



**Weekly
Market
Report**

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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	2 977	4.7	2 648	0.2	-	-	414	93.5
19.6-20.5	2 604	2.8	2 335	4.3	-	-	933	96.5
20.6-21.5	2 448	-0.3	2 199	1.5	-	-	2 029	98.7
21.6-22.5	2 287	1.3	2 077	-1.0	-	-	1 777	99.0
22.6-23.5	2 086	1.3	2 012	0.6	-	-	1 285	98.9
23.6-24.5	2 042	1.6	1 966	-0.9	-	-	402	98.0
24.6-25.5	2 030	0.4	-	-	-	-	142	100.0
>25.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	100.0
Merino Bellies					2 041	1.3	959	97.6
Merino Lambs					2 540	3.6	1 042	96.0
Merino Locks					1 542	1.1	964	97.9
Other White Wools					1 906	2.6	1 094	99.2
Ciskei/Transkei					1 462	5.9	65	100.0
Lesotho					2 161	4.9	530	97.4
Coarse & Coloured					1 207	-4.3	269	96.7
Total							11 960	98.0

Main Buyers	Bales
Cape Tops	2 567
Stucken	2 389
Beier Wool	1 544
Modiano	1 503
United Wool	1 348
A.D.F.	1 177

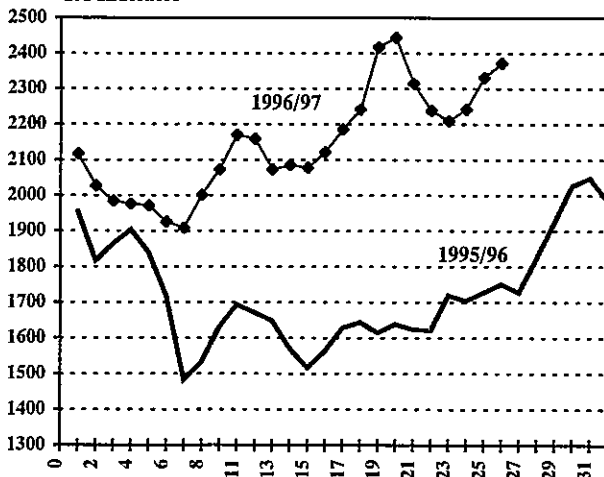
Overall Merino Market Indicator

This Week	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
2 372	2 332	1.7	2 444	1 908	1 729

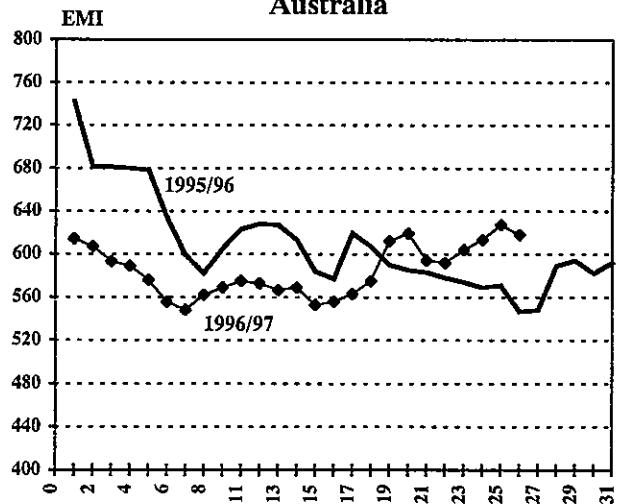
Australian Market

EMI This Week	EMI Last Week
618	627

SA Indicator South Africa



EMI Australia



Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.2245	0.2259	-0.6
A\$	0.2856	0.2906	-1.7
Sterling	0.1391	0.1380	0.8
DM	0.3848	0.3772	2.0
FF	1.2980	1.2730	2.0
ITL	382.85	376.28	1.7
WTI	110.56	109.51	1.0

Receipts (Kg) to 28/02/97

Season to date	43 870 406.5
Previous Season to date	46 933 439.9
% Difference	-6.5
Next Sale:	12-Mar-97
Offerings:	± 8 900 bales