

CAPE WOOLS SA
Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary

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Market Commentary

WOOL MARKET REGAINS SOME OF ITS LOSSES

Port Elizabeth - This week's sale saw the market recovering some of its losses with Cape Wools¹ overall indicator gaining 2,3% to close at R23,65/kg (clean).

The main impetus for the better performance was strong demand for coarser wools, which currently are in short supply. According to traders South African prices are competitive levels and attractive to overseas buyers. This week also saw greasy wool exporters buying more aggressively. Fine wool prices, however, remain depressed due to oversupply and decreased demand for these types.

The offering comprised 7 939 bales of which 94% was traded.

Average price movements for good quality long (60 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns shed 4,5% at R34,84/kg, 20 microns were up 4% at R31,84/kg, 21 microns gained 4% to R31,41/kg, 22 microns were 2,8% dearer at R30,79/kg, 23 microns were up 4,6% at R31,11/kg, 24 microns rose 3,5% to R30,94/kg, and 25 microns closed 4,3% up at R30,74/kg.

Approximately 7 000 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 | 59.1 | 53.2 | Merino Fleeces | 47.4 | 3 760 | 97.3 | 4 563 | 94.4 | |
| Medium Wool | 34.0 | 39.9 | Merino Bellies | 8.0 | 633 | 98.1 | 604 | 98.2 | |
| Short Wool and Locks | 6.8 | 6.8 | Merino Lambs | 7.4 | 584 | 73.3 | 658 | 63.5 | |
| Fine Wool (<20µ) | 7.7 | 9.5 | Merino Locks | 7.2 | 573 | 99.0 | 681 | 100.0 | |
| Medium Wool (20 - 22µ) | 55.8 | 52.2 | Other | 30.1 | 2 389 | 97.9 | 2 288 | 98.3 | |
| Strong Wool (22 - 24µ) | 34.5 | 35.9 | Total | | 7 939 | 95.9 | 8 794 | 93.8 | |
| Overstrong (24 - 27µ) | 2.0 | 2.4 | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 2 365 | 2 312 | 2.3 | Cape Town | 2 533 | 2 462 | 97.2 | 1 772 | 1 697 |
| AWEX EMI | 694 | 699 | -0.7 | Durban | 944 | 900 | 95.3 | 1 035 | 960 |
| R/US Dollar | 9.4525 | 9.2750 | -1.9 | Port Elizabeth | 4 462 | 4 251 | 95.3 | 5 987 | 5 594 |
| R/A Dollar | 4.7962 | 4.7710 | -0.5 | Total | 7 939 | 7 613 | 95.9 | 8 794 | 8 251 |
| R/Euro | 8.4269 | 8.3874 | -0.5 | | | | | | |
| Main Buyers | | | | Receipts 19/10/2001 | | | | | |
| Buyers | This Week | Prev Week | % Change | Season to Date (Kg) | | Last Season (Kg) | | % Change | |
| | | | | 140 208 | 16 895 246 | | | | |
| Stucken | 1932 | 2173 | -11.1 | Next Auction | | | | | |
| Chargeurs Wool | 1712 | 1929 | -11.2 | Name | | Date | | Offerings (Bales) | |
| United Wool | 1277 | 1742 | -26.7 | | | | | | |
| G Modiano | 924 | 422 | 119.0 | S A Wool Exchange | | 31/10/2001 | | ± 7 000 | |
| STD Wool | 660 | 726 | -9.1 | Van Lill Wool Buyers | | | | - | |
| Beier Fin | 603 | 724 | -16.7 | Saunders et al. | | | | - | |
| ADF | 349 | 364 | -4.1 | | | | | | |
| Fibres Int | 156 | 171 | -8.8 | | | | | | |
| CPC | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | | | | | | |

