

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

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**Market Commentary**

**SMALL OFFERING BOOSTS PRICES**

Port Elizabeth - Port Elizabeth - In contrast to the Australian market, which has seen a considerable decline, this week's small offering boosted prices and Cape Wools' overall indicator gained 1,7% to close at R37,40/kg (clean). This is 57% above the opening level and up 51% on the same sale last season.

Traders say in view of the stronger rand and the downward trend in Australia, the only reason for the increase was a shortage of wool, which meant that companies that had to fill orders and processors who had to secure wool for their mills were locked in fierce competition for the limited offering of 3 939 bales, the smallest this season.

The star performer at this week's sale was the 19 micron category which gained about 17% on average, while the broader microns also posted solid gains.

Average price movements for good quality long (60 - 95mm) Merino fleeces (spinners' and good topmakers' styles) were as follows: 19 microns were up 17,8% at R67,85/kg, 20 microns rose 2,7% to R53,86/kg, 21 microns were virtually unchanged at R51,42/kg, 22 microns were up 0,9% at R50,69/kg, 23 microns gained 2,6% to R51,27/kg, 24 microns were up 1,5% at R50,56/kg, but there no quotes for 25 microns due to the limited offering.

Next week, the penultimate sale, about 4 000 bales will be offered.

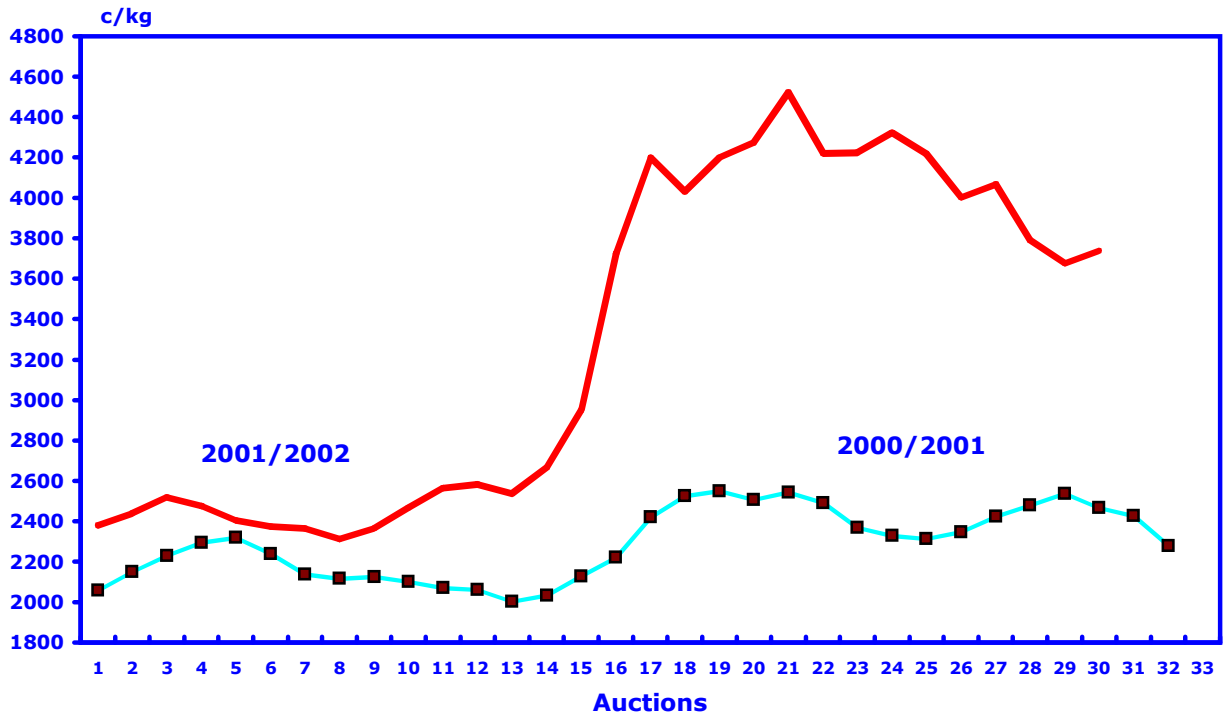
**Auction Analysis**

<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	20.0	26.3	Merino Fleeces	48.7	1 920	98.7	4 030	95.8	
