



WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

Week Ending 17th June, 2022

AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison



AWEX INDEX	This Week S50/21	This Week M49/21	Last Sale S49/21	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	2740	2829	2736	+4	2488	+348
18	2246	2302	2232	+14	2074	+231
19	1824	1808	1757	+67	1734	+75
20	1507	1547	1459	+48	1423	+110
21	-	1454n	1382	-	1311	+118
26	-	682	-	-	-	-
28	-	423	406	-	483n	-
MC	948	921n	943	+5	954n	+18

1467, THE SEASON'S HIGHEST POINT SO FAR

There were erratic FRX movements over the weekend along with further downward pressure on the A\$ early in the week as the US Federal Reserve Bank lifted their interest rate by .75% - this was 25 basis points higher than what most experts predicted which left all participants expectant of a good market. The currency shifts saw the A\$ fall to below 69 cents (Tuesday) from its end of week close of above 72 cents, a seismic shift of over 3%. With this big advantage to our growers, all the talk was of a dearer market, but by how much was the big question. The market roared into action from the opening lot in the first session and momentum kept building until the final lot was sold in Fremantle. The second day was not as frantic but still retained good upwards movement. Most of the better price gains were in the medium to broad types: 18.5 to 22s lifting by 35 to 70 cents with the finer microns adding 5 to 10 cents. The clearance rate was 97.4% with just 126 bales of merino fleece wool failing to sell. In Fremantle, 20 and 21 microns jumped by 110 to 125 cents!! In the skirting selection the better style, low VM (<3.0%) lots came under fierce competitive tension to climb by 30 to 40 cents with all others unchanged. Cardings only just reversed the past 3 weeks of negativity to record price movements in seller's favour up to 10 cents for all types in this sector. Crossbreds were unable to be swept up in the price rises of their merino combing counterparts to be quoted as fully firm. The AWEX EMI added 29 cents to 1467 but lost ground in US\$ terms by 12 cents (to 1027) due to the FRX falling in comparative rates. Incredibly, the passed in rate edged higher to 10%.

At 1467 the AWEX EMI is at the season's high point, beating the early February mark of 1449. All merino fleece microns are higher than then (20 to 130 cents) but XBs are lower by 20 to 80 cents while the MCI is 60 cents behind the February level. Fremantle rejoined the selling schedule this week - the quantity on offer coupled with the FRX movements and some prompt demand made sure buyers were going to scramble for what little volume was on offer. Even though demand for merino combing types is buoyant and sales are not hard to negotiate, cardings have yet to recover from the 3 sale, 65 cent loss they recently had while the crossbred market is still looking for some good demand signals before buyers commit to buying. Local traders matched and, on many lots, came out on top of the buying lists after playing 2nd fiddle to Chinese topmakers and early stage processors. Fremantle sits out next week and with just 30,800 bales on offer in the 2 east coast centres with market talk already fully firm at least.

Southern Aurora Forward Prices

Micron	Date	Low
21	July 22	1330

Main Buyers (this week)

1	Techwool Trading	4608	2	Endeavour Wool	2925	3	Tianyu Wool	2842
4	PJ Morris Wools	2720	5	Australian Merino	2248	6	Meliwa	2167

Eastern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1467 cents ↑ 29 cents compared with 10/06/2022

Northern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1559 cents ↑ 19 cents compared with 10/06/2022

AUD/USD Currency Exchange
0.6999 ↓ 0.0227 compared with 10/06/2022