



WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

Week Ending 27th September 2024



AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison

AWEX INDEX	This Week S13/24	This Week M13/24	Last Sale S12/24	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	1617	1602	1635	-18	1705n	-18
18	1442	1433	1469	-27	1511	-27
19	1328	1326	1364	-36	1397	-36
20	1262n	1266	1288	-26	1294n	-26
21	-	1232	-	-	-	-
26	-	575	562n	-	-	-
28	-	362	375	-	380n	-
MC	696n	670n	696n	0	712n	0

Exchange Rate Works Against Us

The smaller sized offerings continued this week in the Australian wool market, with just over 31,000 bales being offered to the trade. As we have seen since returning from the recess, prices in US terms have remained very stable and measured, and this was again the case for the two days of selling. Unfortunately, after the US Federal reserve's decision to reduce interest rates over there, our dollar has continued to strengthen in the last two weeks of selling, and growers have seen the market come back in this time. But for the second week in a row, the EMI in US term has risen. This is a positive sign in this current trading environment that the small weekly gains are being compounded rather than being lost and regained over several weeks, with the larger traders and processors being the ones taking the lead. That being said, with the exchange rate working against us locally saw a cheaper week for most of our indicators, and most of the falls were on the second day. The carding indicator was the only bright spot for the week, after last week seeming to find some support that continued in that vein and have buyers being given orders for types they hadn't seen for many weeks.

With the Nanjing Wool Market Conference finishing up during the week, many of our local buyers have taken advantage of staying on a little longer to visit their customers in China and write some business for the upcoming months. Early reports are that, whilst business has been written, the price at which has been taken is similar to where the market ended this week. Interestingly the Chinese government also announced a stimulus package aimed at their housing market, with interest rates coming back, and rules around how much reserves of funds banks need to have, being relaxed. The aim is to get the GDP growth target back at 5%, with Chinese consumer confidence remaining low, which is a familiar story we have been hearing from exporters. Will this be enough to stimulate consumption throughout the country, and will the wool market be a beneficiary of this policy? It's difficult to tell at this point what strength of result will come from the announcement but I'm sure it will be better than not having any change at all.

Last Friday WoolPoll voting opened to all growers that have paid more than \$100 in wool tax over the last three financial years. We are asking two things from you. Firstly, please cast a vote. And secondly please consider a 2% levy to invest in the future of our industry. For more information go to <https://www.wool.com/news-events/news/woolpoll-2024/>

Next week Macdonald and Carmichael wool will offer almost 900 bales on the Wednesday with around 34,000 up for sale.

Our last sale for the Charity will be held in early December and I think we can confidently assume our target will be met to see a two-bedroom apartment completed at the amazing facility connected to health care in Dubbo. You can visit www.macquariehomestay.com.au to view this excellent site, and if you would like to donate a bale or two in the final charity sale, please let us know.

Southern Aurora Forward Prices

Final Charity Sale
S24/24 – Week of 9 th Dec 2024

Micron	Date	Low
21	November 2024	1260

Main Buyers (this week)

1	Endeavour Wool	4443	2	Tianyu Wool	4441	3	Techwool Trading	3735
4	Sequoia Materials	2580	5	Fox and Lillie	1861	6	PJ Morris Wools	1523

Eastern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1087 cents ↓ 11 cents compared with 20/09/2024

Northern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1125 cents ↓ 14 cents compared with 20/09/2024

AUD/USD Currency Exchange
0.6888 ↑ 0.0123 cents compared with 20/09/2024.