



WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

Week Ending 15th December 2023



AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison

| AWEX INDEX | This Week S24/23 | This Week M24/23 | Last Sale S23/23 | Sydney Change | Last Year Sydney | Sydney Yearly Change |
|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 17 | 1970 | 1925 | 1825 | +145 | 2227 | -257 |
| 18 | 1687 | 1670 | 1627 | +60 | 1927 | -240 |
| 19 | 1498 | 1485 | 1456 | +42 | 1671 | -173 |
| 20 | 1422n | 1376 | 1368n | +54 | 1532 | -110 |
| 21 | - | 1348 | - | - | 1457n | - |
| 26 | 522n | 549 | - | - | - | - |
| 28 | 345n | 353 | 350n | -5 | 337n | +8 |
| MC | 699n | 702n | 689n | +10 | 879n | -180 |

A Great Christmas Present

The best results for this selling season were seen in the Australian wool market for the last sale of the calendar year. Over the two selling days in the North, merino fleece types made substantial gains with 18.5 and finer being the recipients of strongest competition. Skirtings were also in great demand, lifting between 30 and 50 cents, crossbreds had a small 5 cent lift nationally, and the beleaguered carding indicator managed to improve 6 to 23 cents. The only downside came on Thursday in Melbourne where they sold in isolation and saw the market retreat 5 to 10 cents. A stronger dollar couldn't dampen the momentum even though it rose 1.7 cents since last week. The EMI closed 35 cents better in AUD\$ and 44 cents in US\$.

The energetic bidding started from the first lot offered and was mainly between Chinese interests. European and Indian purchasing continues to be subdued with figures showing up to 25% less wool being bought by both countries in the 3 months since July. Hard to tell just yet whether this is a short-term opportunity, or the beginning of the changing of the guard for fine wool processing. Either way it shows there is diversity within the processing sector.

With wool sales not resuming for 3 weeks, exporters continue to keep trading over this time with stock accumulated over time, particularly from the last month since the market has turned. Chinese orders tend to keep flowing over our Christmas and New Year period and we can see the opening sales in January continue like this week's market. No doubt that the soft finish in the South could lead to a more challenging trading situation, but I think that the overall trend of the last 4 weeks will continue its push forward.

We still couldn't quite get to the 50,000 bale level this week, falling short by around 1,000 bales. It may be achieved when we return in the second week of January. From all of us at Macwool and Carmichael wool we wish you a happy, safe and relaxing Christmas and New Year.

Southern Aurora Forward Prices

| Micron | Date | Low |
|--------|-------------|------|
| 21 | February 24 | 1340 |

Main Buyers (this week)

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|---|-------------------|------|---|-----------------|------|---|-------------|------|
| 1 | Techwool Trading | 8376 | 2 | Endeavour Wool | 5429 | 3 | Tianyu Wool | 4929 |
| 4 | Pelican Australia | 3966 | 5 | PJ Morris Wools | 3403 | 6 | United Wool | 2878 |

Eastern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1212 cents ↑ 35 cents compared with 08/12/2023

Northern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1273 cents ↑ 52 cents compared with 08/12/2023

AUD/USD Currency Exchange
0.6716 ↑ 0.017 cents compared with 08/12/2023