



WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

Week Ending 10th May 2024



AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison

AWEX INDEX	This Week S45/23	This Week M45/23	Last Sale S44/23	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	1665	1682	1708n	-43	2192	-527
18	1492	1501	1516	-24	1853	-361
19	1382	1388	1411	-29	1631	-249
20	1333n	1331	1341	-8	1515n	-182
21	-	1308	1308n	-	-	-
26	-	505	-	-	-	-
28	355n	350	355n	0	-	-
MC	718n	738n	723n	-5	781n	-63

A Tough Week

Another tough week was endured in the Australian wool market, undermine mainly by a stronger Australian dollar. Last weeks foreign exchange influence of a softer market had encouraged business to be written, and buyer participation was solid after the initial drop of around 20 cents at the opening of the sale. The wools finer than 17 micron were again punished the hardest, falling 45 cents on the opening day, with all other indicators dropping around 10 cents by the end of selling. The northern sales fared best nationally on the opening day, with both the south and western centres seeing losses between 20 and 30 cents. In US terms however, the indicator rose 6 cents for the day. Wednesday's sale saw an evening up of the three selling centres indicators, with the north loosing between 10 and 20 cents, the south just slightly cheaper and the west actually finishing in positive territory for the day. By the close of business, the EMI was back 18 cents for the week, but up 1 cent in US terms. Skirtings, cardings and crossbred all followed fleece indicators giving back between 20 and 40 cents.

The lack of competition for merino wools finer than 18 micron again was evident, with European activity very lethargic, as was India's participation. Wools finer than 18.5 micron now make up 34.2% of the clip tested in 2023/24, where 20.5 to 23.5 micron merino wools make up only 11.8% of production. The supply and demand influence is really showing up in current and historical pricing, with the finer end trading at only 10% of its price range over the last five years, and the broader wools at 40% over the same period. Wool prices are linked strongly to world economic conditions, particularly the finer end, which end up next to skin wear, suiting and sportswear in North America and northern Europe, where discretionary spending is not under pressure from interest rates, energy prices and the like that we are seeing now. Exporters are telling us that Chinese mills are doing their best to keep machinery running and staff employed, and some wool is bought without an end destination mapped out. With 19.5 and 21 micron types the staples of Chinese orders it is understandable that pricing of these wools are showing the least fluctuation.

Macdonald and Carmichael and Co will be offering around 1,100 bales on Wednesday next week, in a national offering of less than 40, 000 bales.

We are calling on growers to donate wool, either oddments or a bale or two lower lines to be auctioned at one of our three special wool sales during the year. Your bale of oddments that might be worth \$400-\$500 could double that at the charity auction for such a cause, which is where Endeavour Wool Exports' contribution will come from. Please visit www.macquariehomestay.com.au to view this amazing facility. After the successful auction result at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, our next charity offering will be S03/24 during the week of the 15th of July. From one fleece to any number of bales donated we will, with your help, get to the \$65,000 that has been pledged to the second stage of building at the Macquarie homestay site.

Charity Sale Dates	
S03/24 – Week of 15 th Jul 2024	S24/24 – Week of 9 th Dec 2024

Southern Aurora Forward Prices

Micron	Date	Low
21	June 2024	1315

Main Buyers (this week)

1	Endeavour Wool	5070	2	Techwool Trading	4561	3	Tianyu Wool	3736
4	PJ Morris Wools	2961	5	United Wool	2321	6	Sequoia Materials	2131

Eastern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)

1134 cents ↓ 18 cents compared with 03/06/2024

Northern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)

1174 cents ↓ 12 cents compared with 03/06/2024

AUD/USD Currency Exchange

0.6575 ↑ 0.0108 cents compared with 03/06/2024