

## MARKET CONTINUES ITS DOWNWARD TREND

At the present moment and under the current global economic conditions it seems as though nothing can stop the fall of the wool market. Another $3 \%$ fall in the FRX to a level not seen since before the pandemic (down to 64.65 cents) had no positive influence on the market and the smallest national offering since mid June ( 28,000 bales) wasn't of much help either. Some buyers even commented that if these 2 factors were not in play the market could have fallen by another 20 to 30 cents. As it was the AWEX EMI lost another 24 cents to 1255 (1.9\%) to extend the run of losses to 11 weeks. The last time the market had a weekly rise was at the end of June, the market now 219 cents (15\%) below that peak of 1474 . The losses were larger in US\$ terms: a 41cent fall to 812 which is a 2 year low. Again, it was finer fleece types which had the largest falls, 19s and finer down 20 to 55 cents with broader microns up to 10 cheaper. Good style skirtings were quoted as solid with lower spec types 25 to 30 cents off. Cardings bucked the falling trends of other sectors with gains of up to 10 cents for most types with XBs easing to buyer's favour. The pass-in rate grew to $16 \%$.

Economic conditions for our major wool using customers look to be worsening as recession talk is spooking stock markets and the prospect of a long, cold, European winter devoid of Russian gas for heating is a reality for 100s of millions in Europe and the UK as the Ukraine/Russia conflict are major hurdles to the market shaking off this current downward trend. The fear of higher inflation and ever increasing interest rates is dampening consumer confidence even though there are billions of dollars held in consumers' bank accounts across the globe. Chinese mills have up to a six month lag on orders due to their tough lockdown laws and are cancelling these orders, missing a season of new fashion releases. Many downstream processors are looking outside of China for tops and yarn, but order books are full 6 months out and wouldn't be able to deliver any sooner. Another factor is the Brexit implementation which in Britain is a definite negative for the textile trade.

Some more ram sale results: Allendale at Wellington topped at $\$ 5,500$ to clear $92 \%$ and average $\$ 2,275$; Pooginook averaged $\$ 3,820$ to top at $\$ 11,500$ selling all but 2 of 350 rams offered: Kerin Poll at Yeoval sold all 519 rams offered to average $\$ 4,115$ with a top of $\$ 18,500$. Macquarie Dohne's at Ballimore achieved a top of $\$ 8,000$ to average $\$ 3,000$ and sell all but 6 of the 228 rams on offer; Bella Lana at Wellington averaged $\$ 2,450$ with atop of $\$ 7,500$ with a $94 \%$ clearance; Dunedoo stud, Langdene, topped at $\$ 15,000$ to sell $99 \%$ and average $\$ 4,585$. The famed Collinsville stud topped at $\$ 48,000$ to sell all 300 rams offered to average $\$ 3,105$.

Southern Aurora Forward Prices

| Micron | Date | Low |
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| 21 | Nov 22 | 1240 |

Main Buyers (this week)

| $\mathbf{1}$ | Tianyu Wool | 5360 | $\mathbf{2}$ | Endeavour Wool | 2214 | $\mathbf{3}$ | Techwool Trading | 2092 |
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| $\mathbf{4}$ | Fox \& Lillie | 1963 | $\mathbf{5}$ | Sequoia Materials | 1172 | $\mathbf{6}$ | Modiano Australia | 724 |

Eastern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1255 cents $\downarrow 24$ cents compared with 23/09/2022

