



# WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

Week Ending 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

**AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison**



AWEX INDEX	This Week S09/23	This Week M09/23	Last Sale S08/23	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	1762	1767	1765n	-3	2393	-631
18	1533	1552	1515	+18	2005	-472
19	1405	1416	1386	+19	1633	-28
20	1302n	1332	1307n	-5	1335	-33
21	-	1277	-	-	1233n	-
26	-	568	-	-	-	-
28	340n	345	340n	0	475n	-135
MC	722n	698	730n	-8	863n	-141

## An Improved Week

This week's Australian wool market saw all three selling centres in action: offering 44,690 bales. With Tuesday's opening, expectation was that we were in for a good week, which was the case on the first day seeing all categories progressively dearer through the day by 15 to 30 cents. On the second day of selling the momentum that had been built up was leaking and gave up some of the previous day's gains. Wools finer than 18.5 micron were well supplied and with these types harder to sell than the broader ones, they bore the brunt of the losses on Wednesday.

The increase in enquiry from last week's sale was reflected in the tone felt in the auction rooms. Competition was strong and enthusiastic with both buyers and sellers pleased that after a month of uncertainty and lower prices that we were seeing a brighter outlook. Whilst the price movement wasn't large in terms of figures, discounts from two weeks ago have shrunk back and wools that were largely ignored are now finding a home. Even though day two was cheaper, this may help sustain the improved outlook longer term by showing mills that when the market rises it can do so in a sustained way rather than lifting by 50 cents or more - placing trepidation in further orders.

Now that the calendar has turned over into September, the rams selling season will commence. All breeds will have gone through the process of selecting their sale teams, catalogued their figures and started to market their sales. Since the drought broke in 2020, sales results have been very favourable for the seller and the livestock market as a whole has reflected the price of those genetics when their progeny have been sold, either as breeders or fat stock. Australia's sheep breeders particularly have taken up the challenge of lifting the size of the national flock from the low of just over 66 million in 2020, to almost 80 million now. The reasons for the state of the market are many and complex but hopefully there will be confidence shown in the numbers of rams sold over the next couple of months.

Sale quantities for the next few weeks look fairly stable, with between 40,000 and 45000 bales being catalogued. These levels should allow buyers adequate selection as well as the opportunity to carry some stock for future business. A similar sized offering to this week is expected for next week with Macwool and Carmichael Wool offering almost 1,500 bales on Tuesday.

### **Southern Aurora Forward Prices**

Micron	Date	Low
21	September 23	1225

### **Main Buyers (this week)**

1	Techwool Trading	5563	2	Endeavour Wool	5262	3	PJ Morris	3711
4	Australian Merino	3461	5	Tianyu Wool	3131	6	Pelican Australia	2571

Eastern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)  
1131 cents ↑ 4 cents compared with 25/08/2023

Northern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)  
1172 cents ↑ 1 cent compared with 25/08/2023

AUD/USD Currency Exchange  
0.6474 ↑ 0.0035 compared with 25/08/2023