WTIN Wool Market Report

Wool Market Report Summary
6 December 2019

Wool			
Australia			
AWEX EMI (cents/kg)			
	05-Dec	28-Nov	change
A$	1,492	1,530	-2.48%
US$	1,020	1,035	-1.45%
South Africa			
Cape Wools Merino Indicator (cents/kg)			
	28-Nov	21-Nov	change
Rand	16,917	16,941	-0.14%
US$	1,147	1,150	-0.26%
New Zealand			
NZ Wool Services Indicators	Coarse Crossbred (cents/kg)		
	05-Dec	28-Nov	change
NZ$	277	282	-1.77%
US$	181	181	0.00%
United Kingdom			
British Wool Fleece Indicator (clean)			
	19-Nov	05-Nov	change
pence/kg	128	132	-3.11%
US cents/kg	165	170	-2.41%

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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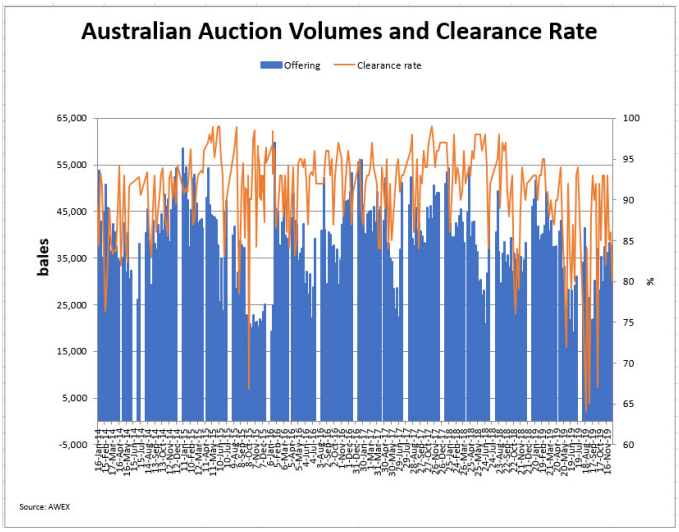
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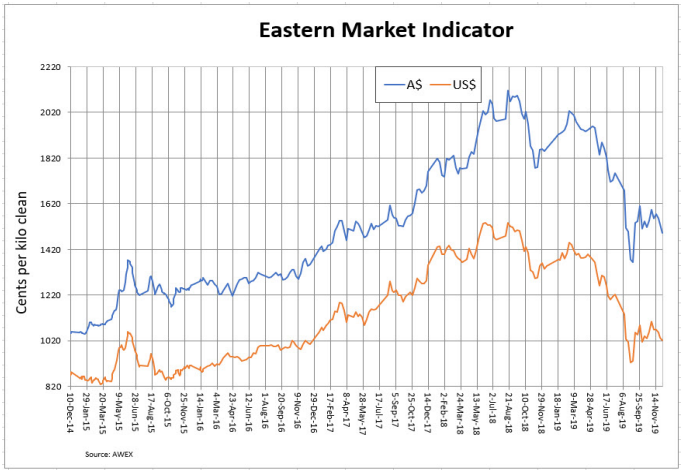
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AUSTRALIA

Once again, a tougher week for Australian wools





It was another tough week at the Australian wool auctions. Prices were down in varying degrees for almost all of the selections put up for sale, apart from the cardings which managed to hold firm against the negative trend.

The EMI fell by 38 cents to close at 1,492 a kg clean. The strengthening of Australian Dollar versus all major trading currencies used in wool trading placed downward pressure on the market as did the lack of ability of local and overseas buyers to effect delivery in a timely manner into the Chinese mills in the new-year. The EMI ended at 10.20 US dollar a kg, down 15 cents from previous sales.

A larger national offering of 38,149, up 322 bales on last week saw clearance rate of 80% as against 86% a week ago.

On Wednesday, the EMI fell by 17 cents to 1,513 a kg clean or 2 cents to 1,033 US cents a kg. On Thursday, the EMI fell further 21 Australian cents or 13 US cents a kg. The AWEX reported turnover of wool sold at $50.00 million, taking the season's total to $945.47 million.

Sydney fleece market ended the in negative territory, weighed down by an offering of 18.5 micron and finer wools which eased across all types and descriptions. The broader microns generally maintained buyer support, ending lower. Merino Skirtings of 17.5 micron and finer wools were lower, whilst the broader microns were cheaper. Crossbreds of 26.5 micron and finer wools eased whilst broader microns were generally unchanged. Locks ended in buyers' favour. The Northern Regional Indicator finished at 1,524 a kg clean down 37 cents with overall clearance rate at 86% as against 87% in previous week.

