

CAPE WOOLS SA
Final Wool Sales Report and Price Summary

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Market Commentary

WOOL MARKET ENDS SOFTER

Port Elizabeth - An appreciation of the rand and less competition from topmakers saw prices easing at this week's sale and Cape Wools' market indicator closed 2,4% down on last week at R42,19/kg (clean).

This week's sale was the last prior to the two-week Easter break. But even though there will be no sales in the next fortnight it could not generate sufficient support from topmakers, leaving grease wool exporters to dominate the sale.

Fine wools were the star performers with 19 microns and finer posting substantial increases -19 micron were up 5,8% on average and super fine wools gained around 15% on average. Other micron categories were all down. A total of 7 690 bales was on offer of which 96% changed hands.

Average price movements for good quality long (60 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns were up 5,9% at R68,23/kg, 20 microns dropped 3% at R60,47/kg, 21 microns eased 3,6% to R56,81/kg, 22 microns were 1,9 % cheaper at R57,91/kg, 23 microns dropped 1,8% to R58,26/kg, 24 microns were down 2% at R57,71/kg, and 25 microns closed a marginal 0,1% down at R56,19.

Sales resume on 10 April when approximately 7 000 bales will be on offer.

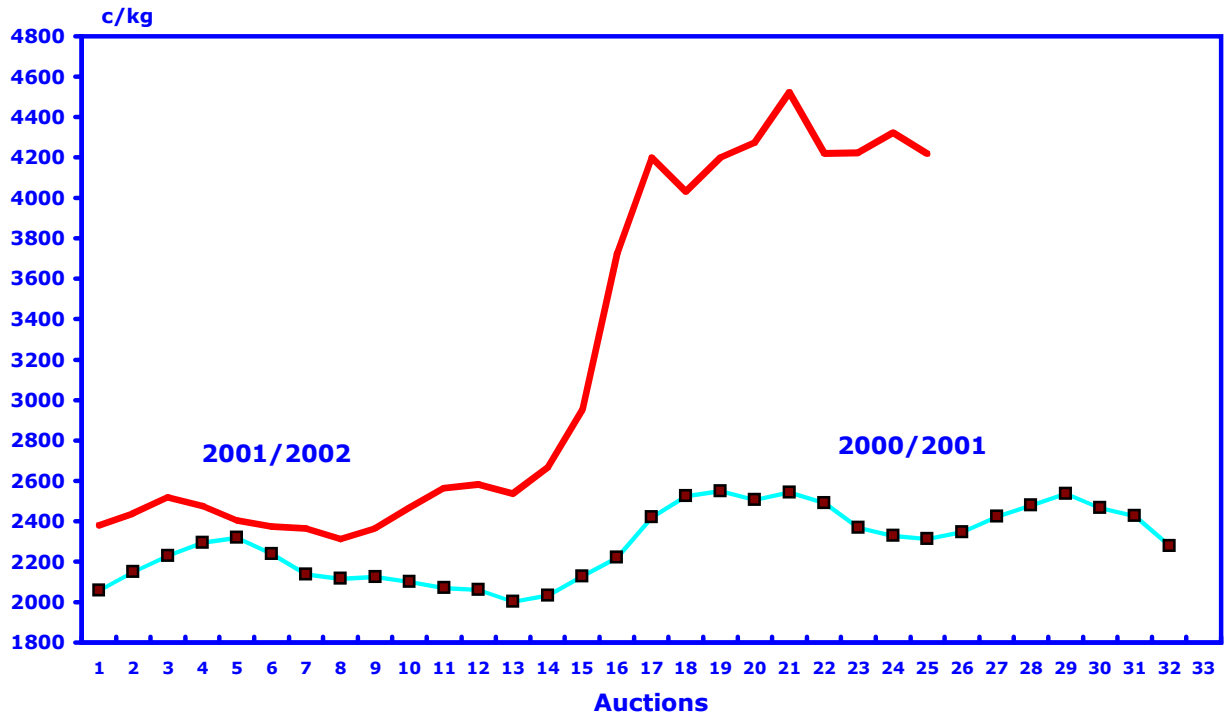
Auction Analysis

Composition of Fleece Offerings				Analysis of Offerings					
Description	% This Week	% Prev Week	Description	This Week			Previous Week		
				%	Bales	% Sold	Bales	% Sold	
Long Wool	34.1	39.0	Merino Fleeces	43.4	3 338	91.7	3 743	97.3	
Medium Wool	53.5	53.3	Merino Bellies	6.3	488	94.1	580	96.4	
Short Wool and Locks	12.4	7.7	Merino Lambs	10.1	777	91.9	867	89.3	
Fine Wool (<20µ)	10.8	11.0	Merino Locks	9.5	727	98.2	829	98.7	
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	43.0	55.1	Other	30.7	2 360	92.3	2 679	95.0	
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	37.4	27.8	Total		7 690	92.7	8 698	95.9	
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	8.8	6.1							
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	4 219	4 324	-2.4	Cape Town	1 045	1 002	95.9	1 023	1 016
AWEX EMI	952	962	-1.0	Durban	2 028	1 805	89.0	4 142	3 987
R/US Dollar	11.5100	11.6000	0.8	Port Elizabeth	4 617	4 320	93.6	3 533	3 336
R/A Dollar	6.0680	6.0205	-0.8	Total	7 690	7 127	92.7	8 698	8 339
