WTIN Wool Market Report

Wool Market Report Summary
10 June 2019

Wool			
Australia			
AWEX EMI (cents/kg)			
	06-Jun	29-May	change
A$	1,864	1,833	1.69%
US$	1,299	1,260	3.10%
South Africa			
Cape Wools Merino Indicator (cents/kg)			
	05-Jun	29-May	change
Rand	20,607	20,598	0.04%
US$	1,401	1,391	0.72%
New Zealand			
NZ Wool Services Indicators	Coarse Crossbred (cents/kg)		
	06-Jun	23-May	change
NZ$	284	288	-1.39%
US$	188	187	0.53%
United Kingdom			
British Wool Fleece Indicator (clean)			
	21-May	24-Apr	change
pence/kg	157	152	3.16%
US cents/kg	199	198	0.73%

Dates shown represent the latest auction in each country versus week-earlier result.
Sources: Australian Wool Exchange, Cape Wools SA, NZ Wool Services International, British Wool Marketing Board.

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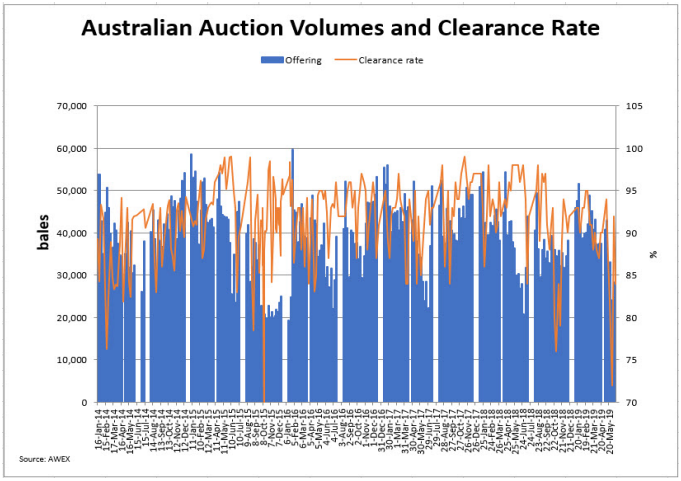
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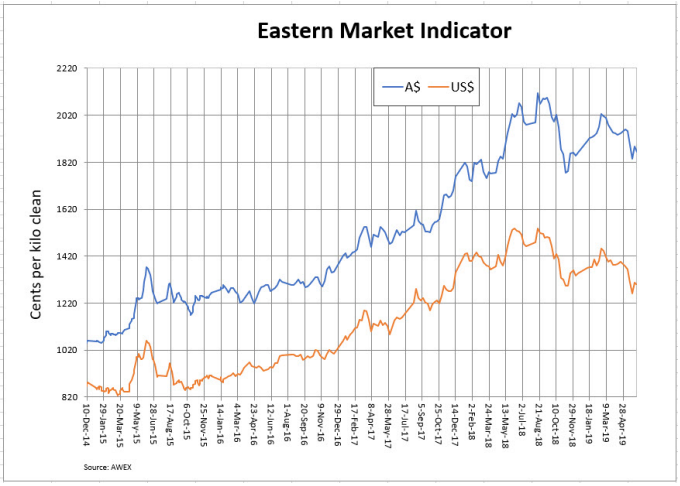
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AUSTRALIA

Australian wool market could not sustain previous gains





The Australian wool market could not sustain the strong gains posted last week, as the auctions regressed this week to post losses across most offerings. The best end of the merino fleece offering and the broadest crossbred fleece were the only categories unaffected, trading at similar quotes. Price levels meant that buyers were more hesitant to secure volumes as the sales progressed and the cheaper levels emerged prevalently. Auctions were held in Sydney and Melbourne this week. There was no sale in Fremantle.

The Australian Wool Exchange Eastern Market Indicator was down 1.2%, or 23 cents, to close the week at 1,864 Aus cents a kg clean, which was also 4.5% below the seasonal average. In US dollar terms the EMI fall was limited to just 0.6%, or 8 US cents, to 1,300 US cents a kg clean. The AUD foreign exchange rate strengthened 0.7% against the USD.

This week the national offering was 21,739 bales, compared with 28,273 bales last sale. The clearance rate was 84.4%.

