



WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

Week Ending 26th August 2022
AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison



AWEX INDEX	This Week S08/22	This Week M08/22	Last Sale S07/22	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	2597	2635	2595	+2	2413	+184
18	2021	2092	2012	+9	2017	+4
19	1624	1629	1622	+2	1663	-39
20	1392	1405	1390	+2	1357	+35
21	1316	1324	1316	0	1263n	+53
26	636	658	-	-	770n	-134
28	380	385	380	0	475n	-95
MC	868	849	859	+9	873n	-5

NO MOVEMENT FOR THE 2ND SALE IN A ROW!!

For the 2nd consecutive sale, the AWEX EMI failed to move a single cent, anchored at 1342. It had been 5 years since the EMI had not moved for a sale, but no movement for 2 sales in a row is rare indeed, maybe up to 10 years since this has happened. With no movement for the EMI Fleece price shifts were minimal, either side of 5 cents up or down bar 16.5s which lost 8 cents and 18s rising by 9 cents. Melbourne had similar price shifts except 17 to 18 micron which fell by an average of 35 cents. Skirtings finished the sale unchanged while merino cardings tended seller's favour on both days to push the MCI up by 9 cents to 868. Crossbreds also failed to move in any direction to hold their values at the previous series levels. Interestingly, the passed-in rate climbed by 3% to 12% as the FRX slid below 69 cents. The price in US\$ terms fell marginally to 926 cents as a large jump in the Euro v AUD\$ saw price levels to European mills more expensive by almost 2% to negate any urgency in buying strategies. In the Chinese renminbi prices were pushed up by about 1% as the FRX moved in our favour.

In good news for South African wool growers China has lifted restrictions on the importation of wool due to the FMD outbreak earlier in the year (April). The SA wool industry had good measures in place to protect wool and no outbreaks of FMD has been recorded in their major wool growing areas. China was importing 75% of SA wool before the ban was imposed in April. The opening sale in SA for the new season saw sharp price falls due to the Chinese ban that was still in place, but now lifted this market's fortunes will be closely monitored now that auctions have recommenced globally, and full market participation will be back in play.

Wool Week events concluded last night in Melbourne, with the Young Woolbroker of the Year presentations and the awarding of the winner announced. As we reported last week our Admin Team Leader Stephanie Frost was one of the 3 finalists and did an excellent presentation to the judges, didn't quite get over the line in 1st place, but a great achievement to be in the top 3 from dozens of young staff from woolbrokers across the country. Well done, Steph! Apparently, plenty of networking was done late into the night from some of our staff who attended!!

Next week's national catalogue is rostered for 39,000 bales with Sydney to host its opening designated Superfine sale of the season. The prices of sub-18 micron wools have been hit hard since the season started especially fleece wool with VM higher than 2%. All eyes will be on the fortunes of these types as we move into the Spring offering as demand and the expected high quality of this sector of the selection will be closely watched to see if it can lead some sort of market recovery. No changes in prices are forecasted for next week.

Southern Aurora Forward Prices

Micron	Date	Low
21	Sept 22	1280

Main Buyers (this week)

1	Techwool Trading	4142	2	Endeavour Wool	3810	3	Tianyu Wool	3408
4	Fox & Lillie	3202	5	Australian Merino	3075	6	Meliwa	1901

Eastern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1342 cents → 0 cent compared with 26/08/2022

Northern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1418 cents ↑ 3 cents compared with 26/08/2022

AUD/USD Currency Exchange
0.6899 ↓ 0.0042 compared with 26/08/2022