In Melbourne, day one losses were recovered as low clearance rates limited availability of quantity and consequently applied pressure to wools on offer. 18 micron and finer closed the day easier while 18.5-19.5 micron rounded off easier with 20 micron and broader trading dearer than day one. Merino skirting wool fell across all microns for lower style/higher VM ranges and best style closed down across all microns. Crossbreds 29 micron and finer experienced minor losses while 30 micron and coarser fell. The Southern Regional declined 40 cents at 1,571 a kg clean with clearance rate at 80% compared to 87% in the previous week.

In Fremantle, fleece market continued to track downward with all types and descriptions easier. However, on day-two prices noticeably improved, leaving only 18-22 micron easier on average. Many sellers were reluctant to accept the price reductions, nearly 40% of the fleece failed to reach seller reserve. Merino skirtings 8.5 micron and finer were dearer on day two. All other descriptions were fully firm. The Western Regional Indicator plunged 36 cents to close at 1,604 a kg clean with decline in the clearance rate to

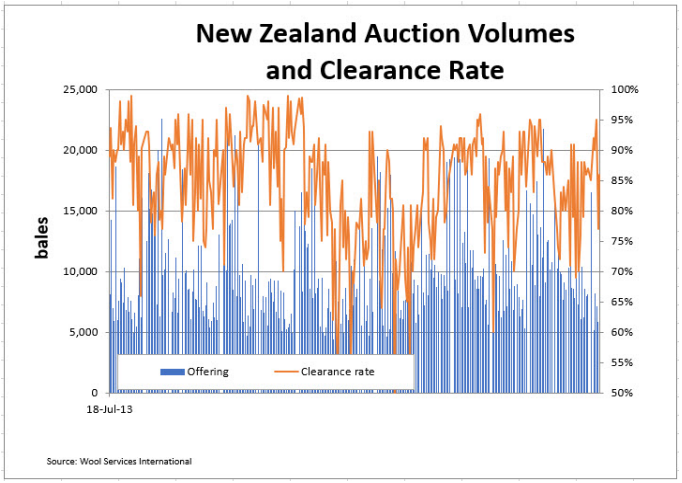
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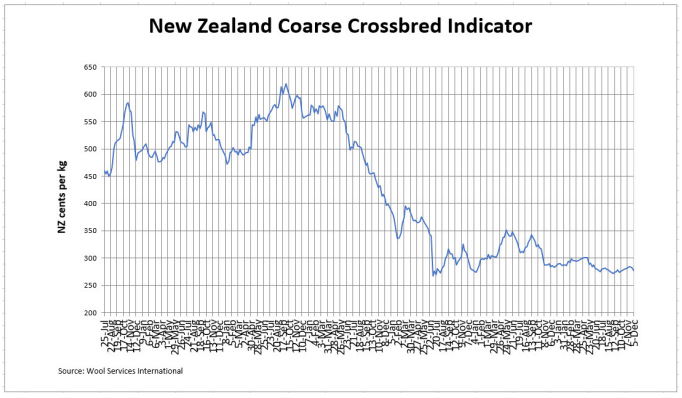
72% from 81% in the previous week.

Next week, 39,454 bales are on offer across the three selling centres with auction at Melbourne having an extra day trading on Tuesday

NEW ZEALAND

Extremely limited finer wools, price eases slightly





The New Zealand fine wool market fell this week after seeing very few fine wools on offer in Christchurch. Sales were held both on the North Island as well as on the South Island. Prices eased compared to previous sales in New Zealand Dollar terms by 1.8% or 5 cents to 277 cents, while a stronger currency pegged values flat at 181 US cents.

This week saw the South Island and North Island offering a combined 13,573 bales, of which, 11,719 were sold registering a clearance rate of 86%.

The selection consisted of 70% ewe and hogget fleece, 32-38 micron, 15% early shorn and hogget second shear, 31-38 micron, 10% oddments and 5% miscellaneous types.

There was keen widespread competition with Australasian carpet mills, India sub-continent and Europe main with limited support from China.

Major buyers were Masurel (3,850), NZWSI/JSB (3,530) and Furhman (1,850) and among others this week.