On Wednesday, the EMI lost 7 cents to 1,880 Aus cents a kg clean but was up 9 cents at 1,316 US cents a kg. On Thursday, the loss aggravated to 16 cents to 1,864 Aus cents a kg and lost 17 cents in US dollar terms to 1,299 cents a kg.

In Sydney, Wednesday sales saw 18.5 and finer lots with best style and favourable additional measurements attract strong buyer support. These lots maintained last week's price levels, however, poorer style lots with low staple strength were discounted which pushed most prices lower. Thursday's sale saw further reductions across all microns with the finer types most affected. Merino skirtings eased on Wednesday. On Thursday, best style skirtings with favourable additional measurements maintained previous price levels. Crossbred lots eased while oddment lots were generally unchanged.

The Northern Regional Indicator lost 26 cents to end the week at 1,833 Aus cents a kg clean with a clearance rate of 86%, as against 95% in the previous week.

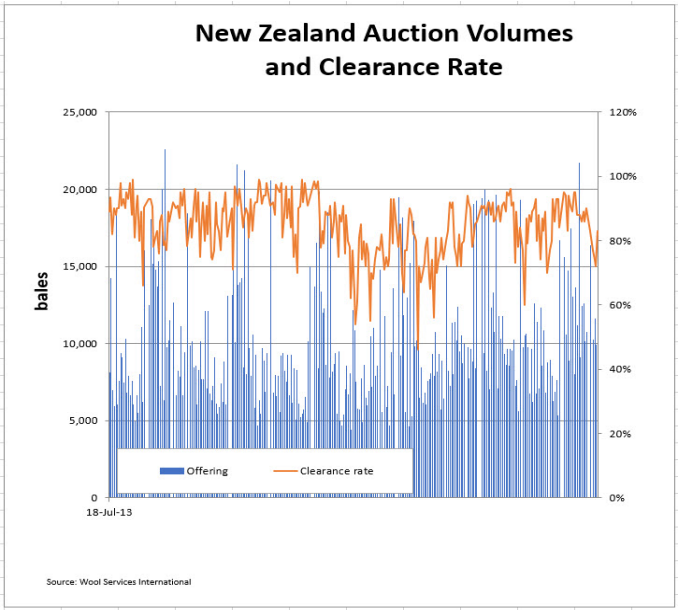
The Melbourne sale started slowly on Wednesday with low clearance rates, which decreased as the sale progressed. Best style lots with high strength were keenly sought by buyers. Lower style lots dominated Thursday's sales and dampened the tone of the sale. Merino skirtings followed the same trend as the merino fleece lots on Wednesday, but a high proportion of poorer style, faulty lots with high VM on Thursday weakened the skirtings market. Well-prepared crossbred lots attracted strong demand while oddment lots lost ground. The Southern Regional Indicator retreated 22 cents to 1,852 Aus cents a kg clean with a clearance rate of 83%, as against 91% last week.

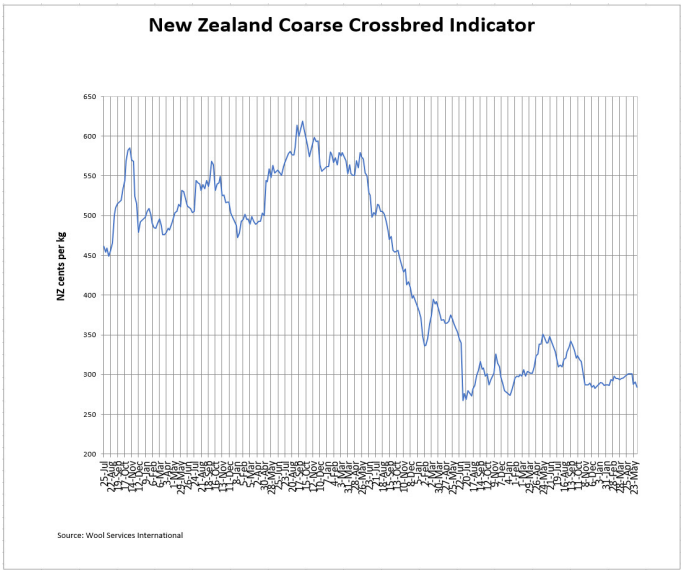
Next week will see Fremantle return to auction selling, bringing a national offering of 29,989 bales.

