



**Weekly  
Market  
Report**

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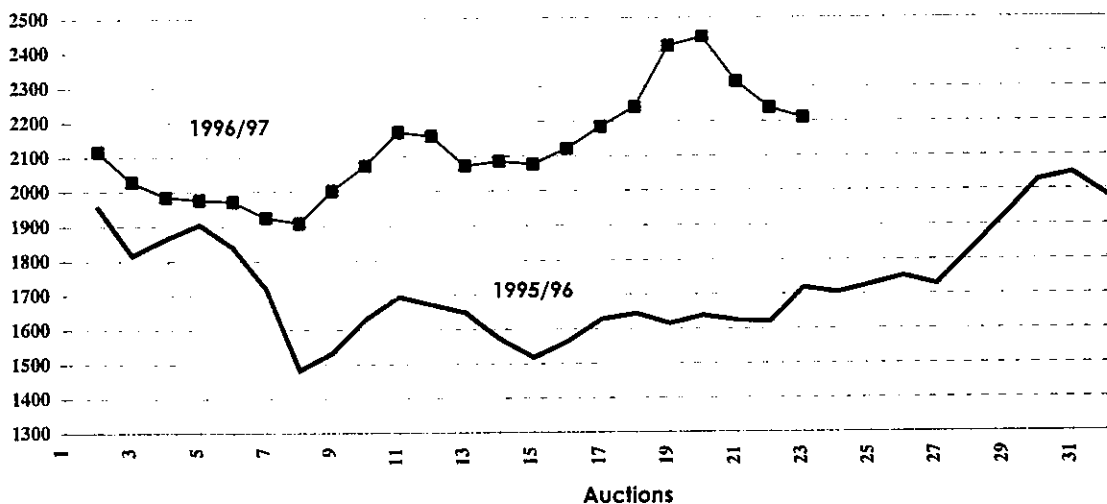
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Micron Category	Weighted Clean Price (c/kg)						Sales	
	Long Fleeces (60 - 95mm)		Medium Fleeces (40 - 60mm)		Short Fleeces (<40mm)			
	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction	This Week	% Change from Prev. Auction	Bales Offered	% Sold
<19.5	2 881	2.0	2 342	-6.3	-	-	279	99.3
19.6-20.5	2 469	-0.3	2 195	-0.9	-	-	531	96.4
20.6-21.5	2 307	-3.0	2 094	-0.2	-	-	1 011	96.6
21.6-22.5	2 175	-2.6	2 010	-1.7	-	-	1 044	96.7
22.6-23.5	1 940	-1.9	1 942	-2.0	-	-	342	92.7
23.6-24.5	1 889	-2.5	1 915	-0.2	-	-	74	94.6
24.6-25.5	1 858	-2.0	1 902	-	-	-	32	100.0
>25.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Merino Bellies</b>					1 992	-1.0	562	97.9
<b>Merino Lambs</b>					2 404	0.1	430	98.4
<b>Merino Locks</b>					1 529	1.9	565	99.3
<b>Other White Wools</b>					1 820	-1.2	880	98.4
<b>Ciskei/Transkei</b>					1 459	3.2	54	100.0
<b>Lesotho</b>					2 084	-2.4	877	89.9
<b>Coarse &amp; Coloured</b>					1 244	4.3	249	91.2
<b>Total All Wool</b>					2 083	0.0	6 930	96.2

Main Buyers	Bales
Stucken	1 358
Cape Tops	1 355
Beier Wool	1 126
Modiano	728
Standard Wool	609
United Wool	588

**Overall Merino Market Indicator**

This Week	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
2 209	2 238	-1.3	2 444	1 908	1 729



Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.2267	0.2211	2.53
A\$	0.2998	0.2901	3.34
Sterling	0.1384	0.1360	1.76
DM	0.3822	0.3637	5.09
FF	0.7753	0.8133	-4.67
ITL	374.00	359.84	3.94
WTI	110.19	106.35	3.61

Receipts (Kg) to 07/02/1997	
Season to date	39 880 548
Previous Season to date	42 900 371
% Difference	-7.0
Next Sale:	19-Feb-97
Offerings:	± 10 000 bales