WTIN Wool Market Report

Wool Market Report Summary
17 June 2019

Wool			
Australia			
AWEX EMI (cents/kg)			
	13-Jun	06-Jun	change
A$	1,823	1,864	-2.20%
US$	1,260	1,299	-3.00%
South Africa			
Cape Wools Merino Indicator (cents/kg)			
	29-May	15-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)			
	13-Jun	06-Jun	change
NZ$	287	284	1.06%
US$	189	188	0.53%
United Kingdom			
British Wool Fleece Indicator (clean)			
	11-Jun	21-May	change
pence/kg	151	156.8	-3.57%
US cents/kg	192	200	-4.20%

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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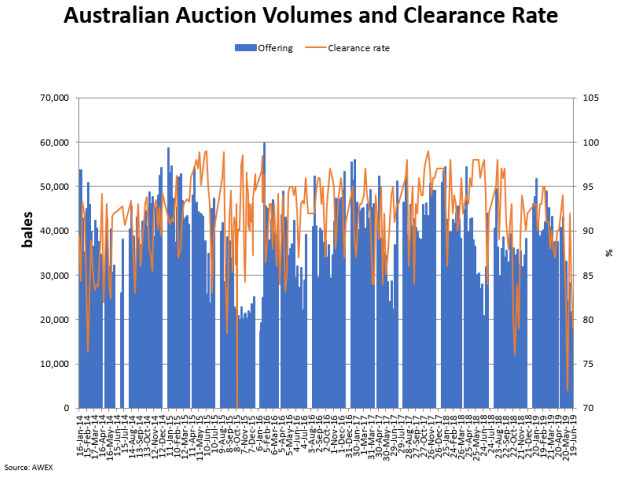
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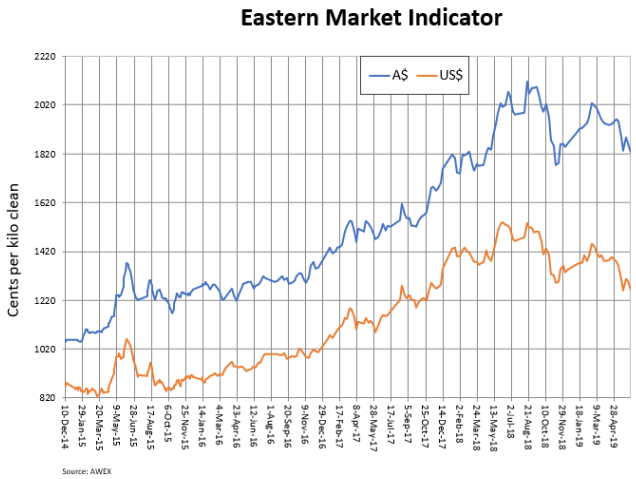
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AUSTRALIA

Further easing seen at Australian wool sale





Wool prices fell across all types and descriptions at the Australian wool auctions this week, with all selling centres operating. The most hit was the superfine Merino category which continued to be negatively impacted by relatively large volumes of low yielding drought effected sale lots and the sparse demand for such wools.

Processors and top makers were the ardent in buying with three of the four sectors topped by these machinery owners. Crossbred buying was largely in the hands of firm offer forward contractors. There was very little interest from the large Chinese indent buyers yet again, and this probably could be the impact of the US/China trade issue, despite not being discussed about too much. But as prices fell again on the final day, some operators upped interest and started picking up some volume at the lower levels.

The Australian Wool Exchange Eastern Market Indicator finished the week down 2.2% or 41 cents at 1,823 cents a clean kg. In US Dollar terms the EMI fall dipped 3.1% or 39 US cents to 1,260 US cents clean a kg. The AUD v USD foreign exchange weakened 0.9% on the week-to-week comparison.

On Wednesday, the EMI dropped 31 cents to 1,833 a kg clean and down 25 cents at 1,274 US cents a kg. On Thursday, the slide slowed down to 10 cents to 1,823 cents a kg and lost 14 cents in US dollar terms to 1,260 a kg.

