



WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

Week Ending 13th September 2024



AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison

AWEX INDEX	This Week S11/24	This Week M11/24	Last Sale S10/24	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	1647n	1630	1625	+22	1722n	-75
18	1466	1460	1457	+9	1553	-87
19	1361	1358	1340	+21	1451	-90
20	1288	1286	1272n	+16	1333n	-45
21	1256n	1250n	-	-	-	-
26	552n	552	-	-	-	-
28	375n	380	375n	0	375n	0
MC	696n	652n	698n	-2	710n	-14

Waiting for the Lower Offerings to Improve the Market More

A weaker Australian dollar and an offering under 30,000 bales set the tone in this week's Australian wool market. Tuesday's opening was greeted with Merino indicators lifting between 4 and 20 cents. This improvement was added to on Wednesday with the finer end receiving gains between 22 and 34 cents for the week. Skirtings rode the lift in prices during the week with crossbreds having a mixed result and cardings really struggling to hold the levels they started at. After four selling weeks, the US price level has not moved very much at all when we look at the EMI but there were some small increases reported by exporters on some of the individual Merino indicators this week. Buyers tell us that the last two to three months have been some of the toughest trading conditions that they remember over the last twenty years with the flow of purchasing being interrupted by weak sentiment and economic forces. Like we thought last week, perhaps we are seeing change in buying motivation and intentions.

Europeans as a whole are returning back to work after their summer break, and wool processors have been making general inquiries about prices, quantities and delivery times without writing to much business in the exchanges. Most manufactures are not far away from needing to hit peak garment production in the Northern Hemisphere winter/fall retail selling period. There does seem to be stock from tops to fabric held in Europe so demand in the saleroom could take a little time to flow through to growers. Chinese processors on the other hand are carrying very little stock of any description, such has been the demand led by uniform orders through the government which in turn has put a price base in the two most common types purchased in the 19.5 and 21 micron. Since Covid-19, the mindset of the population has changed with a much more cautious approach taken to discretionary spending. This means that local consumption of clothing and electronics has waned, adding to the economic slowdown that has the rest of the world concerned of what may happen to the level of trade that exists with China over time. The lower offerings that we have been seeing since the start of the financial year could be part of the catalyst for market price improvement, but just when that hand will be played is hard to predict.

With ram selling season well and truly upon us, it is a good time to look at the opportunities that could present themselves into the short to medium future. Estimates given on wool production in the next twelve months or so is that numbers could be reduced up to 10% on last year's figures, and the inroads Merino lambs are making in the meat market, buying Merino rams looks like it could pay dividends into the future

Next week Macwool and Carmichael wool will offer a small catalogue of 300 bales in a week of 30,000 bales.

Our last sale for the Charity will be held in early December and I think we can confidently assume our target will be met to see a two-bedroom apartment completed at the amazing facility connected to health care in Dubbo. You can visit www.macquariehomestay.com.au to view this excellent site, and if you would like to donate a bale or two in the final charity sale, please let us know.

Final Charity Sale
S24/24 – Week of 9 th Dec 2024

Southern Aurora Forward Prices

Micron	Date	Low
21	November 2024	1260

Main Buyers (this week)

1	Tianyu Wool	4669	2	Techwool Trading	4255	3	Endeavour Wool	3695
4	Sequoia Materials	2001	5	Australian Merino	1838	6	PJ Morris Wools	1108

Eastern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1099 cents ↑ 8 cents compared with 06/09/2024

Northern Market Indicators (AUD cents/kg clean)
1138 cents ↑ 10 cents compared with 06/09/2024

AUD/USD Currency Exchange
0.6654 ↓ 0.0049 cents compared with 06/09/2024.