R/Euro	10.1369	10.1430	0.1						
Main Buyers				Receipts 15/03/2002					
Buyers	This Week	Prev Week	% Change	Season to Date (Kg)		Last Season (Kg)		% Change	
				39 410 334	40 461 751	40 461 751	40 461 751		
STD Wool	1411	982	43.7					-2.6	
G Modiano	1398	1906	-26.7	Next Auction					
ADF	1358	693	96.0	Name		Date		Offerings (Bales)	
United Wool	820	946	-13.3	S A Wool Exchange		10/04/2002		± 7 000	
Beier Fin	752	730	3.0	Van Lill Wool Buyers		-		-	
Fibres Int	655	237	176.4	Saunders et al.		09/04/2002		± 500	
Stucken	565	1230	-54.1						
Chargeurs Wool	168	1433	-88.3						
CPC	0	182	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	8 813	7 621	3	6	15.6	<18.7µ	6 217	7 339	1	2	-15.3
18.8-19.2µ	6 823	6 452	8	4	5.8	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	6 301	6 306	5	8	-0.1	19.3-19.7µ	0	5 874	0	4	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	6 047	6 233	17	10	-3.0	19.8-20.2µ	5 582	5 473	2	4	2.0
20.3-20.7µ	5 759	6 022	14	22	-4.4	20.3-20.7µ	5 449	5 940	4	9	-8.3
20.8-21.2µ	5 681	5 896	23	26	-3.6	20.8-21.2µ	5 505	5 453	7	21	1.0
21.3-21.7µ	5 743	5 884	31	31	-2.4	21.3-21.7µ	5 402	5 620	14	26	-3.9
21.8-22.2µ	5 791	5 900	37	28	-1.9	21.8-22.2µ	5 640	5 586	10	12	1.0
22.3-22.7µ	5 922	5 939	28	33	-0.3	22.3-22.7µ	5 428	5 648	8	14	-3.9
22.8-23.2µ	5 826	5 935	30	23	-1.8	22.8-23.2µ	5 011	5 812	5	4	-13.8
23.3-23.7µ	5 851	5 919	16	18	-1.1	23.3-23.7µ	5 817	5 893	2	2	-1.3
23.8-24.2µ	5 771	5 888	12	15	-2.0	23.8-24.2µ	5 065	5 731	1	1	-11.6
24.3-24.7µ	5 838	5 898	10	3	-1.0	24.3-24.7µ	5 407	5 781	1	1	-6.5
24.8-25.2µ	5 619	5 624	9	1	-0.1	24.8-25.2µ	0	5 187	0	1	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	5 636	5 806	6	5	-2.9	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	5 476	5 764	3	4	-5.0	>25.8µ	4 946	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	6 799	5 897	5	3	15.3	<18.7µ	5 576	5 789	1	4	-3.7
18.8-19.2µ	5 607	5 780	5	3	-3.0	18.8-19.2µ	5 205	5 478	4	6	-5.0
19.3-19.7µ	5 289	5 783	6	7	-8.5	19.3-19.7µ	5 294	5 341	5	8	-0.9
19.8-20.2µ	5 340	5 367	8	6	-0.5	19.8-20.2µ	4 995	5 054	9	13	-1.2
20.3-20.7µ	5 171	5 439	10	7	-4.9	20.3-20.7µ	5 036	5 122	8	15	-1.7
20.8-21.2µ	5 167	5 242	16	10	-1.4	20.8-21.2µ	4 970	4 946	11	26	0.5
21.3-21.7µ	5 169	5 270	23	23	-1.9	21.3-21.7µ	5 067	5 076	13	17	-0.2
21.8-22.2µ	5 167	5 202	36	16	-0.7	21.8-22.2µ	4 974	4 802	14	12	3.6
