Composition of Fleece Offerings</b>				<b>Analysis of Offerings</b>					
Description	% This Week	% Prev Week	Description	This Week			Previous Week		
				%	Bales	% Sold	Bales	% Sold	
Long Wool	27.3	32.0	Merino Fleeces	46.1	6 258	89.7	2 879	80.9	
Medium Wool	60.9	56.2	Merino Bellies	5.9	801	87.4	384	77.9	
Short Wool and Locks	11.9	11.8	Merino Lambs	9.1	1 232	88.6	665	67.8	
Fine Wool (<20µ)	17.8	21.0	Merino Locks	6.3	851	88.1	553	92.9	
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	56.1	57.2	Other	32.6	4 429	82.4	2 654	88.4	
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	23.6	18.6	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13 571</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>7 135</b>	<b>83.3</b>	
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	2.6	3.1							
<b>Other Indicators</b>				<b>Offerings per Port</b>					
Indicators	This Week	Prev Week	% Change	Ports	This Week (Bales)			Prev Week (Bales)	
					Offered	Sold	% Sold	Offered	Sold
<b>SA Market Indicator</b>	<b>3 820</b>	<b>3 808</b>	<b>0.3</b>	Cape Town	2 356	1 740	73.9	474	348
AWEX EMI	1097	1064	3.1	Durban	2 726	2 344	86.0	3 391	2 954
R/US Dollar	8.0150	8.1000	1.0	Port Elizabeth	8 489	7 723	91.0	3 270	2 639
R/A Dollar	4.8286	4.7962	-0.7	<b>Total</b>	<b>13 571</b>	<b>11 807</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>7 135</b>	<b>5 941</b>
R/Euro	8.6185	8.6127	-0.1						
<b>Main Buyers</b>				<b>Receipts 04/04/2003</b>					
Buyers	This Week	Prev Week	% Change	Season to Date (Kg)		Last Season (Kg)		% Change	
G Modiano	3169	1902	66.6	39 212 574		41 909 372		-6.4	
Stucken	2455	993	147.2	<b>Next Auction</b>					
Chargeurs Wool	2088	963	116.8	<b>Name</b>		<b>Date</b>		<b>Offerings (Bales)</b>	
United Wool	1369	808	69.4	S A Wool Exchange		16/04/2003		± 4 900	
ADF	1012	125	709.6	Van Lill Wool Buyers		-		-	
Beier Fin	840	475	76.8	Saunders et al.		-		-	
STD Wool	682	146	367.1	Lanata		-		-	
Fibres Int	192	529	-63.7						
CPC	0	0	0.0						

<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>
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<18.7µ*	0	0	0	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	5 820	5 996	4	3	-2.9	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	5 868	0	6	0	0.0	19.3-19.7µ	6 036	0	1	0	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	5 793	5 701	11	2	1.6	19.8-20.2µ	0	5 280	0	1	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	5 695	5 545	11	5	2.7	20.3-20.7µ	0	5 477	0	1	0.0
20.8-21.2µ	5 493	5 334	15	4	3.0	20.8-21.2µ	5 228	0	3	0	0.0
21.3-21.7µ	5 491	5 381	19	7	2.0	21.3-21.7µ	5 494	5 267	2	2	4.3
21.8-22.2µ	5 473	5 441	12	6	0.6	21.8-22.2µ	5 258	0	2	0	0.0
