



**Weekly
Market
Report**

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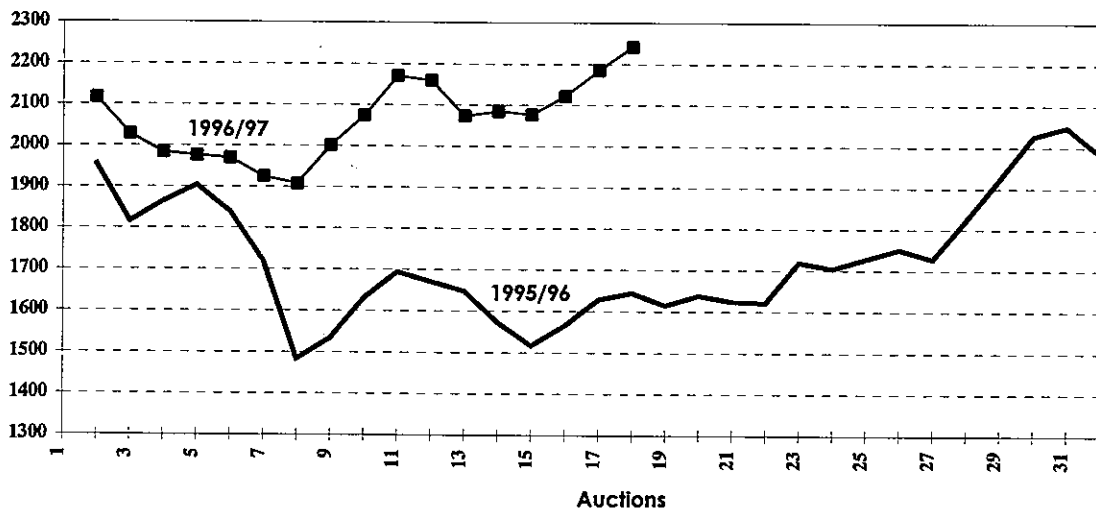
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Micron Category	Weighted Clean Price (c/kg)						Sales	
	Long Fleeces (60 - 95mm)		Medium Fleeces (40 - 60mm)		Short Fleeces (<40mm)			
	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction	Bales Offered	% Sold
<19.5	2 809	-0.1	2 420	-2.9	-	-	232	96.1
19.6-20.5	2 541	3.0	2 131	-2.0	-	-	343	97.7
20.6-21.5	2 385	1.3	2 158	-0.6	-	-	1 060	99.2
21.6-22.5	2 255	1.6	2 065	0.7	-	-	1 247	98.4
22.6-23.5	2 086	3.4	1 939	1.9	-	-	703	100.0
23.6-24.5	2 030	5.5	1 886	0.5	-	-	198	98.0
24.6-25.5	1 995	5.7	-	-	-	-	37	100.0
>25.5	1 915	3.3	-	-	-	-	19	100.0
Merino Bellies					2 061	3.3	643	99.1
Merino Lambs					2 353	0.1	468	95.1
Merino Locks					1 503	4.2	648	94.9
Other White Wools					1 789	3.7	1 475	99.3
Ciskei/Transkei					1 385	0.8	298	68.5
Lesotho					2 079	5.3	241	98.8
Coarse & Coloured					1 179	6.1	508	99.4
Total All Wool					2 154	2.4	8 120	97.3

Main Buyers	Bales
Stucken	2 003
Beier Wool	1 733
Cape Tops	1 315
United Wool	815
A.D.F.	793
Standard Wool	673

Overall Merino Market Indicator

This Week	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
2 242	2 185	2.6	2 242	1 908	1 729



Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.2140	0.2138	0.09
A\$	0.2719	0.2696	0.85
Sterling	0.1263	0.1292	-2.24
DM	0.3351	0.3303	1.45
FF	0.8830	0.8946	-1.30
ITL	329.28	326.67	0.80
WTI	97.98	98.08	-0.10

Receipts (Kg) to 03/01/1997	
Season to date	33 993 243
Previous Season to date	36 571 290
% Difference	-7.0
Next Sale:	15-Jan-97
Offerings:	± 10 000 bales