22.3-22.7µ	5 133	5 212	33	13	-1.5	22.3-22.7µ	4 970	5 164	13	8	-3.8
22.8-23.2µ	5 124	5 443	16	16	-5.9	22.8-23.2µ	4 866	4 996	4	5	-2.6
23.3-23.7µ	5 173	5 104	10	10	1.4	23.3-23.7µ	4 314	4 594	4	4	-6.1
23.8-24.2µ	5 138	0	11	0	0.0	23.8-24.2µ	3 608	4 690	3	1	-23.1
24.3-24.7µ	5 052	5 177	7	6	-2.4	24.3-24.7µ	4 049	0	1	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	5 158	4 716	3	1	9.4	24.8-25.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	5 125	0	3	0	0.0	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	4 523	0	1	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	5 670	0	1	0.0	<18.7µ	0	5 606	0	1	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	0	4 818	0	1	0.0	19.3-19.7µ	0	4 997	0	1	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	4 298	4 181	2	1	2.8	19.8-20.2µ	4 661	0	1	0	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	4 893	4 636	3	1	5.5	20.3-20.7µ	4 885	5 059	1	1	-3.4
20.8-21.2µ	4 156	4 903	2	1	-15.2	20.8-21.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
21.3-21.7µ	4 674	4 916	6	2	-4.9	21.3-21.7µ	4 599	4 408	1	1	4.3
21.8-22.2µ	4 792	4 679	5	4	2.4	21.8-22.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
22.3-22.7µ	4 962	4 857	1	3	2.2	22.3-22.7µ	4 067	0	1	0	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	4 164	0	3	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	3 965	0	1	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	23.8-24.2µ	4 542	0	1	0	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	4 420	0	2	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	4 159	0	1	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)	7 017	6 461	3	1	8.6
Long Lambs (20μ)	6 057	6 264	4	3	-3.3
Medium Lambs (19μ)	5 525	5 715	11	11	-3.3
Medium Lambs (20μ)	4 944	5 269	3	9	-6.2
Long Bellies (20μ)	0	4 938	0	0	0.0
Long Bellies (21μ)	0	5 482	0	2	0.0
Medium Bellies (20μ)	4 623	4 978	1	1	-7.1
Medium Bellies (21μ)	4 983	5 019	3	5	-0.7
Long Locks (Good Color)	3 081	3 700	6	6	-16.7
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	6 242	0	2	0.0
Long Lambs (20μ)	0	5 783	0	1	0.0
Medium Lambs (19μ)	5 430	5 842	3	10	-7.1
Medium Lambs (20μ)	4 994	5 141	7	9	-2.9
Long Bellies (20μ)	4 643	5 405	1	1	-14.1
Long Bellies (21μ)	0	5 130	0	2	0.0
Medium Bellies (20μ)	4 851	5 001	6	13	-3.0
Medium Bellies (21μ)	4 670	4 873	8	15	-4.2
Long Locks (Good Color)	3 234	3 217	3	3	0.5

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