Prices movements in South Island compare South Island sale of 28 November were as follows:

Fine crossbred fleece, 31-35.5 mic were 2-4% cheaper, crossbred early shorn, 32-35.5 mic 2-3% cheaper. Coarse crossbred fleece of good style 2-4% cheaper, average 2% cheaper and poor in buyers favour. Coarse crossbred early shorn and second shear, 36-39 mic 3/5 1-3% cheaper, ¾ in buyers favour, 2/4 and 2/3 firm. Oddments for clothing of good colour 1-2% dearer, poor colour firm and combing in buyers favour.

Prices movements in North Island compare South Island sale of 28 November were as follows: fine crossbred fleece, 31-35.5 micron 3-4% cheaper, crossbred early shorn, 32-35.5 micron 2-3% cheaper, coarse crossbred fleece of good style 2-4% cheaper, average 2-3% cheaper and poor were firm. Coarse crossbred early shorn and second shear, 36-39 micron 3/5 inch 2-3% cheaper, 3/4 1-2% cheaper, 2/4 2-3% cheaper and 2/3 1-2% cheaper. Oddment for clothing of good colour were 1-3% dearer, poor colour firma and combing 1-2% dearer.
Next sale will be held on 12 December with North Island offering about 6,000 bales.

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		Dec 5	Dec 4	Nov 28	Nov 27
Northern	Sydney	1,524	1,539	1,561	1,573
Southern	Melbourne	1,471	1,496	1,511	1,518
Western	Fremantle	1,604	1,617	1,640	1,636
Eastern Market Indicator (EMI)		1,492	1,513	1,530	1,539

	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	1,521	1,897
Southern	1,480	2,063	1,471	1,975	2,087	1,468	1,818
Western	1,561	2,270	1,561	2,154	2,270	1,598	2,009
Eastern	1,524	2,101	1,519	1,994	2,116	1,497	1,849

AWEX REGIONAL MICRON PRICE GUIDES

AUSTRALIAN CENTS/KG, CLEAN, SCHLUMBERGER DRY.

Northern Region - (Sydney)

Micron	Dec 5	Dec 4	Nov 28	Nov 27
16.5	1,987n	2,034n	2,038	2,048
17	1,908	1,937	1,980	1,988
17.5	1,853	1,883	1,923	1,927
18	1,808	1,835	1,863	1,873
18.5	1,747	1,783	1,809	1,828
19	1,706	1,715	1,744	1,758
19.5	1,689	1,690	1,723	1,742
20	1,683	1,688	1,713	1,723
21	1,681n	1,681n	1,716n	1,729n
22	-	-	-	-
23	-	-	-	-
24	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-
26	1,135n	1,143n	1,168n	1,178n
28	833n	835n	855n	875n
30	-	-	-	-
32	-	-	-	-
MC	1,061n	1,064n	1,054n	1,050n

Southern Region - (Melbourne)

Micron	Dec 5	Dec 4	Nov 28	Nov 27
16.5	1,978n	2,032n	2,046n	2,049n
17	1,914	1,958	1,968	1,962
17.5	1,861	1,910	1,928	1,923
18	1,798	1,838	1,849	1,878
18.5	1,758	1,776	1,795	1,822
19	1,712	1,728	1,743	1,769
19.5	1,694	1,709	1,726	1,743
20	1,674	1,686	1,700	1,714
21	1,671	1,681	1,700	1,711
22	1,664n	-	1,700n	1,715n
23	-	-	-	-
24	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-
26	1,133n	1,135n	1,161	1,175n
28	835	840	845	868
30	648n	683	694	704
32	435n	454n	460n	469n
MC	1,077n	1,086n	1,079n	1,077n

Western Region - (Fremantle)

Micron	Dec 5	Dec 4	Nov 28	Nov 27
16.5	-	-	-	-
17	-	-	-	-
17.5	-	-	-	-
18	1,754n	1,773n	1,807n	1,823n
18.5	1,738n	1,759n	1,784n	1,803n
19	1,698	1,714	1,738	1,758
19.5	1,688	1,703	1,714	1,731
20	1,681	1,697	1,712	1,706
21	1,683n	1,696n	1,710n	1,695n
22	-	-	-	-
23	-	-	-	-
24	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-
26	-	-	-	-
28	-	-	-	-
30	-	-	-	-
32	-	-	-	-
MC	1,094n	1,094n	1,092n	1,092n

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 11 12/09/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	274	N/A
Week 12 26/09/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	278	N/A
Week 13 03/10/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	274	N/A
Week 15 10/10/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	276	N/A
Week 17 24/10/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	279	N/A
Week 19 14/11/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	284	N/A
Week 21 21/11/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	284	N/A
Week 22 28/11/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	284	N/A
Week 23 5/12/19	N/A	N/A	N/A	277	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	05-Dec	28-Nov	21-Nov
15	2,479	2,475	2,435
16	2,246	2,314	2,275
17	2,086	2,143	2,134
18	1,970	2,025	2,024
19	1,904	1,898	1,931