22.3-22.7µ	5 424	5 164	13	5	5.0	22.3-22.7µ	5 291	5 009	2	1	5.6
22.8-23.2µ	5 355	5 340	9	2	0.3	22.8-23.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	5 413	5 361	1	1	1.0	23.3-23.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	5 262	5 381	4	1	-2.2	23.8-24.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	5 178	0	1	0	0.0	24.3-24.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	0	4 982	0	1	0.0	24.8-25.2µ	0	4 878	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	4 756	0	2	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*	0	0	0	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	5 752	5 664	16	1	1.6	18.8-19.2µ	5 626	5 448	7	2	3.3
19.3-19.7µ	5 664	5 628	20	6	0.6	19.3-19.7µ	5 651	4 940	7	9	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	5 620	5 399	26	10	4.1	19.8-20.2µ	5 351	5 284	15	10	1.3
20.3-20.7µ	5 575	5 202	30	10	7.2	20.3-20.7µ	5 376	4 912	9	17	0.0
20.8-21.2µ	5 414	5 393	38	14	0.4	20.8-21.2µ	5 232	5 229	19	11	0.1
21.3-21.7µ	5 416	5 297	56	17	2.2	21.3-21.7µ	4 949	5 199	17	12	-4.8
21.8-22.2µ	5 398	5 286	37	11	2.1	21.8-22.2µ	5 125	5 250	17	7	-2.4
22.3-22.7µ	5 345	5 191	28	4	3.0	22.3-22.7µ	5 170	5 236	9	1	-1.3
22.8-23.2µ	5 279	5 229	27	7	0.9	22.8-23.2µ	5 305	5 131	4	1	3.4
23.3-23.7µ	5 201	5 030	16	5	3.4	23.3-23.7µ	5 187	5 143	4	1	0.8
23.8-24.2µ	5 160	5 228	9	2	-1.3	23.8-24.2µ	0	5 230	0	1	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	5 053	5 019	9	3	0.7	24.3-24.7µ	4 847	0	1	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	4 966	4 942	4	4	0.5	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	4 945	4 957	2	2	-0.2	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	4 808	0	1	0	0.0	>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	0.0

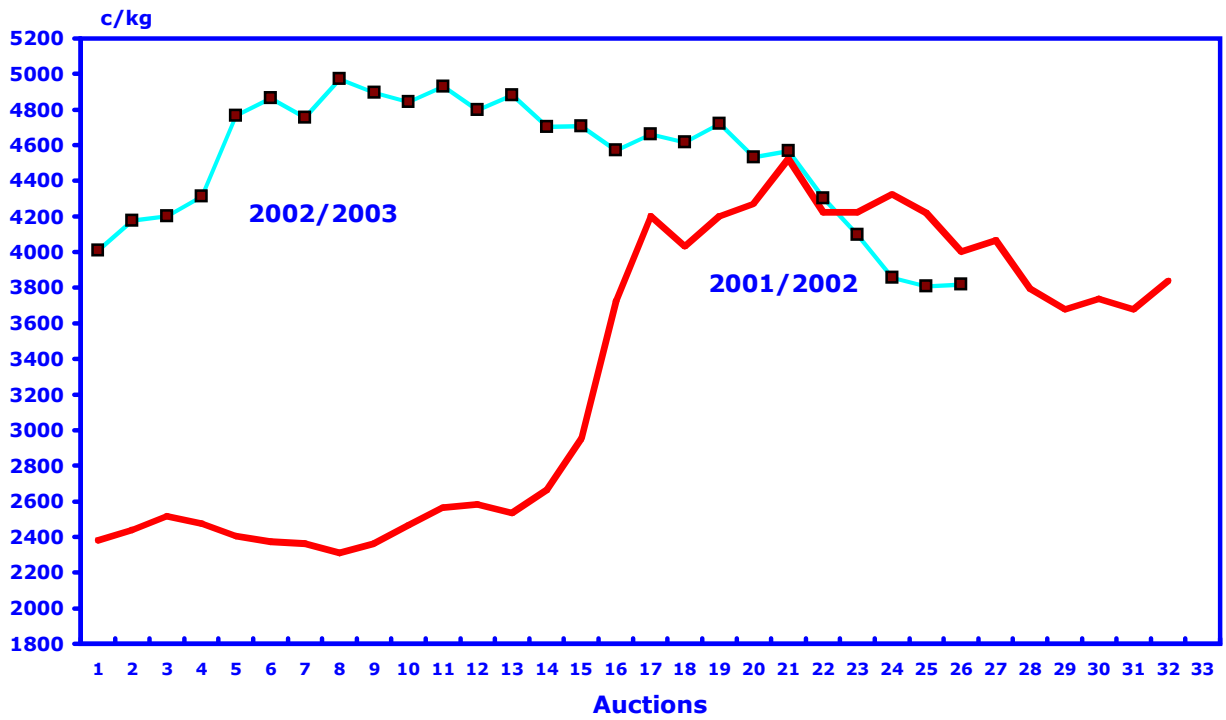
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<b>Price Analysis</b>											
<b>Medium Merino Fleece Wool (40 - 55mm)</b>											
<b>Spinners, Best and Good Topmakers</b>						<b>Average to Inferior Topmakers</b>					
<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>	<b>Micron</b>	<b>Price ( c/kg )</b>		<b>Lots Sold</b>		<b>% Price Change</b>
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<18.7µ*	0	0	0	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	5 039	4 671	10	5	7.9	18.8-19.2µ	5 139	4 696	11	6	9.4
19.3-19.7µ	4 922	5 337	22	2	-7.8	19.3-19.7µ	4 866	4 697	25	12	3.6
19.8-20.2µ	4 806	4 760	20	10	1.0	19.8-20.2µ	4 754	4 418	26	17	7.6
20.3-20.7µ	4 865	4 195	32	6	0.0	20.3-20.7µ	4 622	4 478	35	21	3.2
20.8-21.2µ	4 662	4 734	36	6	-1.5	20.8-21.2µ	4 680	4 479	44	17	4.5
21.3-21.7µ	4 813	4 623	50	10	4.1	21.3-21.7µ	4 792	4 196	34	13	0.0
