



**Weekly
Market
Report**

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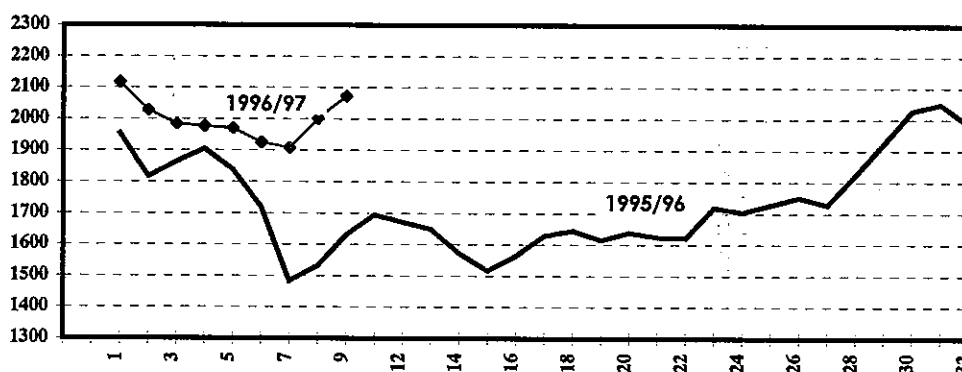
Auction Date 23/10/96

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	Bales Offered	% Sold
<19.5	2 932	1.1	N/Q	-	-	-	238	98.7
19.6-20.5	2 548	1.8	2 192	4.8	-	-	375	97.9
20.6-21.5	2 319	3.8	2 075	4.8	-	-	1 173	97.2
21.6-22.5	2 139	2.9	1 948	2.2	-	-	2 189	99.1
22.6-23.5	1 943	1.8	1 831	4.8	-	-	1 678	98.9
23.6-24.5	1 866	2.3	1 781	5.7	-	-	932	99.0
24.6-25.5	1 828	2.6	N/Q	-	-	-	413	95.9
>25.5	1 780	1.7	N/Q	-	-	-	143	100.0
Merino Bellies					1 838	0.4	1 047	98.4
Merino Lambs					2 415	4.7	1 001	95.1
Merino Locks					1 449	3.9	955	98.2
Other White Wools					1 683	2.4	2 340	99.5
Ciskei/Transkei					N/Q	-	-	-
Lesotho					1 581	-	88	100.0
Coarse & Coloured					1 174	11.3	313	97.1
Total All Wool					2 011	2.8	12 885	98.4

Main Buyers	Bales
Beier Wool	3 093
Stucken	2 699
Cape Tops	1 912
United Wool	1 665
A.D.F.	1 191
Modiano	966

Overall Merino Market Indicator

This Week	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
2 073	2 001	3.6	2 114	1 908	1 729



Auctions

Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.2198	0.2199	-0.05
A\$	0.2748	0.2781	-1.19
Sterling	0.1371	0.1389	-1.30
DM	0.3343	0.3391	-1.42
FF	0.985	0.8721	1.48
ITL	334.7	337.15	-0.73
WTI	99.81	100.03	-0.22

Receipts (Kg) to 18/10/1996	
Season to date	19 851 535
Previous Season to date	21 606 838
% Difference	-8.1
Next Sale:	30-Oct-96
Offerings:	± 10 000 bales