

Wool Market Report

M23

Thursday, 6 December, 2018

National Commentary

Week 23 on the Australian wool selling programme hosted the penultimate sale of the 2018 calendar year. The quantity on offer increased slightly and 38,315 bales were available to the trade. This means that the amount of wool offered so far this year, is 162,043 bales less than at the same point in the previous season, a reduction of over 18%. The merino sector performed solidly, recording gains across most microns, only a lack of interest in some inferior types and reduced buyer demand on wool with poor additional measurement results, prevented the Micron Price Guides (MPGs) posting larger

increases than they did. Superfine wool enjoyed the largest gains, 17.0 micron and finer were generally 20 to 30 cents. Although the merino fleece sector recorded overall gains, the AWEX Eastern market indicator (EMI) lost 11 cents, closing at 1,849 cents. In a complete contrast to the previous sale, this was mainly due to large losses experienced in the crossbred sector. Due to currency movements, when viewed in USD terms, the EMI lost 25 cents. After recording large gains at the previous sale, the crossbred market has had a quick reversal. Wool 30.0 micron and finer lost between 70 and 130 cents. The sharp reduction in price was met with firm seller

resistance, by the end of the week over nearly 20% of crossbred wool was passed in. After three weeks of sustained price rises the oddment market lost ground this week. Locks, stains and crutchings generally fell by 10 to 20 cents. These reductions pushed the three carding indicators down by an average of 14 cents. Next week is the final sale before the annual three-week Christmas recess. This is the final selling opportunity until January and quantities have increased. Currently, there is 48,777 bales rostered for sale in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle.

	This Week		Last 12 Months		
	High	Low	Avg		
EMI	1849	-11	2116	1699	1903
Sth Ind	1818	-13	2087	1646	1866
17	2445	+19	3006	2387	2727
17.5	2388	-1	2830	2345	2578
18	2326	+11	2659	2207	2419
18.5	2247	-6	2556	2133	2303
19	2202	+7	2459	2023	2218
19.5	2173	+9	2429	1907	2163
20	2156	+4	2387	1803	2117
21	2133	-5	2367	1658	2074
22	2140	-1	2350	1564	2057
28	850	-96	1048	731	893
30	683	-70	768	539	672
32	450		513	376	450
MC	1174	-7	1592	1045	1389

USD	72.25¢
▼	-0.90¢
EUR	63.69¢
▼	-0.54¢

Main Buyers (This Week)

1	TECHWOOL TRADING	2,598	14.7%
2	FOX & LILLIE	1,773	10.1%
3	AUST. MERINO EXP.	1,740	9.9%
4	ENDEAVOUR WOOL EXP.	1,347	7.6%
5	UNITED WOOL CO.	1,230	7.0%
6	MODIANO	1,038	5.9%
7	MICHELL P/L	1,005	5.7%
8	TIANYU	951	5.4%

Quote of Note

Mic	Grsy	Clean	Yld	MM	NKT	VM	District	AWEXID
15.4	1600	2395	67	81	26	0.3	ASCOT	MF5E.
16.4	1270	1910	69	0	0	0.3	BALLAN	MF4E.
16.8	1663	2238	74	107	44	0.3	WHITEHEADS	MF4E.
17.4	1909	2482	77	83	44	0.3	HAGLEY	MF4E.
17.8	1670	2269	74	64	48	0.1	BALLAN	MF4E.
18.4	1592	2265	70	82	42	0.6	BALMORAL	MF4S.
18.9	1704	2251	76	75	42	0.3	STAWELL	MF4E.
19.4	1469	2163	68	67	43	0.3	KAPUNDA	MF5E.
19.9	1436	2163	66	76	42	0.6	SPALDING	MF5B.
20.4	1533	2123	72	90	43	0.5	NHILL	MF4E.
20.8	1498	2137	70	74	25	1	KEITH	MF4B.
21.3	1589	2142	74	70	51	0.1	CARDIGAN	MF4E.
21.8	1608	2155	75	75	53	0.1	CARDIGAN	MF4E.
22.7	1500	1979	76	96	20	0.1	PIMPINIO	MF4E.
15.5	1330	2342	57	71	27	0.4	ASCOT	MP5E.
16.2	1358	2219	61	85	31	1.8	BALLIANG	MP5S.
17.8	1235	2021	61	59	34	0.1	ELAINE	MP4E.
18.7	1099	2066	53	78	23	5.1	CLARE	MP5S.
25.0	946	1294	73	0	0	0.7	BALLAN	XF4B.
26.4	856	1141	75	0	0	0.1	BRANXHOLM	XF4E.
27.2	725	976	74	0	0	0.1	ASCOT	XF5E.

AWN Forward Offers

MPG	Feb-19	Apr-19	Jun-19	Aug-19
18	2250	2210	2170	2150
19	2150	2110	2080	2060
20	2100	2060	2030	1990
21	2070	2030	2000	1970
22	2000	1940	1920	1870
23	1970	1910	1890	1840

The forward offers above are a guide only.

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