SOURCE: SCHNEIDER GROUP

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UNITED KINGDOM

BRITISH QUOTATIONS FOR TOPS

GB PENCE/KG						
Old Quality	Mic/Lgt	Dec 5	Nov 28	Nov 21	3 months ago	Year ago
Merino/fine crossbred						
120's	17.5	1305	1345	1350	1420	1780
110's	18.0	1245	1275	1290	1370	1660
80's	19	1155	1175	1200	1300	1560
70's super	21/70	1080	1100	1110	1235	1445
70's blended	21/65	1060	1080	1090	1215	1435
66's	22	1060	1075	1090	1220	1430
64's super	23/68	1045	1055	1070	1210	1420
64's blended	23/64	965	975	990	1050	1220
60's super	25	835	845	860	925	1000
60's blended	25.5	755	765	780	850	900
58's super	27.5	640	650	670	750	700
58's blended	28	525	535	555	575	525
Crossbred						
56's (Australian)	29.5	500	510	515	535	500
56's super	29.5	425	435	440	450	460
54's	31	415	425	430	465	450
50's	34	375	385	390	450	440
£/US$ rate		1.29	1.29	1.29	1.23	1.27
British crossbred						
31.5 English		290	290	290	315	310
33/34 English		250	250	250	280	285

BRADFORD AUCTION PRICES IN GB PENCE/KG

N.Q. = NO QUOTE				
GRADE DESCRIPTION	Nov 05	Oct 15	Oct 1	Sep 17
FINE EWES No1	98	97	NQ	NQ
FINE EWES No2	84	85	90	95
ROMNEY EWES No1	100	NQ	NQ	NQ
ROMNEY EWES No2	94	102	106	NQ
MEDIUM HOGS No1	178	173	185	188
MEDIUM HOGS No2	106	103	108	111
MEDIUM EWES No1	109	NQ	NQ	119
MEDIUM EWES No2	97	100	103	107
MULE EWES NO. 1	106	108	112	113
MULE EWES NO. 2	108	103	103	106
CHEVIOT EWES No1	NQ	NQ	126	NQ
CHEVIOT EWES No2	107	109	111	113
FINE RADNOR EWES No1	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
FINE RADNOR EWES No2	NQ	NQ	98	NQ
WELSH No1	63	NQ	NQ	NQ
WELSH No2	54	56	56	58
SWALEDALE No1	NQ	44	NQ	NQ
SWALEDALE GREY	44	44	NQ	48
BLACKFACE MEDIUM No1	87	88	89	91
BLACKFACE COTTS	79	83	85	82
BRITISH FLEECE INDICATOR P/KG				
British Wool Price Index	1.32	1.33	1.37	1.40
Greasy	0.89	0.87	0.90	0.97
Clean	1.33	1.31	1.37	1.39

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				
	Dec 5	Nov 28	Nov 21	Nov 14
Chinese cashmere (dehaired)				
White				
Hosiery 38mm	129.00	129.00	129.00	130.00
Weaving 32mm	115.00	115.00	115.00	116.00
Brown				
Hosiery 38mm	119.00	119.00	119.00	120.00
Weaving 32mm	110.00	110.00	110.00	111.00
Mongolian cashmere (dehaired)				
Brown	87.00	88.00	89.00	90.00
Light Grey	87.00	89.00	90.00	91.00
Afghan/Iranian cashmere (dehaired)				
White	89.00	90.00	90.00	91.00
Fawn	88.00	89.00	89.00	90.00
Dark Brown	88.00	89.00	89.00	90.00
Cape mohair tops				
Adult 37 microns	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00
Young goat 33 microns	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
Super young goat 31 microns	34.50	34.50	34.00	35.00
Kid 28 microns	52.00	52.00	51.00	52.00
Kid 25 microns	58.00	56.50	56.50	55.00
Alpaca tops				
White Baby (BL)	24.00	24.00	24.00	25.00
Fine spinning (FS)	21.00	21.50	21.50	22.50
Adult (AG)	15.00	15.50	15.50	16.00
Angora				
Super quality	31.00	31.00	31.50	31.50
1st quality	27.00	27.00	27.50	27.50
2nd quality	25.00	25.00	25.50	25.50
3rd quality	24.00	24.00	24.50	24.50
4th quality	22.00	22.00	22.50	22.50
Off	21.00	21.00	21.50	21.50
Camel-hair (dehaired)				
Super baby	38.00	38.00	39.00	39.00
Medium baby	32.00	32.00	33.00	33.00
Adult	24.00	24.00	25.00	25.00
Yak-hair (dehaired)				
Super	44.00	44.00	45.00	45.00
Medium	28.00	28.00	29.00	29.00
Silk				
Mulberry sliver	43.50	43.50	43.00	43.00
Mulberry noil	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Tussah sliver	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00
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						
Nov 27 & 28	Nov 20 & 21	% change	2019/20 Season		2019/20 Average to date	2018/19 Average to date
			high	low		
16,917	16,941	-0.1%	18,148	14,770	16,896	22,687