This week the national offering was at 28,140 bales, compared with 21,739 bales last sale. The clearance rate was 79% as against 84.4% in the previous week.

The AWEX reported the value of the wool sold was $42.1 million ($1,900 per bale), taking the season total to $3.103 billion ($2,153 per bale).

Sydney market continued to follow similar trend of previous week. Buyers discounted poorer style with low staple strength and selectively sought best style and favourable additional measurements. However, the limited selection of lots with best style tipped the balance towards discounts and resulted in reductions in prices. Merino skirtings were cheaper, while crossbred and oddment eased on Wednesday and were firmer or unchanged slightly on Thursday. The Northern Regional Indicator lost 41 cents to end the week at 1,842 a kg clean with clearance rate of 84% as against 86% in the previous week.

Melbourne sales were dominated by lots with reduced yield and unfavourable additional measurements. This resulted in price falls across all Merino categories. Merino skirtings mirrored the fleece lots with reductions across the range. Crossbred held well on Wednesday, but poorly prepared lots fell on Thursday. Oddments were mixed. The Southern Regional Indicator dropped 42 cents to 1,810 cents a kg clean with clearance rate of 82% as against 83% last week.

Fremantle sales resume after a week's recess on Wednesday with large falls across Merino categories. Growers hesitated to sell at those low levels with a low clearance rate. On Thursday, the market was mixed, with the finer wool easing further with some small gains in the broader categories. Merino skirtings were dearer, while the limited selection of oddments eased. The Western Regional Indicator ended down 55 cents at 1,937 cents a kg clean with clearance rate of 80%.

Next week, 19,745 bales are rostered for sales at Sydney

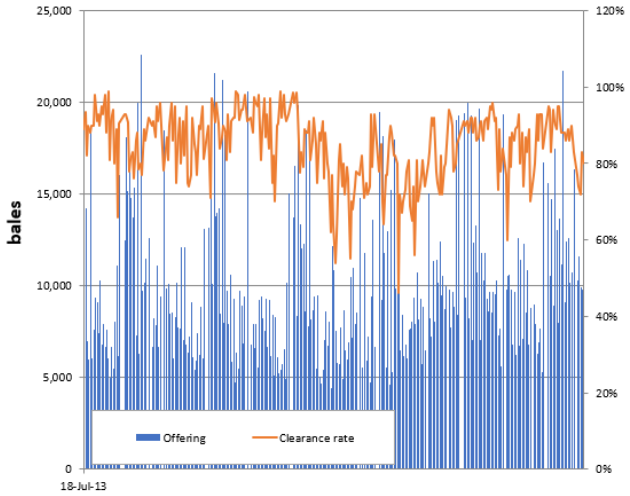
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and Melbourne with Fremantle taking break. Trading is likely to again focus on the spring and early summer with exporters seeking to achieve limited cover at around 2,000 cents a kg level.

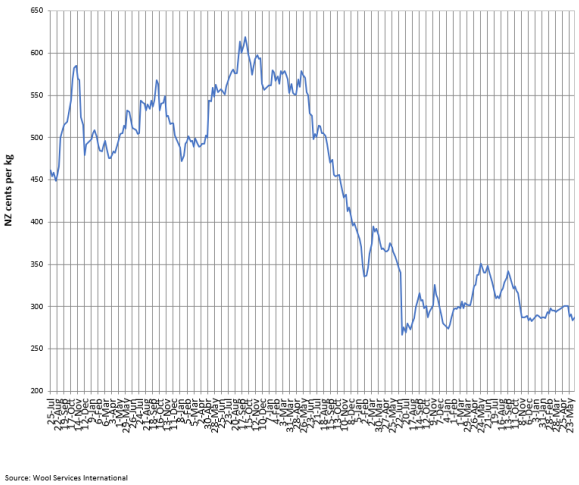
NEW ZEALAND

Wool prices rebounds despite much smaller offering

New Zealand Auction Volumes and Clearance Rate



New Zealand Coarse Crossbred Indicator



Source: Wool Services International

Wool sales held on 13 June in South Island of New Zealand, saw prices gain both in domestic currency term as well as in US dollar terms. The coarse crossbred indicator was at 287 cents, up 1.1%, while in US dollar terms inched up 0.1% to 189 US cents.

