



**Weekly
Market
Report**

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Cat: MJ21

Week: 21

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	2 903	-1.1	2 681	2.7	-	-	80	97.5
19.6-20.5	2 501	-3.4	2 247	1.9	-	-	253	94.9
20.6-21.5	2 230	-0.8	1 992	0.9	-	-	720	99.4
21.6-22.5	2 098	-1.5	1 915	3.2	-	-	549	97.3
22.6-23.5	2 009	-1.2	1 813	-1.5	-	-	320	99.4
23.6-24.5	1 936	-1.0	1 810	-	-	-	66	100.0
24.6-25.5	NQ	-	1 800	-	-	-	24	79.2
>25.5	NQ	-	NQ	-	-	-	0	0.0
Merino Bellies					1 894	2.1	356	91.9
Merino Lambs					2 316	-3.1	335	94.6
Merino Locks					1 154	-6.1	284	95.1
Other White Wools					1 649	-1.8	454	81.9
Ciskei/Transkei					833	-19.0	33	78.8
Lesotho					2 058	3.3	732	97.3
Coarse & Coloured					931	5.3	331	100.0
Total							4 537	95.3

Main Buyers	Bales
Cape Tops	1 585
Stucken	1 070
Beier Wool	651
United Wool	400
Standard Wool	176
A.D.F.	167

Overall Merino Market Indicator

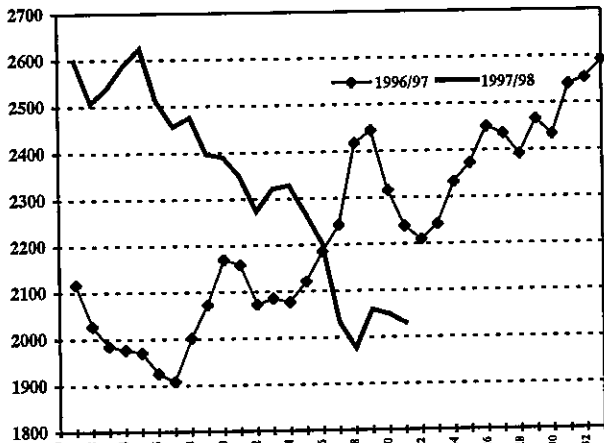
This Auction	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
2 030	2 049	-0.9	2 624	1 976	2 228

Australian Market

EMI This Week	EMI Last Auction
616	637

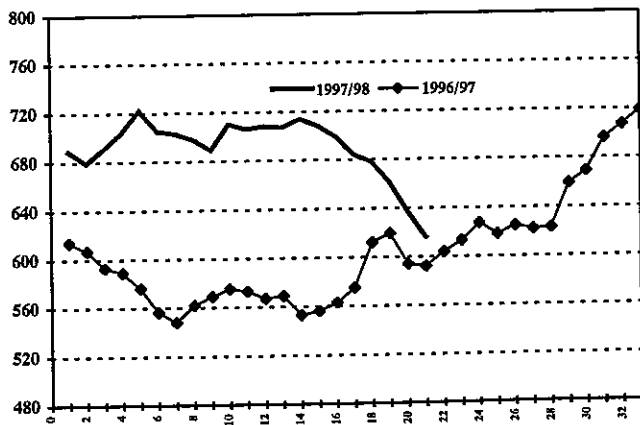
South Africa

SA Indicator



Australia

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Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.2025	0.2035	-0.5
A\$	0.2992	0.3000	-0.3
Sterling	0.1232	0.1244	-0.9
DM	0.3682	0.3669	0.4
FF	1.2340	1.2291	0.4
ITL	363.91	362.08	0.5
WTI	102.98	103.03	0.0

Receipts (Kg) to 30/01/1998

Season to date	36 292 002.3
Previous Season to date	38 233 211.1
% Difference	-5.1
Next Sale:	11 February 1998
Offerings:	± 5 000