Medium Wool	68.3	58.3	Merino Bellies	7.2	285	83.2	566	88.9	
Short Wool and Locks	11.7	15.5	Merino Lambs	14.5	572	95.5	995	87.2	
Fine Wool (<20µ)	5.6	4.9	Merino Locks	7.0	277	97.8	594	99.0	
Medium Wool (20 - 22µ)	52.9	43.3	Other	22.5	885	82.9	2 840	86.1	
Strong Wool (22 - 24µ)	38.5	45.5	<b>Total</b>		<b>3 939</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>9 025</b>	<b>91.6</b>	
Overstrong (24 - 27µ)	3.0	6.4							
<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>3 740</b>	<b>3 678</b>	<b>1.7</b>	Cape Town	389	375	96.4	1 270	1 139
AWEX EMI	892	903	-1.2	Durban	503	455	90.5	1 231	1 128
R/US Dollar	9.8900	10.1800	<b>2.8</b>	Port Elizabeth	3 047	2 853	93.6	6 524	5 997
R/A Dollar	5.5586	5.5310	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3 939</b>	<b>3 683</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>9 025</b>	<b>8 264</b>
R/Euro	9.1829	9.3055	<b>1.3</b>						
<b>Main Buyers</b>				<b>Receipts 24/05/2002</b>					
Buyers	This Week	Prev Week	% Change	Season to Date (Kg)		Last Season (Kg)		% Change	
Chargeurs Wool	1023	1216	<b>-15.9</b>	<b>46 280 898</b>		<b>46 926 190</b>		<b>-1.4</b>	
G Modiano	698	1480	<b>-52.8</b>	<b>Next Auction</b>					
Stucken	578	1402	<b>-58.8</b>	<b>Name</b>		<b>Date</b>		<b>Offerings (Bales)</b>	
STD Wool	439	1589	<b>-72.4</b>	S A Wool Exchange		05/06/2002		± 4 000	
Beier Fin	380	811	<b>-53.1</b>	Van Lill Wool Buyers		-		-	
United Wool	295	1079	<b>-72.7</b>	Saunders et al.		04/06/2002		± 577	
ADF	151	245	<b>-38.4</b>						
Fibres Int	119	350	<b>-66.0</b>						
CPC	0	92	<b>0.0</b>						