The total offering was much smaller at just 7,688 bales (down 21%), with a clearance rate of 80% as against 83% in the previous sales.

Major buyers were NZWSI (1,300) and Masurel (1,170) this week among others.
Prices movements in South Island compare to North Island of 6 June were as follows: Fine crossbred second shear of 32-36 microns Good style was 2% dearer and Average style 2-3% dearer. Fine crossbred early shorn of Average style was firm. Coarse crossbred fleece, Average was 2% dearer while Poor styles was 1% dearer. Coarse crossbred early shorn and second shear types of 37-39 microns Good colour was 3-4% dearer, Average styles 2-4% dearer and Poor styles 2% dearer. Crossbred oddments for clothing were 2-3% dearer and combing 3% dearer.

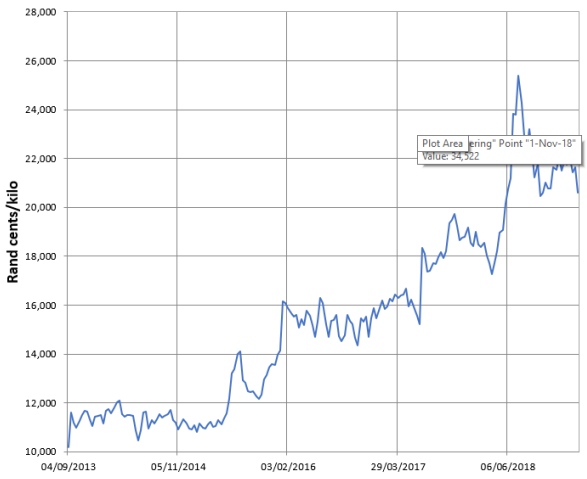
Source: Wool Services International

SOUTH AFRICA

African wool market were on yearly break

Source: Cape Wools

Cape Wools Merino Indicator



The next sale is scheduled for 14 August 2019.

Source: Cape Wools

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UNITED KINGDOM

Prices move up in the final sale of 2018 season

The British Wool index was down 3.6% at £1.51 a kg clean in final sale of 2018 season held on 11 June compared to the previous sales of 21 May. The total volume offered was 1.126 million kg, of which, 0.926 million kg were sold. This implies a clearance rate of 82.2%. The average clean price was £1.46, and for greasy at £0.954 a kg. Mountain wools saw weaker demand with a clearance rate of 49% and there was a small carryover of these types into the new season. Average lot size was lower than average and colour scores for several key types were relatively poor. Clearances for Fine, Medium, Cross and Hill types were typically in the 90-100% range. Supplies of 2018 season wool in these types are now largely exhausted.

Price movements among key wool types saw Fine 3-5% dearer, except Hogs which were upto 20% dearer. Medium Hogs were dearer upto 3%. Ewes No1 was fully Firm while Ewes No2 was 2.5% cheaper. Discoloured Ewes was fully 7.5% cheaper on a very poor colour end of the season selection.

Mule hogs were sold upto 2% dearer while Ewes No1 were firm, Ewes No2 fully 4% cheaper and Cotts firm. Cheviot Hogs were upto 7.5% dearer and Ewes were cheaper upto 3%. Radnor were not offered in this sale while Welsh remained unsold. Swaledale was in buyers favour. Blackface Short fine and No2 were firm while Cotts and light grey were cheaper upto 5%.

