



**Weekly
Market
Report**

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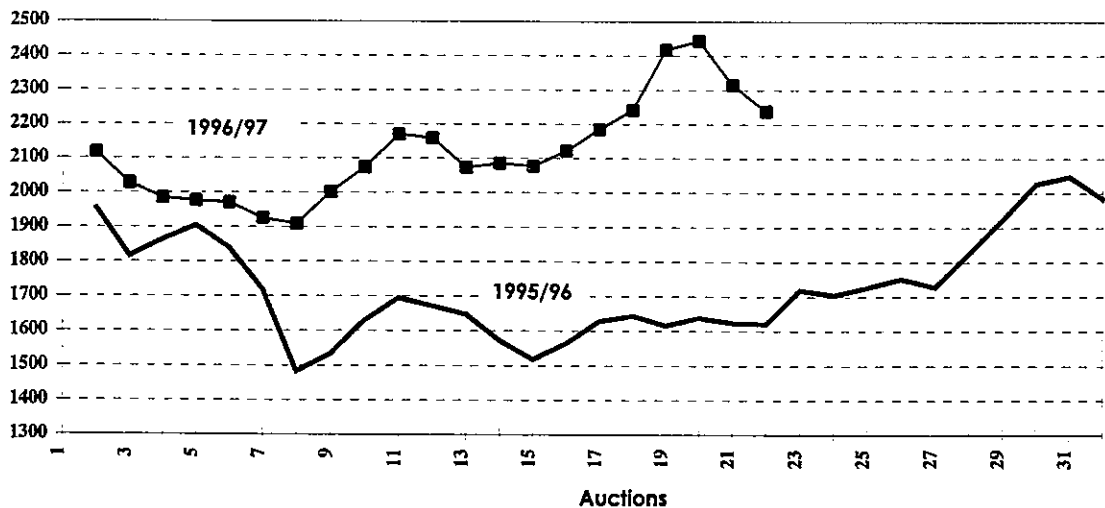
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Micron Category	Weighted Clean Price (c/kg)						Sales	
	Long Fleeces (60 - 95mm)		Medium Fleeces (40 - 60mm)		Short Fleeces (<40mm)			
	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction	Bales Offered	% Sold
<19.5	2 824	-3.0	2 501	-1.2	-	-	215	97.7
19.6-20.5	2 478	-2.3	2 216	-3.8	-	-	536	87.5
20.6-21.5	2 378	-2.4	2 098	-5.5	-	-	1 204	93.7
21.6-22.5	2 232	-4.1	2 045	-1.6	-	-	1 037	92.1
22.6-23.5	1 978	-8.6	1 981	-0.6	-	-	428	84.4
23.6-24.5	1 937	-6.0	1 919	-1.3	-	-	171	89.5
24.6-25.5	1 896	-2.7	-	-	-	-	42	73.8
>25.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merino Bellies					2 013	-3.0	550	94.7
Merino Lambs					2 401	-1.2	453	97.4
Merino Locks					1 501	-5.7	641	98.0
Other White Wools					1 843	-3.3	990	99.5
Ciskel/Transkei					1 414	-	267	96.6
Lesotho					2 136	-1.2	705	100.0
Coarse & Coloured					1 193	4.1	340	97.9
Total All Wool					2 116	-8.6	7 579	94.7

Main Buyers	Bales
Stucken	2 006
Beier Wool	1 334
Cape Tops	1 183
Modiano	787
United Wool	711
Standard Wool	615

Overall Merino Market Indicator

This Week	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
2 238	2 314	-3.3	2 444	1 908	1 729



Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.2211	0.2190	0.96
A\$	0.2901	0.2850	1.79
Sterling	0.1360	0.1355	0.37
DM	0.3637	0.3610	0.75
FF	0.8133	0.8210	-0.94
ITL	359.84	355.34	1.27
WTI	106.35	100.65	5.66

Receipts (Kg) to 31/01/1997	
Season to date	38 233 211
Previous Season to date	41 285 328
% Difference	-7.4
Next Sale:	12-Feb-97
Offerings:	± 10 000 bales