



WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

Week Ending 14th April, 2022
AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison



AWEX INDEX	This Week S41/21	This Week M41/21	Last Sale S40/21	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	2613	2638n	2613	0	2148	+465
18	2085	2155	2089	-4	1833	+252
19	1673	1697	1676	-3	1546	+127
20	1368	1388	1379	-11	1308	+60
21	1287n	1294n	1293n	-6	1250n	+37
26	644n	641n	-	-	-	-
28	388n	387	382n	+6	510n	-122
MC	931n	961n	935n	-4	877n	+54

MARKET STAYS THE SAME!!

The market ended this series of sales in a pretty mundane manner as the EMI kept tracking down. The fall was marginal as the Sydney market cheapened up a little (just 2 cents to 1367) and the market in Melbourne strengthened due to finer microns adding 10 to 60 cents. The market in Fremantle fell slightly as the 10 to 25 cent drop across fleece types was somewhat negated by the strong gains in the Carding sector. The market direction in US\$ terms was larger with a 17 cent fall to 1020 with the sharp fall in the FRX not assisting the market one bit. As has been the case for some time now, published figures for upcoming sales, the actual rostered figures and the figures in the four week forecast that is released every Monday continue to bounce around wildly as was the case for this week's sale. Last Wednesday when the sale roster was published, there were 48,400 bales to be offered in the 3 centres. By Monday that volume had dropped to 45,800 bales (5.4%). The offered figure had reduced by that identical % again to 43,300 bales and a pass-in rate of 11% when sales had finished on Wednesday leaving 38,400 bales sold to the trade, almost 21% down from the original anticipated figure. How this weekly problem is fixed is hard to say but it has been a frustration for all in the trade for a long time.

Market movements were minimal in Sydney as all microns were in buyer's favour by up to 10 cents while the odd lot with good specs and NM types in quality programs captured premiums of up to 17%. Skirtings fell on both days to finish the sale 15 to 25 cents lower bar the low VM types which were in buyer's favour. Skirtings with heavy cott/colour continue to be discounted heavily, so much so that after Easter we will see some of these lots being completely neglected as the volume of these types keeps increasing. The Carding sector had a firm sale except for high VM lots which lost 10 to 15 cents and some lots containing hardheads (Bathurst and Noogoora burr) also received big discounts being harder to place in suitable orders. Crossbreds had a quiet sale as most microns finished either side of unchanged. The national pass-in rate fell slightly to 11% this due to the dearer fine wool market in Melbourne that rose by up to 60 cents.

Hopes that the market could end this run of sales on a good note were high as the sudden fall in the A\$ to 74 cents from a high of 75.70 cents would lead to an increase in demand. This wasn't quite the case as the market barely moved even with the favourable FRX shift. Some buyers commented that without the currency fall the market could've lost 20 to 30 cents. We went into the Xmas recess with the market at 1358 (just 9 cents lower where we are today) with the high point being the 1st week in February of 1449 cents with <18 micron higher now and broader microns 20 to 50 cents lower. Total bales offered for the season to date is an incredible 15% up from last season (196,050 bales) which equates to 4 extra wool sales. This increased volume has been met with reasonable demand up until now but as we all know, many outside factors have buyers and processors concerned about how the market will perform well into the 2nd half of this year and next year. Next week is a recess for Easter with sales to recommence on Wednesday 27th April. Enjoy your Easter break.

Southern Aurora Forward Prices

Micron	Date	Low
21	May 22	1280

Main Buyers (this week)

1	Techwool Trading	5120	2	Fox & Lillie	4096	3	Endeavour Wool	3564
4	Tianyu Wool	3438	5	Sequoia Materials	3050	6	Australian Merino	2487

Eastern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1367 cents ↓ 2 cents compared with 08/04/2022

Northern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1457 cents ↓ 9 cents compared with 08/04/2022

AUD/USD Currency Exchange
0.7459 ↓ 0.0112 compared with 08/04/2022