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 13	Jun 12	Jun 6	Jun 5
Northern	Sydney	1842	1,856	1,883	1,900
Southern	Melbourne	1,810	1,819	1,852	1,867
Western	Fremantle	1,937	1,933	-	-
Eastern Market Indicator (EMI)		1,823	1,833	1,864	1,880

	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 13	Jun 12	Jun 6	Jun 5
16.5	2293n	-	-	2,402
17	-	2,317	-	2,387
17.5	2,262	2,305	2,345	2,377
18	2,238	2,279	2,318	2,351
18.5	2,184	2,221	2,258	2,284
19	2,144	2,158	2,193	2,211
19.5	2,132	2,142	2,182	2,198
20	2,128n	2,138n	2,179	2,194
21	-	2,185n	2,174n	2,185n
22	-	-	-	-
23	-	-	-	-
24	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-
26	-	-	-	-
28	1,093n	1088n	1,115n	1,115n
30	-	-	-	-
32	-	-	-	-
MC	997	998	1,021	1,029

Southern Region - (Melbourne)

Micron	Jun 13	Jun 12	Jun 6	Jun 5
16.5	-	-	-	2,308n
17	-	-	-	2,284
17.5	2,208	2,229	2,271	2,278
18	2,194	2,221	2,253	2,274
18.5	2,153	2,181	2,225	2,245
19	2,141	2,159	2,192	2,220
19.5	2,132	2,148	2,189	2,209
20	2,125	2,148	2,186	2,209
21	2,120n	2,147	2,184	2,204
22	2,117n	2,144n	2,156n	2,169n
23	-	2,030n	-	2,035n
24	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-
26	-	1,458n	1,448n	1,483n
28	1,101	1,121	1,121	1,130
30	914n	939n	939n	941
32	618n	618n	618n	618n
MC	975n	978n	992n	1,018n

Western Region - (Fremantle)

Micron	Jun 13	Jun 12	Jun 6	Jun 5
16.5	-	-	-	-
17	-	-	-	-
17.5	-	-	-	-
18	2,116n	2,133n	-	-
18.5	2,108n	2,121n	-	-
19	2,104	2,106	-	-
19.5	2,103	2,106	-	-
20	2,102	2,099	-	-
21	2,091n	2,085n	-	-
22	-	-	-	-
23	-	-	-	-
24	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-
26	-	-	-	-
28	-	-	-	-
30	-	-	-	-
32	-	-	-	-
MC	1,015n	1,032n	-	-

SOURCE: AUSTRALIAN WOOL EXCHANGE (AWEX)

NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND WOOL SERVICES INDICATORS

NZ CENTS PER KG, CLEAN

	Merino	Mid Micron	Fine Xbred	Coarse Xbred	Lamb
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
Week 50 20/06/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	287	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	30-May	06-Jun	13-Jun
15	2,534	2,540	2,494
16	2,349	2,306	2,253
17	2,269	2,230	2,176
18	2,174	2,167	2,117
19	2,132	2,090	2,068

