



**Weekly
Market
Report**

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Cat: MJ16

Week: 16

Micron Category	Weighted Clean Price (c/kg)						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		
18.6-19.5	3 197	-2.8	-	-	-	-	213	90.6
19.6-20.5	2 817	-4.7	2 517	-1.2	-	-	582	90.7
20.6-21.5	2 475	-4.2	2 193	-5.0	-	-	1 496	88.6
21.6-22.5	2 265	-2.5	2 064	-2.3	-	-	1 834	93.2
22.6-23.5	2 081	-2.4	1 916	-4.2	-	-	1 425	95.0
23.6-24.5	1 996	-1.8	1 838	-3.3	-	-	794	92.8
24.6-25.5	1 971	-1.8	1 684	-5.3	-	-	270	94.8
>25.5	1 903	-2.1	-	-	-	-	120	66.7
Merino Bellies					2 110	-7.3	897	91.9
Merino Lambs					-	NQ	925	82.1
Merino Locks					1 466	-6.4	562	93.8
Other White Wools					1 752	-6.2	1 602	90.7
Ciskei/Transkei					1 272	-13.3	277	53.4
Lesotho					2 294	-6.7	577	93.8
Coarse & Coloured					-	NQ	615	84.4
Total							12 189	89.9

Main Buyers	Bales
Cape Tops	2 448
United Wool	1 873
Stucken	1 729
Standard Wool	1 374
Beier Wool	1 269
Modiano	928

Overall Merino Market Indicator

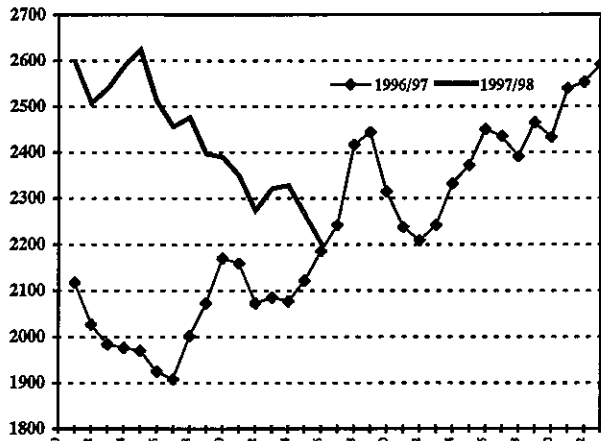
This Auction	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
2 202	2 267	-2.9	2 624	2 202	2 228

Australian Market

EMI This Week	EMI Last Auction
699	708

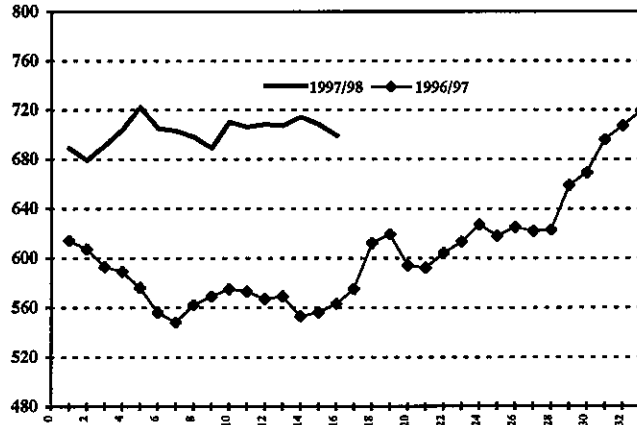
South Africa

SA Indicator



Australia

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Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.2047	0.2055	-0.4
A\$	0.3072	0.3045	0.9
Sterling	0.1243	0.1223	1.7
DM	0.3675	0.3641	0.9
FF	1.2301	1.2187	0.9
ITL	359.51	356.75	0.8
WTI	103.42	102.83	0.6

Receipts (Kg) to 05/12/1997	
Season to date	28 665 127.5
Previous Season to date	30 043 416.7
% Difference	-4.6
Next Sale: 07 January 1998	
Offerings: ± 10 000	