



**Weekly  
Market  
Report**

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Cat: MJ18

Week: 18

Micron Category	Weighted Clean Price (c/kg)						Bales Offered	Sales % Sold
	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	2 836	-4.7	2 433	NQ	-	-	406	61.6
19.6-20.5	2 518	-6.9	2 067	-7.1	-	-	845	81.9
20.6-21.5	2 253	-3.9	1 949	-6.2	1 615	N/Q	2 402	81.9
21.6-22.5	2 083	-2.5	1 870	-4.6	-	-	2 902	88.2
22.6-23.5	1 958	-0.5	1 761	-3.0	-	-	1 470	93.1
23.6-24.5	1 893	-0.6	1 680	-6.2	-	-	730	95.5
24.6-25.5	1 893	0.4	1 652	NQ	-	-	215	92.6
>25.5	1 822	-2.9	-	-	-	-	81	100.0
<b>Merino Bellies</b>					1 787	-2.4	1 176	81.3
<b>Merino Lambs</b>					2 183	NQ	1 310	72.8
<b>Merino Locks</b>					1 267	-6.5	1 019	91.4
<b>Other White Wools</b>					1 631	0.9	1 197	82.0
<b>Ciskei/Transkei</b>					1 213	NQ	430	50.5
<b>Lesotho</b>					1 848	-5.9	973	98.2
<b>Coarse &amp; Coloured</b>					909	-2.4	946	79.8
<b>Total</b>							16 102	84.2

Main Buyers	Bales
Cape Tops	4 519
Stucken	2 432
Standard Wool	2 211
United Wool	1 332
FIN	759
A.D.F.	653

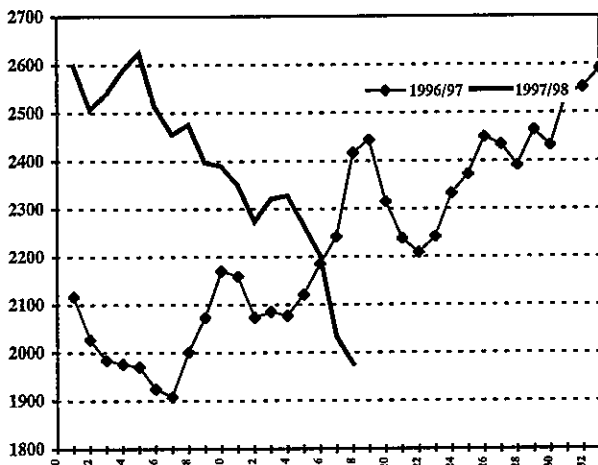
**Overall Merino Market Indicator**

This Auction	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
1 976	2 033	-2.8	2 624	1 976	2 228

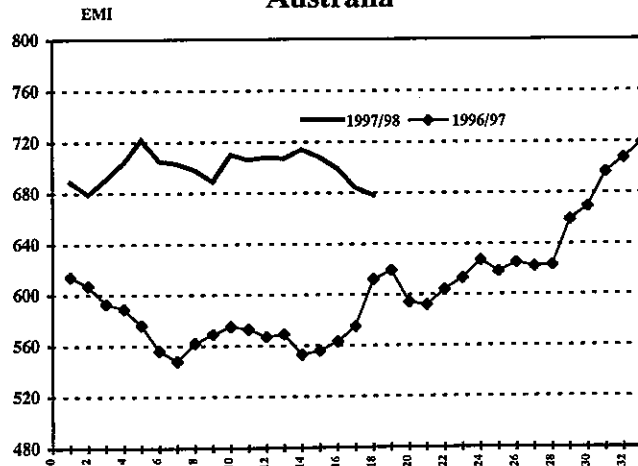
**Australian Market**

EMI This Week	EMI Last Auction
678	684

SA Indicator South Africa



EMI Australia



Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.2023	0.2022	0.1
A\$	0.3110	0.3185	-2.4
Sterling	0.1243	0.1245	-0.2
DM	0.3698	0.3700	-0.1
FF	1.2379	1.2387	-0.1
ITL	363.93	363.49	0.1
WTI	103.59	103.76	-0.2

**Receipts (Kg) to 09/01/1998**

Season to date	33 375 940.4
Previous Season to date	35 040 476.2
% Difference	-4.8
Next Sale:	21 January 1998
Offerings:	± 10 000