



WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

Week Ending 17th May 2024



AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison

AWEX INDEX	This Week S46/23	This Week M46/23	Last Sale S45/23	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	1692	1683	1665	+27	2150	-458
18	1505	1504	1492	+13	1838	-333
19	1406	1392	1382	+24	1596	-190
20	1351	1345	1333n	+18	-	-
21	1306n	1307	-	-	-	-
26	-	505	-	-	-	-
28	355n	357	355n	0	335n	+20
MC	714n	722	718n	-4	774n	-60

Unexpected Rise

With the finish to last week's market and a stronger Australian dollar, most pundits predicted a weaker result in this week's Australian wool sale. From the opening though, it was evident that we were in for a positive sale. Opening on Tuesday, all merino indicators in the North were dearer, whilst the South and West were not as enthusiastic, and were a little mixed in their movement. On the second day of selling, the dearer sentiment continued and was across all selling centres and almost all indicators. The sensitivity towards the exchange rate was not seen at all during the week with the EMI in US\$ terms lifting 9 cents. By the close, the majority of indicators nationally were better with the broader crossbreds and cardings showing a weaker trend, resulting in a 1 cent rise of the EMI in Australian dollar terms.

Australian exporters and Chinese mills stepped up and pushed the levels along on mainly combing wools of all microns, with additional interest in the crossbred sector from a European based manufacturer. The largest Australian buyer topped the buyer's list for Merino fleece and crossbred and was in the top three for skirtings and oddments.

In the news this week that has been most unwelcome, the Federal Government has announced that the live export of sheep from Australia will cease from May 2028. Questions such as what will the transition support look like, how will sheep prices be impacted nationally, what will sheep numbers be in Western Australia where the majority of live exports occur, what will the impact be on the shearing and wool industry, particularly as 25% of the Australian woolclip is grown in the West. With 95% of the country sheep are run on in Western Australia being arable, the fear is if sheep leave they might not come back if their infrastructure is removed for cropping. Or can the processing industry be built before the ban comes into place and replace the boat trade? The unknown nature of this decision will be debated within the industry and wider population until the due date, but the only thing that looks like it will change the decision will be a change of government by the tone of the announcement.

After offering 35,500 bales this week, nationally, next week less than 40,000 will be in the marketplace. Macwool and Carmichael wool will offer a little over 1,000 bales on the opening day.

We are calling on growers to donate wool, either oddments or a bale or two lower lines to be auctioned at one of our three special wool sales during the year. Your bale of oddments that might be worth \$400-\$500 could double that at the charity auction for such a cause, which is where Endeavour Wool Exports' contribution will come from. Please visit www.macquariehomestay.com.au to view this amazing facility. After the successful auction result at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, our next charity offering will be S03/24 during the week of the 15th of July. From one fleece to any number of bales donated we will, with your help, get to the \$65,000 that has been pledged to the second stage of building at the Macquarie homestay site.

Charity Sale Dates	
S03/24 – Week of 15 th Jul 2024	S24/24 – Week of 9 th Dec 2024

Southern Aurora Forward Prices

Micron	Date	Low
21	July 2024	1295

Main Buyers (this week)

1	Techwool Trading	4804	2	Endeavour Wool	4281	3	Tianyu Wool	3442
4	PJ Morris Wools	2477	5	Modiano Australia	1153	6	Fox & Lille	1147

Eastern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1135 cents ↑ 1 cent compared with 10/06/2024

Northern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1177 cents ↑ 3 cents compared with 10/06/2024

AUD/USD Currency Exchange
0.6645 ↑ 0.007 cents compared with 10/06/2024