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NEW ZEALAND

Wool prices down on smaller offering





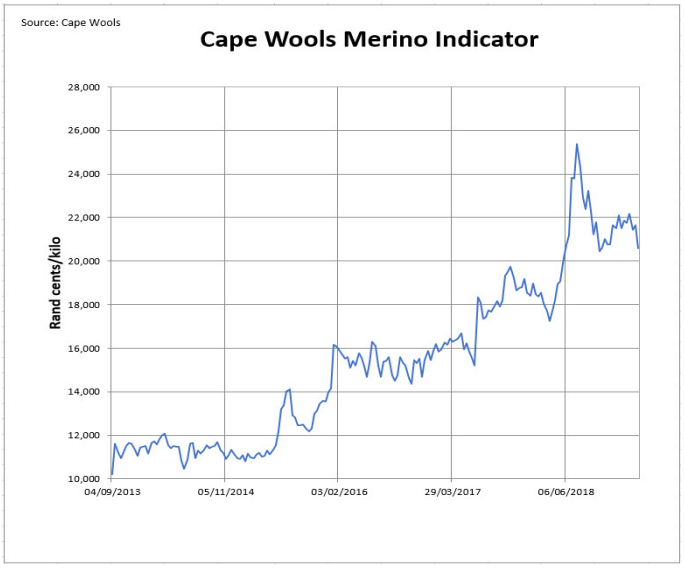
Wool sales held on 6 June in New Zealand's North Island saw prices down both in domestic currency terms as well as in US dollar terms. The coarse crossbred indicator was at 284 NZD cents, down 2.4%, while in US dollar terms it fell 1.1% to 188 US cents.
The total offering was smaller at 9,762 bales (down 1.8%) with a clearance rate of 83%, as against 72% in the previous sales.

Major buyers were Masurel (1,900), NZWSI/JSB (1,770) and Fuhrmann (1,400) this week, among others.
Compared with the previous sale on 30 May, price movements were as follows in North Island: Fine crossbred second shear of 32-36 microns – good styles were 5-6% cheaper and average styles were 4-6 cheaper. Fine crossbred early shorn – average styles were 2-3% cheaper. Coarse crossbred fleece – average styles were firm while poor styles were in sellers' favour. Coarse crossbred early shorn and second shear types of 37-39 microns – good colour styles were 2-3% cheaper, average styles 2-4% cheaper, and poor styles 2% cheaper. Crossbred oddments for clothing and combing were firm.

Source: Wool Services International

SOUTH AFRICA

African wool prices flat in the last sale of this season



The 34th sale of the 2018-19 wool season held on 5 June saw 12,437 bales on offer, of which 91.3% were sold. The market closed almost unchanged at R206.07 a kg clean, with the Cape Wools All Wool Indicator also closing flat.

On the currency front this week, the rand was 0.6% stronger against the US dollar and 0.4% weaker against the euro, compared with the previous sale. The market improved 0.7% in US dollar terms.

This last sale of the 2018-19 wool season closed

unchanged, amid continued uncertainty of greasy wool exports to China. Finer wools continued to attract better competition while the medium and relatively small volume of short wool types put them under pressure, as the main market for this wool is China.

The performance could have been much better, had the shorter wools not discounted, with the market managing to clear 91.2% of the total offering on hand.

The major buyers were: G Modiano SA (4 698), Standard Wool SA (2 983), Tianyu SA (2 255) and Stucken & Co (738).

The average clean prices for the selection within the different micron categories for good top-making (MF5), long fleeces were as follows: 18.0 microns decreased 0.9% to close at R230.32 a kg; 18.5 microns moved 0.4% down to close at R231.49 a kg; 19 microns lost 0.7% to close at R222.64 a kg; 19.5 microns weakened by 0.9% to close at R217.39 a kg; 20 microns were 0.4% stronger to close at R217.19 a kg; 20.5 microns were unchanged to close at R213.73 a kg; 21.0 microns recovered 0.5% to close at R217.81 a kg; 21.5 microns improved by 3.5% to close at R217.03 a kg; 22 microns rose 2.4% to close at 217.28 a kg; and 22.5 microns were unchanged at R216.42 a kg.

The next sale is scheduled for 14 August 2019.

Source: Cape Wools

UNITED STATES

Domestic wool trading on a clean and greasy basis was inactive this week and there were no confirmed trades reported.

Source: USDA-AMS, Greeley, CO.

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AUSTRALIA

AWEX REGIONAL INDICATORS

AUSTRALIAN CENTS/KG, CLEAN, SCHLUMBERGER DRY.

