

Auction Date 17-Sep-97

Cat: MJ04

Week: 04

Micron Category	Weighted Clean Price (c/kg)						Bales Offered	Sales
	Long Fleeces (60 - 95mm)		Medium Fleeces (40 - 60mm)		Short Fleeces (<40mm)			
	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction		
<19.5	3 703	N/Q	2 650	0.8	-	-	122	93.4
19.6-20.5	3 240	3.5	2 504	-0.5	2 035	5.0	353	100.0
20.6-21.5	2 939	2.5	2 527	6.0	-	-	985	99.7
21.6-22.5	2 574	1.5	2 297	4.4	-	-	1 900	98.4
22.6-23.5	2 260	2.4	2 122	3.0	-	-	1 581	99.8
23.6-24.5	2 134	2.0	2 010	3.1	-	-	936	100.0
24.6-25.5	2 108	2.1	1 905	-0.9	-	-	403	100.0
>25.5	2 016	0.5	N/Q	-	-	-	203	100.0
Merino Bellies					2 200	2.2	858	99.5
Merino Lambs					2 816	-1.6	971	99.6
Merino Locks					1 624	4.6	774	100.0
Other White Wools					1 946	5.4	786	99.4
Ciskei/Transkei					N/Q	N/Q	9	100.0
Lesotho					N/Q	N/Q	2	100.0
Coarse & Coloured					1 306	12.0	187	96.3
Total							10 070	99.2

Main Buyers	Bales
Cape Tops	2 069
Stucken	2 062
ADF	1 743
Beier Wool	1 462
United Wool	1 235
Standard Wool	531

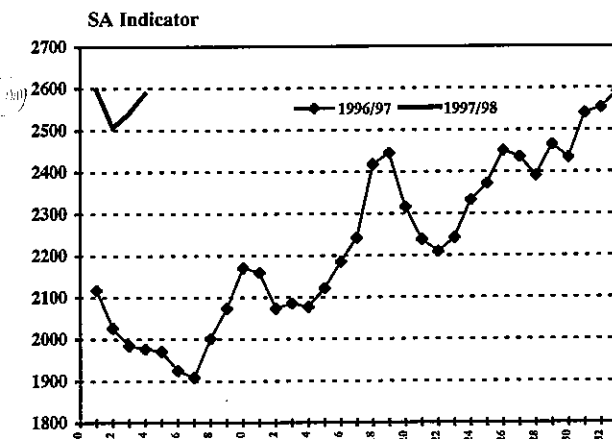
Overall Merino Market Indicator

This Auction	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
2 588	2 540	1.9	2 598	2 507	2 228

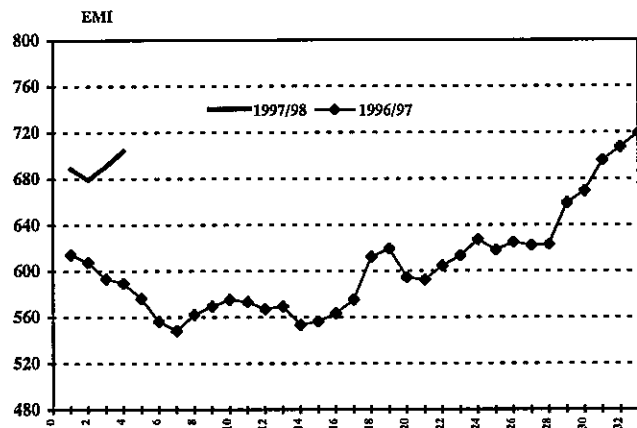
Australian Market

EMI This Week	EMI Last Auction
704	691

South Africa



Australia



Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.2137	0.2168	-1.4
A\$	0.2972	0.2917	1.9
Sterling	0.1338	0.1323	1.1
DM	0.3791	0.4006	-5.4
FF	1.2740	1.3504	-5.7
ITL	369.74	390.70	-5.4
WTI	106.77	110.55	-3.4

Receipts (Kg) to 12/09/1997

Season to date	9 498 527.7
Previous Season to date	10 302 093.7
% Difference	-7.8
Next Sale:	25 September 1997
Offerings:	± 7 000