



WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

Week Ending 24th November 2023



AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison

AWEX INDEX	This Week S21/23	This Week M21/23	Last Sale S20/23	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	1806	1758	1747	+59	2180	3986
18	1602	1594	1560	+42	1830	3432
19	1482	1463	1426	+56	1571	3053
20	1363n	1367	1329n	+34	1402	2765
21	-	1352	-	-	1319n	-
26	-	546	-	-	592n	-
28	350n	350	350n	0	320n	670
MC	695n	696n	692n	+3	880n	1575

Uniform Order Makes the Difference

The Australian wool market continues to strengthen, driven again by increases in the merino fleece and skirting sector. At Tuesday's opening, even with a strengthening Australian dollar, we saw all merino indicators lift between 27 and 42 cents. The momentum continued on Wednesday, albeit at a slower pace with those same indicators staying at the same levels to rising up to 31 cents, making the total lift over the last fortnight up to 6.5%.

Last week it was the Chinese indents that forced the pace of the market. This week the buying activity was spread out far greater than we have seen in months with European and Indian price levels increasing to compete strongly with China, as well as the locally based traders. The exporters that we spoke with are securing purchases for different delivery periods: some will reach mills by Christmas, some in early January and others before Chinese New Year which shows the nature of strategic buying and managing the forward commitments. This is another measure of the strengthening demand that has been evident over the last couple of weeks of selling.

Chinese uniform orders are often spoken about when the market has a positive rally, and we can certainly show that this is the case at the moment. One of the largest topmakers in China has become the supply specialist for the local industries and state-owned enterprises and they have been the dominant buyer for those types over the last few weeks. Not all uniform orders have that effect on the market, but it seems that they were caught short with their stock levels. With the market looking like it has turned the corner it will be interesting how many other mills will be refilling their stock levels.

Better markets tend to bring more wool to the auction rooms and next week will see a little over 49,000 bales listed to be offered. This will be the largest sale since April if that quantity is reached. Macwool and Carmichael Wool will offer over 1,100 bales on Wednesday.

Southern Aurora Forward Prices

Micron	Date	Low
21	January 24	1340

Main Buyers (this week)

1	Techwool Trading	7348	2	Endeavour Wool	5174	3	Australian Merino	3635
4	PJ Morris Wools	3441	5	Tianyu Wool	3399	6	Pelican Australia	2609

Eastern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1170 cents ↑ 19 cents compared with 17/11/2023

Northern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1214 cents ↑ 24 cents compared with 17/11/2023

AUD/USD Currency Exchange
0.6557 ↑ 0.0059 cents compared with 17/11/2023