Region		Jun 6	Jun 5	May 30	May 29
Northern	Sydney	1,883	1,900	1,909	1,893
Southern	Melbourne	1,852	1,867	1,874	1,845
Western	Fremantle	-	-	-	1,992
Eastern Market Indicator (EMI)		1,864	1,880	1,887	1,864

	Season 2017/18			Season 2018/19			
	Opening	High	Low	Opening	High	Low	Year ago
Northern	1,593	2,163	1,588	2,026	2,163	1,804	2,057
Southern	1,480	2,063	1,471	1,975	2,087	1,745	1,981
Western	1,561	2,270	1,561	2,154	2,270	1,926	-
Eastern	1,524	2,101	1,519	1,994	2,116	1,768	2,011

AWEX REGIONAL MICRON PRICE GUIDES

AUSTRALIAN CENTS/KG, CLEAN, SCHLUMBERGER DRY.

Northern Region - (Sydney)				
Micron	Jun 6	Jun 5	May 30	May 29
16.5	-	2,402	2,428	2,418n
17	-	2,387	2,409	2,400
17.5	2,345	2,377	2,388	2,378
18	2,318	2,351	2,361	2,347
18.5	2,258	2,284	2,285	2,270
19	2,193	2,211	2,211	2,196
19.5	2,182	2,198	2,203	2,186
20	2,179	2,194	2,197	2,180
21	2,174n	2,185n	-	-
22	-	-	-	-
23	-	-	-	-
24	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-
26	-	-	-	-
28	1,115n	1,115n	1,125n	1,105n
30	-	-	-	-
32	-	-	-	-
MC	1,021	1,029	1,036	1,032

Southern Region - (Melbourne)				
Micron	Jun 6	Jun 5	May 30	May 29
16.5	-	2,308n	2,318n	2,294n
17	-	2,284	2,286	2,273
17.5	2,271	2,278	2,285	2,279
18	2,253	2,274	2,282	2,266
18.5	2,225	2,245	2,250	2,199
19	2,192	2,220	2,228	2,188
19.5	2,189	2,209	2,216	2,186
20	2,186	2,209	2,215	2,175
21	2,184	2,204	2,214	2,187n
22	2,156n	2,169n	2,181n	-
23	-	2,035n	2,035n	-
24	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-
26	1,448n	1,483n	-	1,399n
28	1,121	1,130	1,123	1,098
30	939n	941	935	906
32	618n	618n	618n	603n
MC	992n	1,018n	1,046n	1,046n

Western Region - (Fremantle)				
Micron	Jun 6	Jun 5	May 30	May 29
16.5	-	-	-	-
17	-	-	-	-
17.5	-	-	-	-
18	-	-	-	2,211n
18.5	-	-	-	2,203n
19	-	-	-	2,191
19.5	-	-	-	2,187
20	-	-	-	2,178
21	-	-	-	2,169n
22	-	-	-	-
23	-	-	-	-
24	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-
26	-	-	-	-
28	-	-	-	-
30	-	-	-	-
32	-	-	-	-
MC	-	-	-	1,035n

SOURCE: AUSTRALIAN WOOL EXCHANGE (AWEX)

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NEW ZEALAND WOOL SERVICES INDICATORS

NZ CENTS PER KG, CLEAN

	Merino	Mid Micron	Fine Xbred	Coarse Xbred	Lamb
Week 39 28/03/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	294	N/A
Week 40 04/04/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	295	N/A
Week 41 11/04/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	296	N/A
Week 42 18/04/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	298	N/A
Week 44 02/05/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	301	N/A
Week 46 16/05/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	301	N/A
Week 47 23/05/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	288	N/A
Week 48 30/05/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	291	N/A
Week 49 06/06/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	284	N/A

SOURCE: NEW ZEALAND WOOL SERVICES INTERNATIONAL

SCHNEIDER FINE WOOL INDEXES

EACH INDEX REPRESENTS A MARKET QUOTATION, BASED ON AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS,FOR A SELECTED RANGE OF TYPES. THE INDEXES ARE NOT PRICE EXPRESSIONS.