SOURCE: SCHNEIDER GROUP

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UNITED KINGDOM

BRITISH QUOTATIONS FOR TOPS

GB PENCE/KG						
Old Quality	Mic/Lgt	13-Jun	30-May	23-May	3 months ago	Year ago
Merino/fine crossbred						
120's	17.5	1700	1645	1620	1775	1990
110's	18.0	1630	1580	1550	1690	1790
80's	19	1500	1465	1420	1560	1610
70's super	21/70	1400	1375	1325	1460	1500
70's blended	21/65	1375	1355	1305	1435	1480
66's	22	1375	1330	1305	1435	1480
64's super	23/68	1365	1320	1300	1425	1475
64's blended	23/64	1275	1230	1210	1250	1350
60's super	25	1080	1020	1010	1040	1080
60's blended	25.5	990	930	920	940	1010
58's super	27.5	900	845	820	800	795
58's blended	28	690	635	610	620	600
Crossbred						
56's (Australian)	29.5	645	590	575	580	520
56's super	29.5	540	485	470	490	480
54's	31	515	460	445	480	460
50's	34	500	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				
	14-Jun	6-Jun	30-May	23-May
Chinese cashmere (dehaired)				
White				
Hosiery 38mm	134.00	135.00	136.00	136.00
Weaving 32mm	122.00	123.00	124.00	124.00
Brown				
Hosiery 38mm	126.00	127.00	128.00	128.00
Weaving 32mm	117.00	118.00	119.00	119.00
Mongolian cashmere (dehaired)				
Brown	104.00	106.00	107.00	107.00
Light Grey	105.00	107.00	108.00	108.00
Afghan/Iranian cashmere (dehaired)				
White	105.00	106.00	106.00	106.00
Fawn	104.00	105.00	105.00	105.00
Dark Brown	103.00	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	30.00	31.00	32.00
Fine spinning (FS)	28.00	28.00	29.00	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	37.50	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	42.00	43.00	43.00
Medium baby	38.00	38.00	39.00	39.00
Adult	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Yak-hair (dehaired)				
Super	61.00	62.00	62.00	62.00
Medium	42.00	43.00	43.00	43.00
Silk				
Mulberry sliver	43.00	43.00	43.50	43.50
Mulberry noil	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Tussah sliver	34.00	34.00	34.50	34.50
Tussah noil	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
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			May 21
	Bales sold	Nett Mass	Av. price (rand/kg)
Kids			
Long (A/B) Summer	81	8,949.3	550.81
Long (A/B) Winter			
Medium (C) Summer	62	7,204.7	524.70
Medium (C) Winter			
Short (D) Summer	15	1,814.6	505.33
Short (D) Winter			
Washing (E) Summer	2	225.3	240.00
Washing (E) Winter			
Seady/Stain and Locks	13	1,655.8	270.74
Summer total	**160**	**18,193.9**	**532.08**
Winter Total			
Young Goats			
Long (A/B) Summer	77	9,391.3	383.84
Long (A/B) Winter			
Medium (C) Summer	108	13,561.7	384.68
Medium (C) Winter			
Short (D) Summer	33	4,248.7	360.71
Short (D) Winter			
Washing (E) Summer	2	212.2	331.47
Washing (E) Winter			
Seady/Stain and Locks	27	3,378.6	227.94
Summer total	**220**	**27,413.9**	**380.26**
Winter Total			
Adults			
Long (A/B) Fine	37	5,138.5	295.05
Long (A/B) Strong	38	5,658.0	256.01
Medium (C) Fine	184	25,200.7	289.66
Medium (C) Strong	55	8,088.2	251.07
Short (D) Fine	37	4,852.4	291.51
Short (D) Strong	3	325.4	248.28
Washing (E) Fine	8	1,079.7	218.36
Washing (E) Strong	-	-	-
Seady/Stain and Locks	59	8,165.1	159.88
Fine total	**266**	**36,271.3**	**288.55**
Strong Total	**96**	**14,071.6**	**252.99**

SOURCE: MOHAIR SOUTH AFRICA

EXCHANGE RATES

	€	£	US $	A $	£ 3 Mths ago	£ Year ago
US $	1.13	1.27		0.69	1.26	1.40
£	0.89		0.79	0.55		
€		1.12	0.89	0.61	1.11	1.14
A $	1.63	1.83	1.45		1.75	1.83
NZ $	1.72	1.93	1.52	1.05	1.84	1.94
SA Rand	16.77	18.84	14.86	10.28	17.92	16.61
¥	122.41	137.55	108.46	75.04	143.66	149.11
Index	112.8	126.8	96.97	69.2	92.53	79.95

NEXT SALES

18-19 June	**Sydney (8,347 bales)**
18-19 June	**Melbourne (11,418 bales)**
20 June	**Christchurch (8,500 bales)**
25-26 June	**Fremantle (6,900)**
2 July	**Bradford (NA)**
14 August	**Port Elizabeth (NA)**

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