



# WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

Week Ending 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2022  
AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison



AWEX INDEX	This Week S28/21	This Week M28/21	Last Sale S24/21	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	2465	2495	2438	+27	1871	+594
18	2080	2124	2044	+36	1578	+502
19	1700	1719	1680	+20	1390	+310
20	1408	1441	1380	+28	1249	+159
21	1340n	1363	1319n	+21	1180n	+160
26	759	750n	728n	+31	710n	+49
28	420	432	400n	+20	460n	-40
MC	917	946	888n	+29	764n	+153

## WOOL SALES - NO VISA REQUIRED!!

History says that January/February can be two of the most rewarding months to sell wool. Volume buildup over the Christmas recess can be an issue but the predicted 46,000 bale catalogue was shy of what most people thought with an increase of just 2,200 on what was offered before the recess. This was not an issue although the extra quantity did force Melbourne to sell over 3 days. Over the past 10 years, only once has the market not opened the new year on a dearer note. This week didn't let us down as the AWEX EMI posted a 31 cent gain to 1389 (a 6 month peak). The increase in US\$ terms was even better with a 46 cent jump to 1011. The FRX climbed by 2.5% against the US\$ and Chinese Yuan as the market in both these currencies lifted by 4.8%. Against the Euro\$ the FRX was only 0.90% higher which had the market 3.2% higher in Euro\$ terms. All sectors recorded double digit increases. The gains across all merino microns were pretty even at 20 to 35 cents to clear 97.5% in Sydney with some better style types up to 60 to 70 cents higher. Skirtings rose by 10 to 20 cents with some <2.5% VM bringing 40 cents better and cardings adding 15 to 35 cents across the board as the 3 centres averaged a 26 cent lift with all 3 MCIs now above 900 cents (908 to 946). Crossbreds weren't to be denied either as 10 to 30 cent rises covered most types. The pass-in rate was almost halved to 7.3%

As was the case pre Xmas, European interests seem to be leading the charge as far as inquiry and securing wool goes. As one buyer commented (using a cricket term) the Chinese have been "playing us off a break" with the wild and erratic price swings since June doing more damage to them than wool growers. Now they look to be chasing the Europeans rather than the other way around as has been the case for so long. Chatter from buyers and exporters predicted the market dearer last week as an inventory rebuild was front and centre following the 3 week recess. Local traders/exporters dominated over Chinese top-makers with indent buyers and European top-making interests topping the crossbred types. Testing figures released from AWTA show a 15.7% jump in volume of wool tested for the opening 6 months of the season compared to the previous year. This equates to 160.6M kg compared to 138.9M kg. 46,500 bales are on offer next week with not much change predicted for the market.

### Southern Aurora Fwd Prices

Micron	Date	Low
21	Jan. 22	1350

### Main Buyers (this week)

1	Techwool Trading	7793	2	Endeavour Wool	4238	3	PJ Morris Wool	2677
4	Australian Merino	2502	5	Michell Wool	1816	6	Kathaytex Trading	1607

Eastern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)

1389 cents ↑ 31 cents compared with 17/12/2021

Northern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)

1438 cents ↑ 27 cents compared with 17/12/2021

AUD/USD Currency Exchange

0.7281 ↑ 0.0173 compared with 17/12/2021