Micron	06-Jun	30-May	23-May
15	2,540	2,534	2,539
16	2,306	2,349	2,337
17	2,230	2,269	2,232
18	2,167	2,174	2,163
19	2,090	2,132	2,112

SOURCE: SCHNEIDER GROUP

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UNITED KINGDOM

BRITISH QUOTATIONS FOR TOPS

GB PENCE/KG						
Old Quality	Mic/Lgt	6-Jun	30-May	23-May	3 months ago	Year ago
Merino/fine crossbred						
120's	17.5	1630	1645	1620	1775	1990
110's	18.0	1565	1580	1550	1690	1790
80's	19	1455	1465	1420	1560	1610
70's super	21/70	1360	1375	1325	1460	1500
70's blended	21/65	1340	1355	1305	1435	1480
66's	22	1325	1330	1305	1435	1480
64's super	23/68	1315	1320	1300	1425	1475
64's blended	23/64	1225	1230	1210	1250	1350
60's super	25	1015	1020	1010	1040	1080
60's blended	25.5	925	930	920	940	1010
58's super	27.5	850	845	820	800	795
58's blended	28	640	635	610	620	600
Crossbred						
56's (Australian)	29.5	595	590	575	580	520
56's super	29.5	490	485	470	490	480
54's	31	465	460	445	480	460
50's	34	455	450	435	470	445
£/US$ rate		1.27	1.27	1.27	1.31	1.34
British crossbred						
31.5 English		320	320	320	310	320
33/34 English		285	285	285	285	290

BRADFORD AUCTION PRICES IN GB PENCE/KG

N.Q. = NO QUOTE				
GRADE DESCRIPTION	May 21	Apr 24	Apr 9	Mar 26
FINE EWES No1	112	121	110	111
FINE EWES No2	99	98	96	93
ROMNEY EWES No1	119	129	NQ	107
ROMNEY EWES No2	116	120	NQ	101
MEDIUM HOGS No1	205	NQ	205	198
MEDIUM HOGS No2	132	118	121	111
MEDIUM EWES No1	135	129	119	113
MEDIUM EWES No2	119	115	112	104
MULE EWES NO. 1	122	114	115	111
MULE EWES NO. 2	124	122	119	112
CHEVIOT EWES No1	NQ	126	116	118
CHEVIOT EWES No2	129	121	113	108
FINE RADNOR EWES No1	123	NQ	NQ	NQ
FINE RADNOR EWES No2	105	108	102	96
WELSH No1	70	72	69	NQ
WELSH No2	61	62	61	61
SWALEDALE No1	60	59	NQ	61
SWALEDALE GREY	51	52	51	51
BLACKFACE MEDIUM No1	100	93	NQ	94
BLACKFACE COTTS	78	70	NQ	77
BRITISH FLEECE INDICATOR P/KG				
British Wool Price Index	1.56	1.52	2.19	1.42
Greasy	99	100	100	99
Clean	152	152	152	149
SOURCE: BRITISH WOOL MARKETING BOARD				

SPECIALITY FIBRES

SPECIALITY FIBRES - QUOTATIONS FOR ALL THE FOLLOWING FIBRES AND TOPS ARE AVERAGE PRICES IN US$ PER KG, FOB				
	6-Jun	30-May	23-May	9-May
Chinese cashmere (dehaired)				
White				
Hosiery 38mm	135.00	136.00	136.00	136.00
Weaving 32mm	123.00	124.00	124.00	124.00
Brown				
Hosiery 38mm	127.00	128.00	128.00	128.00
Weaving 32mm	118.00	119.00	119.00	119.00
Mongolian cashmere (dehaired)				
Brown	106.00	107.00	107.00	107.00
Light Grey	107.00	108.00	108.00	108.00
Afghan/Iranian cashmere (dehaired)				
White	106.00	106.00	106.00	106.00
Fawn	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00
Dark Brown	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00
Cape mohair tops				
Adult 37 microns	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Young goat 33 microns	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00
Super young goat 31 microns	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00
Kid 28 microns	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00
Kid 25 microns	59.00	59.00	59.00	59.00
Alpaca tops				
White Baby (BL)	30.00	31.00	32.00	32.00
Fine spinning (FS)	28.00	29.00	30.00	30.00
Adult (AG)	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50
Angora				
Super quality	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
1st quality	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00
2nd quality	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00
3rd quality	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
4th quality	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50
Off	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50
Camel-hair (dehaired)				
Super baby	42.00	43.00	43.00	44.00
Medium baby	38.00	39.00	39.00	40.00
Adult	30.00	30.00	30.00	31.00
Yak-hair (dehaired)				
Super	62.00	62.00	62.00	62.00
Medium	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00
Silk				
Mulberry sliver	43.00	43.50	43.50	44.00
Mulberry noil	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.50
Tussah sliver	34.00	34.50	34.50	35.00
Tussah noil	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.25
SOURCE: SEAL INTERNATIONAL				