| Price Analysis | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | 4 015 | 3 785 | 5 | 3 | 6.1 | <18.7µ | 3 392 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 18.8-19.2µ | 3 484 | 3 650 | 5 | 10 | -4.5 | 18.8-19.2µ | 0 | 2 967 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| 19.3-19.7µ | 3 247 | 3 244 | 10 | 9 | 0.1 | 19.3-19.7µ | 3 004 | 3 119 | 2 | 1 | -3.7 |
| 19.8-20.2µ | 3 184 | 3 063 | 19 | 17 | 4.0 | 19.8-20.2µ | 2 928 | 2 967 | 15 | 4 | -1.3 |
| 20.3-20.7µ | 3 154 | 3 060 | 34 | 36 | 3.1 | 20.3-20.7µ | 2 925 | 2 943 | 8 | 11 | -0.6 |
| 20.8-21.2µ | 3 141 | 3 020 | 37 | 55 | 4.0 | 20.8-21.2µ | 2 947 | 2 885 | 23 | 27 | 2.2 |
| 21.3-21.7µ | 3 113 | 2 996 | 50 | 37 | 3.9 | 21.3-21.7µ | 2 919 | 2 877 | 19 | 30 | 1.5 |
| 21.8-22.2µ | 3 079 | 2 995 | 49 | 67 | 2.8 | 21.8-22.2µ | 2 992 | 2 876 | 26 | 25 | 4.0 |
| 22.3-22.7µ | 3 097 | 2 988 | 40 | 42 | 3.7 | 22.3-22.7µ | 2 956 | 2 898 | 17 | 21 | 2.0 |
| 22.8-23.2µ | 3 111 | 2 973 | 37 | 30 | 4.6 | 22.8-23.2µ | 2 969 | 2 886 | 10 | 10 | 2.9 |
| 23.3-23.7µ | 3 118 | 2 989 | 19 | 30 | 4.3 | 23.3-23.7µ | 3 005 | 2 911 | 9 | 9 | 3.2 |
| 23.8-24.2µ | 3 094 | 2 988 | 13 | 14 | 3.5 | 23.8-24.2µ | 2 852 | 2 905 | 3 | 5 | -1.8 |
| 24.3-24.7µ | 3 084 | 2 937 | 7 | 8 | 5.0 | 24.3-24.7µ | 2 980 | 2 926 | 2 | 2 | 1.8 |
| 24.8-25.2µ | 3 074 | 2 947 | 3 | 2 | 4.3 | 24.8-25.2µ | 2 964 | 2 924 | 1 | 1 | 1.4 |
| 25.3-25.7µ | 3 056 | 2 947 | 1 | 5 | 3.7 | 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 |
| 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 | 3 598 | 3 218 | 2 | 9 | 11.8 | <18.7µ | 0 | 3 147 | 4 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 18.8-19.2µ | 3 040 | 3 042 | 4 | 3 | -0.1 | 18.8-19.2µ | 2 960 | 3 065 | 2 | 3 | -3.4 |
| 19.3-19.7µ | 2 914 | 2 908 | 4 | 10 | 0.2 | 19.3-19.7µ | 0 | 3 017 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| 19.8-20.2µ | 2 901 | 2 798 | 5 | 6 | 3.7 | 19.8-20.2µ | 2 789 | 2 759 | 5 | 9 | 1.1 |
| 20.3-20.7µ | 2 919 | 2 858 | 17 | 13 | 2.1 | 20.3-20.7µ | 2 825 | 2 755 | 6 | 9 | 2.6 |
| 20.8-21.2µ | 2 860 | 2 837 | 19 | 22 | 0.8 | 20.8-21.2µ | 2 714 | 2 782 | 7 | 19 | -2.4 |
| 21.3-21.7µ | 2 881 | 2 839 | 19 | 22 | 1.5 | 21.3-21.7µ | 2 760 | 2 790 | 11 | 12 | -1.1 |
| 21.8-22.2µ | 2 924 | 2 825 | 7 | 27 | 3.5 | 21.8-22.2µ | 2 825 | 2 776 | 15 | 17 | 1.8 |
| 22.3-22.7µ | 2 886 | 2 790 | 13 | 16 | 3.4 | 22.3-22.7µ | 2 785 | 2 741 | 11 | 17 | 1.6 |
| 22.8-23.2µ | 2 782 | 2 788 | 9 | 9 | -0.2 | 22.8-23.2µ | 2 801 | 2 738 | 4 | 11 | 2.3 |
| 23.3-23.7µ | 2 854 | 2 769 | 4 | 8 | 3.1 | 23.3-23.7µ | 2 690 | 2 761 | 2 | 3 | -2.6 |
| 23.8-24.2µ | 2 859 | 2 716 | 1 | 5 | 5.3 | 23.8-24.2µ | 0 | 2 655 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| 24.3-24.7µ | 3 025 | 2 889 | 1 | 2 | 4.7 | 24.3-24.7µ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 24.8-25.2µ | 0 | 2 780 | 0 | 3 | 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 |
| 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 | 0 | 2 927 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 | <18.7µ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 18.8-19.2µ | 0 | 2 848 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 | 18.8-19.2µ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 19.3-19.7µ | 2 827 | 2 571 | 1 | 1 | 9.9 | 19.3-19.7µ | 2 705 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 19.8-20.2µ | 2 681 | 2 784 | 2 | 1 | -3.7 | 19.8-20.2µ | 2 709 | 2 617 | 3 | 1 | 3.5 |
| 20.3-20.7µ | 2 768 | 2 682 | 3 | 3 | 3.2 | 20.3-20.7µ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 20.8-21.2µ | 2 627 | 2 718 | 2 | 3 | -3.3 | 20.8-21.2µ | 2 584 | 2 728 | 1 | 1 | -5.3 |
| 21.3-21.7µ | 2 761 | 2 552 | 1 | 1 | 8.2 | 21.3-21.7µ | 0 | 2 621 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| 21.8-22.2µ | 2 719 | 2 626 | 3 | 2 | 3.5 | 21.8-22.2µ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 22.3-22.7µ | 2 640 | 2 676 | 3 | 2 | -1.4 | 22.3-22.7µ | 2 730 | 2 680 | 1 | 1 | 1.9 |
| 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 | 2 343 | 0 | 1 | 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) | 3 471 | 3 301 | 5 | 3 | 5.1 |
| Long Lambs (20μ) | 3 145 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Medium Lambs (19μ) | 3 038 | 3 097 | 2 | 9 | -1.9 |
| Medium Lambs (20μ) | 3 068 | 2 854 | 1 | 1 | 7.5 |
| Long Bellies (20μ) | 2 720 | 2 934 | 2 | 2 | -7.3 |
| Long Bellies (21μ) | 2 774 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Medium Bellies (20μ) | 2 739 | 2 708 | 4 | 4 | 1.1 |
| Medium Bellies (21μ) | 2 755 | 2 742 | 2 | 5 | 0.5 |
| Long Locks (Good Color) | 1 997 | 2 087 | 7 | 7 | -4.3 |
| 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) | 3 103 | 3 130 | 2 | 1 | -0.8 |
| Long Lambs (20μ) | 3 118 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Medium Lambs (19μ) | 2 918 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Medium Lambs (20μ) | 2 812 | 2 822 | 4 | 2 | -0.4 |
| Long Bellies (20μ) | 2 845 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Long Bellies (21μ) | 2 762 | 2 796 | 10 | 8 | -1.2 |
| Medium Bellies (20μ) | 2 719 | 2 762 | 7 | 12 | -1.5 |
| Medium Bellies (21μ) | 2 681 | 2 743 | 18 | 17 | -2.2 |
| Long Locks (Good Color) | 1 679 | 1 672 | 1 | 7 | 0.4 |

