



**Weekly
Market
Report**

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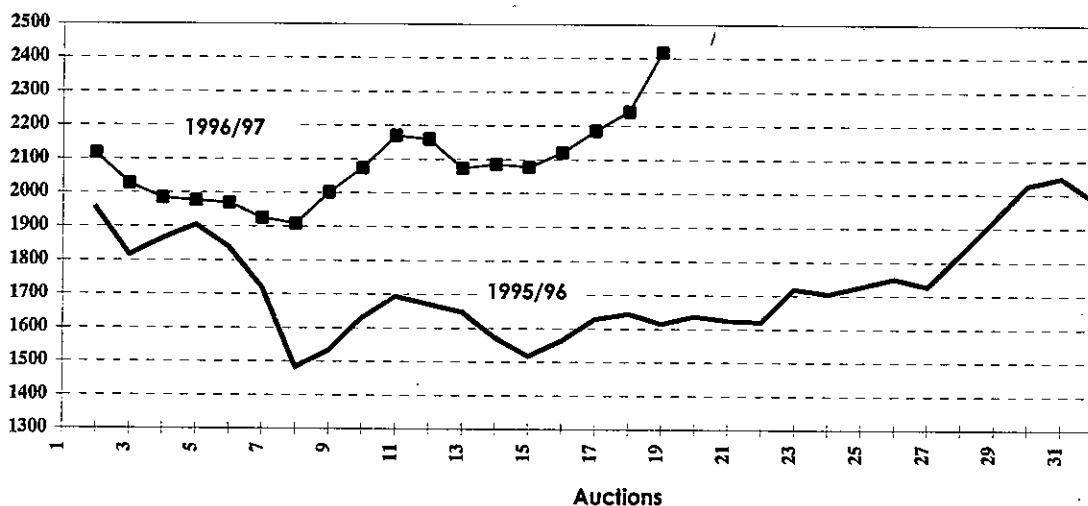
Auction Date 15/01/97

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	2 971	5.8	2 672	10.4	-	-	541	96.1
19.6-20.5	2 696	6.1	2 390	12.2	-	-	1 022	99.3
20.6-21.5	2 567	7.7	2 284	5.8	-	-	1 832	98.1
21.6-22.5	2 444	8.4	2 252	9.1	-	-	2 734	98.4
22.6-23.5	2 254	8.1	2 042	5.3	-	-	1 521	100.0
23.6-24.5	2 156	6.2	2 032	7.8	-	-	676	97.5
24.6-25.5	2 090	4.8	-	-	-	-	194	99.0
>25.5	2 008	4.9	-	-	-	-	31	100.0
Merino Bellies					2 154	4.5	1 126	98.6
Merino Lambs					2 563	8.9	979	98.9
Merino Locks					1 580	5.1	951	99.0
Other White Wools					1 988	11.1	1 449	99.2
Ciskei/Transkei					1 612	16.4	383	94.8
Lesotho					2 206	6.1	910	96.8
Coarse & Coloured					1 231	4.4	668	100.0
Total All Wool					2 315	7.5	15 017	98.2

Main Buyers	Bales
Stucken	2 981
Beier Wool	2 966
A.D.F.	2 459
United Wool	2 285
Cape Tops	2 129
Modiano	739

Overall Merino Market Indicator

This Week	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
2 417	2 242	7.8	2 417	1 908	1 729



Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.2145	0.2140	0.23
A\$	0.2760	0.2719	1.51
Sterling	0.1284	0.1263	1.66
DM	0.3420	0.3351	2.06
FF	0.8659	0.8830	-1.94
ITL	332.73	329.28	1.05
WTI	98.32	97.98	0.35

Receipts (Kg) to10/01/1997	
Season to date	35 040 476
Previous Season to date	37 544 709
% Difference	-6.7
Next Sale:	22-Jan-97
Offerings:	± 10 000 bales