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SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE WOOLS OVERALL MERINO INDICATOR

SA CENTS/KG. CLEAN						
June 4 - 5	May 28 - 29	% change	2018/19 Season		2018/19 Average to date	2017/18 Average to date
			high	low		
20,607	20,598	0.0%	25,382	17,264	21,790	18,604

CAPE WOOLS FLEECE WOOL PRICES

SPINNERS AND GOOD TOPMAKING STYLES, AWEX TYPES MF4 AND MF5. FIBRE LENGTH MEASUREMENTS IN MILLIMETRES.							June 4 - 5		
Micron	100+	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
18.0	-	-	-	22784	20540	19990	17074	-	-
18.5	-	-	23887	23177	21143	19704	16707	-	-
19.0	-	-	23067	22537	20725	19359	15836	-	-
19.5	-	-	22688	22120	20607	19499	15748	-	-
20.0	-	-	22300	21735	20184	19222	15408	-	-
20.5	-	-	22335	21527	20257	18602	14892	-	-
21.0	-	-	22430	21576	20372	19131	15239	-	-
21.5	-	-	-	21442	20156	19121	14531	-	-
22.0	-	-	22254	21658	20607	18299	-	-	-
22.5	-	-	21812	21622	19965	19195	-	-	-
23.0	-	-	-	21607	19999	-	-	-	-
23.5	-	-	-	21663	20861	-	-	-	-
24.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SOURCE: CAPE WOOLS.

SOUTH AFRICAN MOHAIR

MOHAIR AUCTION RESULT			MAR 19
	Bales sold	Nett Mass	Av. price (rand/kg)
Kids			
Long (A/B) Summer	36	4,855.6	505.52
Long (A/B) Winter			
Medium (C) Summer	86	10,343.7	506.04
Medium (C) Winter			
Short (D) Summer	31	3,621.6	485.78
Short (D) Winter			
Washing (E) Summer	4	497.4	349.87
Washing (E) Winter			
Seady/Stain and Locks	15	1,766.2	205.49
Summer total	**157**	**19,318.3**	**498.09**
Winter Total			
Young Goats			
Long (A/B) Summer	107	22,634.8	385.53
Long (A/B) Winter			
Medium (C) Summer	117	14,790.0	376.37
Medium (C) Winter			
Short (D) Summer	14	1,698.9	368.47
Short (D) Winter			
Washing (E) Summer	3	423.2	171.43
Washing (E) Winter			
Seady/Stain and Locks	15	1,946.4	258.63
Summer total	**304**	**39,546.9**	**379.08**
Winter Total			
Adults			
Long (A/B) Fine	134	17,735.2	292.68
Long (A/B) Strong	26	3,395.8	260.61
Medium (C) Fine	246	32,613.7	297.81
Medium (C) Strong	25	3,277.2	264.61
Short (D) Fine	22	2,855.7	286.47
Short (D) Strong	5	538.8	249.08
Washing (E) Fine	4	471.8	195.96
Washing (E) Strong	1	115.2	178.00
Seady/Stain and Locks	74	9,741.2	157.90
Fine total	**406**	**53,676.4**	**294.61**
Strong Total	**57**	**7,327.0**	**260.25**

SOURCE: MOHAIR SOUTH AFRICA

EXCHANGE RATES

	€	£	US $	A $	£ 3 Mths ago	£ Year ago
US $	1.13	1.27		0.70	1.26	1.40
£	0.89		0.79	0.55		
€		1.13	0.89	0.62	1.11	1.14
A $	1.62	1.82	1.43		1.75	1.83
NZ $	1.70	1.92	1.51	1.05	1.84	1.94
SA Rand	16.96	19.11	15.03	10.49	17.92	16.61
¥	122.30	137.87	108.40	75.64	143.66	149.11
Index	113.4	127.4	96.56	70	92.53	79.95

NEXT SALES

11 June	**Bradford**
12-13 June	**Sydney (8,242 bales)**
12-13 June	**Melbourne (15,136 bales)**
12-13 June	**Fremantle (6,611)**
13 June	**Christchurch (8,000 bales)**
14 August	**Port Elizabeth (NA)**

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