



WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

Week Ending 28th February 2025



AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison

AWEX INDEX	This Week S35/24	This Week M35/24	Last Sale S34/24	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	1708	1667	1680	+28	1767	-59
18	1567	1558	1542	+25	1550	+17
19	1486	1479	1478	+8	1414	+72
20	1442n	1448	1429	+13	1348n	+94
21	-	1428	1408n	-	1317n	-
26	-	600	562n	-	-	-
28	415n	413	410n	+5	359	+56
MC	726n	728n	726n	0	701	+25

Lack of Supply Starting to Show

The positive tone that was evident at the end of last sale flowed through into this week's Australian wool market. From the opening lot, competition grew in intensity as the offerings progressed, shown by the 11 cent lift in the EMI. Our currency did continue to play its part by shedding almost half a cent from last week's close, lifting just 2 cents in the US EMI. On Tuesday gains across the three selling centres were between 1 and 25 cents in the Merino quotes, being more pronounced in the finer indicators in the North with a designated superfine sale and being more evenly spread in both the South and West. On day two this Wednesday, the momentum continued with healthy gains in all centres of between 1 and 28 cents, with the highest price points seen at the close of selling. Skirtings had a mixed result, softening the first day to recover on the second, cardings made small inroads of improvement, and crossbreds generally held their levels from last week's cheaper results.

Reduced production this financial year has been spoken about for many months now by brokers and growers while exporters are now finding themselves involved in the discussion with early stage processors, as this week the change of sentiment seems to be around supply. The forecasted offerings are all well below 40,000 bales into the next month, AWTA testing data telling us that quantity tested to the end of January is back a little over 13%, and the auction offering numbers back 14.4% or just over 176,000 bales. The number of bales held by growers is, in our case well below the long term average after the poor livestock returns of 2023 encouraged producers to sell their wool rather than hold it to make up the cashflow shortfall. Topmakers have had a tough couple of years trading with losses accrued in the weak economic environment but are now much more bullish in that they will see a turnaround in their fortunes coinciding with a predicted modest improvement in world growth. If the market does gain momentum and improve in price, one would think that the stock that they are carrying would also increase in value making good business sense. This balance between supply and demand now just needs the pull through from further up the processing chain, which is being driven by retailers worldwide.

Macwool and Carmichael & Co have catalogued 1,500 bales next week in a very small Sydney offering.

Southern Aurora Forward Prices

Micron	Date	Low
21	May 2025	1415

Main Buyers (this week)

1	Techwool Trading	6481	2	Endeavour Wool	5439	3	Tianyu Wool	3565
4	Fox & Lillie	3277	5	Sequoia Materials	2899	6	PJ Morris	2573

Eastern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1195 cents ↑ 11 cents compared with 21/02/2025

Northern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1230 cents ↑ 10 cents compared with 21/02/2025

AUD/USD Currency Exchange
0.6326 ↓ 0.0038 cents compared with 21/02/2025