



**Weekly
Market
Report**

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Cat: MJ23

Week: 23

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	2 912	2.4	2 579	-8.0	-	-	276	76.5
19.6-20.5	2 613	1.7	2 257	-1.8	-	-	321	98.1
20.6-21.5	2 336	2.0	2 065	-1.0	-	-	883	97.1
21.6-22.5	2 226	1.3	1 955	-2.3	-	-	739	99.1
22.6-23.5	2 139	1.7	1 921	0.6	-	-	252	100.0
23.6-24.5	2 084	0.1	1 909	1.8	-	-	142	100.0
24.6-25.5	2 033	3.0	1 658	NQ	-	-	59	100.0
>25.5	1 955	NQ	1 361	NQ	-	-	47	48.9
Merino Bellies					1 939	1.2	390	88.7
Merino Lambs					2 406	-2.7	535	91.2
Merino Locks					1 232	-4.4	443	97.3
Other White Wools					1 866	7.9	735	92.5
Ciskei/Transkei					873	NQ	220	30.0
Lesotho					2 032	-1.8	546	98.5
Coarse & Coloured					1 038	2.5	266	97.0
Total							5 854	92.2

Main Buyers	Bales
Stucken	1 340
Cape Tops	1 168
Beier Wool	813
United Wool	598
Standard Wool	585
Fibres Int	571

Overall Merino Market Indicator

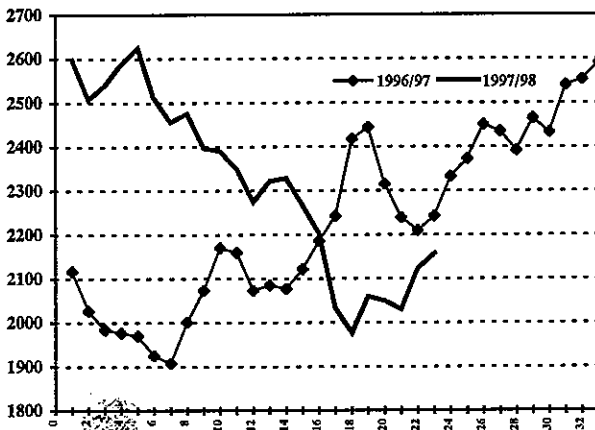
This Auction	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
2 157	2 123	1.6	2 624	1 976	2 228

Australian Market

EMI This Week	EMI Last Auction
639	630

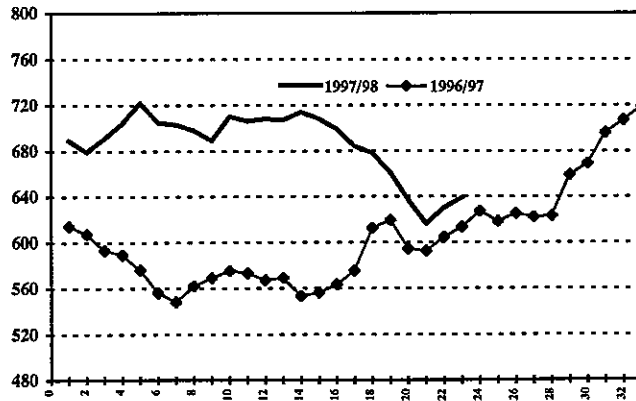
South Africa

SA Indicator



Australia

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Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.2023	0.2032	-0.4
A\$	0.3013	0.2987	0.9
Sterling	0.1241	0.1253	-1.0
DM	0.3695	0.3683	0.3
FF	1.2384	1.2349	0.3
ITL	364.17	364.01	0.0
WTI	103.21	103.17	0.0

Receipts (Kg) to 13/02/1998

Season to date	38 832 954.6
Previous Season to date	41 215 503.4
% Difference	-5.8
Next Sale:	25 February 1998
Offerings:	± 6 000