



**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	3 282	9.8	2 571	3.2	-	-	206	95.2
19.6-20.5	2 871	5.4	2 337	2.2	-	-	504	93.5
20.6-21.5	2 694	7.5	2 218	0.7	1 990	-	1 536	97.6
21.6-22.5	2 396	3.5	2 105	1.0	1 912	-	1 890	98.0
22.6-23.5	2 100	1.1	1 966	-0.7	1 883	-	1 679	98.9
23.6-24.5	1 988	-0.7	1 917	-0.4	-	-	809	92.1
24.6-25.5	1 952	0.5	1 847	-0.4	-	-	243	98.4
>25.5	1 887	-2.0	1 801	-2.7	-	-	68	79.4
<b>Merino Bellies</b>					2 069	0.9	1 117	96.0
<b>Merino Lambs</b>					2 537	4.0	1 268	96.5
<b>Merino Locks</b>					1 509	-1.1	1 023	96.2
<b>Other White Wools</b>					1 781	-1.9	1 459	98.6
<b>Ciskei/Transkei</b>					-	-	90	56.7
<b>Lesotho</b>					2 223	2.6	1 099	99.8
<b>Coarse &amp; Coloured</b>					1 193	-1.2	645	96.6
<b>Total</b>							13 636	96.9

Main Buyers	Bales
Stucken	2 882
Beier Wool	2 518
Cape Tops	2 335
United Wool	1 407
ADF	1 250
Standard Wool	1 052

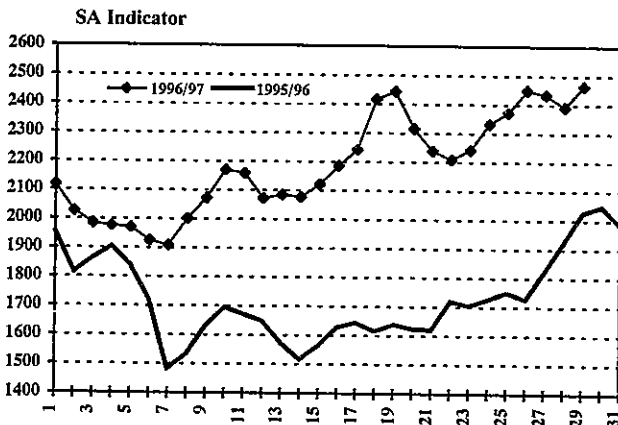
**Overall Merino Market Indicator**

This Week	Previous Auction	% Change from Prev. Auction	Highest This Season	Lowest This Season	Average Last Season
2 465	2 391	3.1	2 465	1 908	1 729

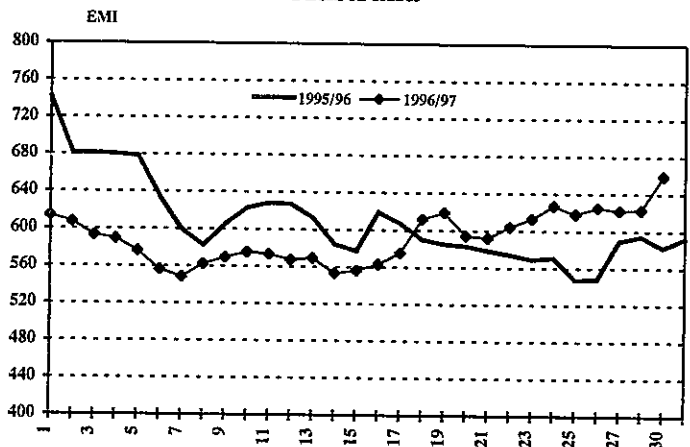
**Australian Market**

EMI This Week	EMI Last Auction
659	623

**South Africa**



**Australia**



Exchange Rates (R1=)	This Week	Last Auction	% Change
US\$	0.2246	0.2257	-0.5
A\$	0.2894	0.2890	0.1
Sterling	0.1376	0.1389	-0.9
DM	0.3854	0.3880	-0.7
FF	1.2985	1.3057	-0.6
ITL	380.75	383.28	-0.7
WTI	110.63	111.53	-0.8

**Receipts (Kg) to 18/04/97**

Season to date	49 330 245.5
Previous Season to date	53 316 448.7
% Difference	-7.5
Next Sale:	07-May-97
Offerings:	± 8 000 bales