<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>
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<18.7µ	8 240	0	5	0	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	6 785	5 760	1	3	0.0	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	5 326	5 290	4	3	0.7	19.3-19.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	5 386	5 247	5	13	2.7	19.8-20.2µ	0	4 722	0	3	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	5 392	5 306	10	13	1.6	20.3-20.7µ	4 614	4 946	2	5	-6.7
20.8-21.2µ	5 142	5 143	6	21	0.0	20.8-21.2µ	5 055	4 670	4	5	8.2
21.3-21.7µ	5 089	5 035	29	40	1.1	21.3-21.7µ	4 947	4 801	3	6	3.0
21.8-22.2µ	5 069	5 026	16	42	0.9	21.8-22.2µ	4 919	4 877	7	10	0.9
22.3-22.7µ	5 036	5 042	11	47	-0.1	22.3-22.7µ	4 316	4 503	4	7	-4.2
22.8-23.2µ	5 127	4 998	17	34	2.6	22.8-23.2µ	4 333	4 968	1	7	-12.8
23.3-23.7µ	5 077	5 022	9	35	1.1	23.3-23.7µ	0	5 001	0	2	0.0
23.8-24.2µ	5 056	4 983	2	23	1.5	23.8-24.2µ	0	4 885	0	2	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	5 124	4 928	2	10	4.0	24.3-24.7µ	0	4 973	0	2	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	0	4 993	0	7	0.0	24.8-25.2µ	0	4 756	0	1	0.0
25.3-25.7µ	0	4 970	0	4	0.0	25.3-25.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
>25.8µ	4 862	4 963	1	4	-2.0	>25.8µ	0	0	0	0	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>
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<18.7µ	5 299	4 745	4	4	11.7	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	4 806	4 603	4	4	4.4	18.8-19.2µ	0	4 814	0	2	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	4 575	4 752	5	10	-3.7	19.3-19.7µ	4 398	4 645	1	2	-5.3
19.8-20.2µ	4 603	4 527	8	10	1.7	19.8-20.2µ	4 487	4 386	1	7	2.3
20.3-20.7µ	4 713	4 548	16	24	3.6	20.3-20.7µ	4 616	4 317	5	5	6.9
20.8-21.2µ	4 813	4 636	25	37	3.8	20.8-21.2µ	4 652	4 405	8	11	5.6
21.3-21.7µ	4 689	4 660	30	39	0.6	21.3-21.7µ	4 616	4 239	4	16	8.9
21.8-22.2µ	4 640	4 552	30	57	1.9	21.8-22.2µ	4 401	4 368	3	19	0.8
22.3-22.7µ	4 720	4 574	28	49	3.2	22.3-22.7µ	4 361	4 342	10	23	0.4
22.8-23.2µ	4 835	4 501	21	37	7.4	22.8-23.2µ	4 415	4 373	6	11	1.0
23.3-23.7µ	4 614	4 473	14	33	3.1	23.3-23.7µ	4 477	4 251	2	1	5.3
23.8-24.2µ	4 525	4 540	8	16	-0.3	23.8-24.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
24.3-24.7µ	4 348	4 444	3	8	-2.2	24.3-24.7µ	4 168	0	1	0	0.0
24.8-25.2µ	4 456	4 629	3	1	-3.7	24.8-25.2µ	4 368	4 559	1	1	-4.2
25.3-25.7µ	4 440	4 408	1	1	0.7	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
<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	3 438	0	1	0.0	<18.7µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
18.8-19.2µ	3 646	0	1	0	0.0	18.8-19.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
19.3-19.7µ	0	3 990	0	3	0.0	19.3-19.7µ	0	4 125	0	2	0.0
19.8-20.2µ	0	3 983	0	4	0.0	19.8-20.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0
20.3-20.7µ	0	4 170	0	1	0.0	20.3-20.7µ	4 374	3 349	1	1	0.0
20.8-21.2µ	0	0	0	0	0.0	20.8-21.2µ	3 588	0	1	0	0.0
21.3-21.7µ	4 393	4 000	1	5	9.8	21.3-21.7µ	3 663	3 989	3	1	-8.2
21.8-22.2µ	4 380	4 080	1	3	7.3	21.8-22.2µ	3 186	0	1	0	0.0
22.3-22.7µ	3 543	4 226	1	2	0.0	22.3-22.7µ	0	3 757	0	2	0.0
22.8-23.2µ	3 715	4 319	1	2	0.0	22.8-23.2µ	0	3 815	0	1	0.0
23.3-23.7µ	0	3 917	0	2	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	3 590	0	1	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

<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>
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Long Lambs (19μ)	0	6 610	0	4	0.0
Long Lambs (20μ)	5 439	5 435	3	7	0.1
Medium Lambs (19μ)	4 682	4 753	7	20	-1.5
Medium Lambs (20μ)	4 558	4 662	8	10	-2.2
Long Bellies (20μ)	0	0	0	0	0.0
Long Bellies (21μ)	0	4 517	0	1	0.0
Medium Bellies (20μ)	0	4 664	0	0	0.0
Medium Bellies (21μ)	4 587	4 444	2	8	3.2
Long Locks (Good Color)	2 529	2 521	1	1	0.3
<b>Other Types</b>					
<b>Average to Inferior Topmakers</b>					
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Long Lambs (19μ)	0	6 147	0	1	0.0
Long Lambs (20μ)	5 017	5 385	2	2	-6.8
Medium Lambs (19μ)	4 734	4 725	2	9	0.2
Medium Lambs (20μ)	4 455	4 559	4	4	-2.3
Long Bellies (20μ)	0	4 449	0	2	0.0
Long Bellies (21μ)	0	4 448	0	1	0.0
Medium Bellies (20μ)	4 300	4 432	2	1	-3.0
Medium Bellies (21μ)	4 705	4 311	2	9	9.1
Long Locks (Good Color)	2 358	1 090	1	3	0.0

### S.A. Market Indicator



### Aust Market Indicator