21.8-22.2µ	4 717	4 692	31	6	0.5	21.8-22.2µ	4 707	4 441	26	10	6.0
22.3-22.7µ	4 627	4 780	39	10	-3.2	22.3-22.7µ	4 701	4 273	10	6	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	4 766	4 615	23	4	3.3	22.8-23.2µ	4 483	4 647	10	3	-3.5
23.3-23.7µ	4 682	4 738	16	1	-1.2	23.3-23.7µ	4 716	4 249	5	1	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	4 362	4 262	10	2	2.4	23.8-24.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	4 495	4 427	5	2	1.5	24.3-24.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	4 520	4 164	4	1	8.6	24.8-25.2µ	3 324	0	1	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	3 859	0	2	0	0.0	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	4 419	0	1	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	0	0	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	3 627	3 766	3	1	-3.7	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	2 706	0	4	0	0.0	19.3-19.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	3 924	4 426	3	1	0.0	19.8-20.2µ	2 488	0	1	0	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	3 919	4 139	3	1	-5.3	20.3-20.7µ	3 143	4 168	1	1	0.0
20.8-21.2µ	2 812	4 173	3	2	0.0	20.8-21.2µ	2 866	3 222	3	1	0.0
21.3-21.7µ	2 022	0	2	0	0.0	21.3-21.7µ	2 395	3 074	2	3	0.0
21.8-22.2µ	3 578	0	5	0	0.0	21.8-22.2µ	0	3 113	0	1	0.0
22.3-22.7µ	3 247	3 770	3	4	0.0	22.3-22.7µ	2 882	4 017	1	1	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	3 262	0	1	0	0.0	22.8-23.2µ	0	3 093	0	2	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	4 168	0	1	0	0.0	23.3-23.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	2 963	0	1	0	0.0	23.8-24.2µ	3 312	0	1	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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<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)	5 811	5 822	14	2	-0.2
Long Lambs (20μ)	5 612	5 650	5	3	-0.7
Medium Lambs (19μ)	4 921	4 914	18	5	0.1
Medium Lambs (20μ)	4 727	4 699	6	3	0.6
Long Bellies (20μ)	0	0	0	0	0.0
Long Bellies (21μ)	4 969	0	1	0	0.0
Medium Bellies (20μ)	4 765	0	7	0	0.0
Medium Bellies (21μ)	4 624	0	7	0	0.0
Long Locks (Good Color)	2 593	2 932	14	8	0.0
<b>Other Types</b>					
<b>Average to Inferior Topmakers</b>					
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Long Lambs (19μ)	0	5 154	0	1	0.0
Long Lambs (20μ)	5 454	0	3	0	0.0
Medium Lambs (19μ)	4 800	4 956	7	3	-3.2
Medium Lambs (20μ)	4 695	4 468	6	4	5.1
Long Bellies (20μ)	4 937	0	1	0	0.0
Long Bellies (21μ)	4 462	0	2	0	0.0
Medium Bellies (20μ)	4 310	4 527	16	6	-4.8
Medium Bellies (21μ)	4 415	4 311	10	6	2.4
Long Locks (Stain)	2 062	2 353	5	3	0.0

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