CAPE WOOLS FLEECE WOOL PRICES

SPINNERS AND GOOD TOPMAKING STYLES, AWEX TYPES MF4 AND MF5. FIBRE LENGTH MEASUREMENTS IN MILLIMETRES.							Nov 27 & 28		
Micron	100+	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
18.0	-	-	18907	18593	18029	17707	16883	-	-
18.5	-	-	19211	18269	17597	17243	16429	-	-
19.0	-	-	19326	18507	17415	16703	15292	-	-
19.5	-	-	18535	17599	17417	16211	14669	-	-
20.0	-	-	17979	17668	16491	15682	14207	-	-
20.5	-	-	17129	16882	17559	15527	13765	-	-
21.0	-	17232	18226	17400	16804	15198	-	-	-
21.5	-	-	16894	16575	15752	15105	13892	-	-
22.0	-	-	17094	-	-	15267	-	-	-
22.5	-	-	16952	-	-	14004	-	-	-
23.0	-	-	16187	-	-	-	-	-	-
23.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SOURCE: CAPE WOOLS.

SOUTH AFRICAN MOHAIR

MOHAIR AUCTION RESULT			Nov 19
	Bales sold	Nett Mass	Av. price (rand/kg)
Kids			
Long (A/B) Summer			
Long (A/B) Winter	75	8,478.7	428.94
Medium (C) Summer			
Medium (C) Winter	75	8,785.3	437.95
Short (D) Summer			
Short (D) Winter	11	1,223.2	406.66
Washing (E) Summer			
Washing (E) Winter	3	419.8	196.54
Seady/Stain and Locks	26	3,207.0	243.55
Summer total			
Winter Total	**164**	**18,907.0**	
Young Goats			
Long (A/B) Summer			
Long (A/B) Winter	46	5,872.9	296.38
Medium (C) Summer	-	-	-
Medium (C) Winter	78	9,948.1	277.71
Short (D) Summer			
Short (D) Winter	12	1,377.7	236.74
Washing (E) Summer			
Washing (E) Winter	2	361.5	182.44
Seady/Stain and Locks	19	2,497.6	138.57
Summer total	**-**	**-**	**-**
Winter Total	**138**	**17,560.2**	**278.77**
Adults			
Long (A/B) Fine	31	4,213.0	225.03
Long (A/B) Strong	42	6,202.2	200.97
Medium (C) Fine	100	13,649.6	215.33
Medium (C) Strong	67	8,986.2	201.00
Short (D) Fine	8	1,195.1	191.76
Short (D) Strong	5	684.0	180.08
Washing (E) Fine	4	586.0	157.97
Washing (E) Strong	2	252.1	150.17
Seady/Stain and Locks	59	7,560.8	121.12
Fine total	**143**	**19,643.7**	**214.26**
Strong Total	**116**	**16,124.5**	**199.31**

SOURCE: MOHAIR SOUTH AFRICA

EXCHANGE RATES

	€	£	US $	A $	£ 3 Mths ago	£ Year ago
US $	1.11	1.31		0.68	1.23	1.27
£	0.85		0.76	0.52		
€		1.18	0.90	0.62	1.11	1.12
A $	1.62	1.92	1.46		1.81	1.77
NZ $	1.70	2.01	1.53	1.05	1.93	1.85
SA Rand	16.26	19.24	14.66	10.02	18.27	18.07
¥	120.68	142.77	108.79	74.38	131.4	143.45
Index	111.00	131.60	97.38	68.30	123.3	93.38

NEXT SALES

9 January	**Port Elizabeth (NA)**
10 December	**Bradford (NA)**
10-11-12 December	**Melbourne (27,734)**
11-12 December	**Sydney (10,792)**
11-12 December	**Fremantle (9,925)**
12 December	**Christchurch (6,000 bales)**

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