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AWIS WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Week Ending 26 August 2016 (Week 08)

The AWEX EMI finished 11¢ higher (+0.8%) in Australian currency and 6¢ lower (-0.6%) in US currency at sales in Sydney and Melbourne this week.

25,785 bales were on offer nationally, compared with 41,153 bales last sale. 3.1% of the offering was passed in. It was a smaller sale, that was conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday to avoid a clash with Wool Week and wool industry Associations' Annual General Meetings on Thursday and Friday.

	Day-to-Day and Sale-to-Sale Changes in AWEX Regional Indicators (Week 08)											
Centre	Last Sale		Day-to	Day-to-Day Changes (Week 08)			Closing	Sale-to-Sa	le Changes			
	Week	Indicator	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Change	Indicator	US ¢	Euro ¢			
Eastern	07	1298	+6	+5	No Sale	+11 (+0.8%)	1309	-6	-3			
Northern	07	1320	+6	+7	No Sale	+13 (+1.0%)	1333	-5	-2			
Southern	07	1283	+6	+5	No Sale	+11 (+0.9%)	1294	-5	-2			
Western	07	1391	No Sale	No Sale	No Sale							

It was another good market, with widespread strong competition and rises on both days. The fall in the US exchange rate that started on the previous the previous Friday helped to give an impetus to the market.

The week's prices continued the excellent start to the new season - the average EMI to date in Australian currency is 1307ϕ . There were rises across all Merino micron ranges, with the medium and broader types doing slightly better than the finer types over the two days. Merino skirtings were dearer on both days.

Crossbreds were mixed, but all average AWEX crossbred MPGs were up, except at 32 microns for which it was unchanged. Oddments were generally unchanged. The average AWEX Merino Cardings Price Guide was up by 2ϕ to 1048ϕ .

The US exchange rate was under pressure from the previous Friday. It finished 1.08ϕ (-1.4%) lower to close at 76.03ϕ on Wednesday.

Buyers for China were dominant, with support from buyers for India and Europe.

Differen	Differences in AWEX MPGs		18.5 a	and 22.0	18.0 a	nd 22.0	17.5 and 22.0		17.0 and 22.0) 16.5 and 22.0		
North	North		(58¢	10	101¢		127¢		i¢	148¢		
South 51¢			7	9¢	10	3¢	106¢		108¢				
Market Indicator			Changes From										
		Four Sales Ago Week 01			Start of the Season		Week 08 Last Year			Season Average to Week 08 Last Year			
Eastern Mar	rket Indica	tor	-11 (-	0.8%)		-7 (-0.5%)	+46	(+3.6%)		+52 (+4.1%)		
Western Ma	Western Market Indicator		No S	Sale	No Sale		No Sale			No Sale			
Sale-to-Sale Changes in Average AWEX Merino Micron Price Guides (MPGs)													
Micron	16.5	17.0	17.5	18.0	18.5	19.0	19.5	20.0	21.0	22.0	23.0	24.0	
Since Last Sa	ale												
Change ¢		+9	+7	+14	+9	+11	+11	+14	+14	+15	+13		
Change %		+0.6%	+0.4%	+0.9%	+0.6%	+0.7%	+0.7%	+1.0%	+1.0%	+1.0%	+0.9%		
Since Start o	of the Seaso	n											
Change ¢	-2	+2	+3	-6	-19	-18	-21	-20	-18	-9	-11		
Change %	-0.1%	+0.1%	+0.2%	-0.4%	-1.2%	-1.2%	-1.4%	-1.3%	-1.2%	-0.6%	-0.8%		
Since Same	Week Last	Year											
Change ¢	+66	+90	+94	+84	+92	+98	+112	+118	+122	+116	+109		
Change %	+4.4%	+6.1%	+6.4%	+5.8%	+6.5%	+7.0%	+8.2%	+8.7%	+9.1%	+8.7%	+8.2%		

Sale-t	Sale-to-Sale Changes in Other Average AWEX Price Guides									
Micron	25.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	MC [#]				
Since Last Sa	ale									
Change ¢	+6	+6	+20	+9	0	+2				
Change %	+0.5%	+0.5%	+2.6%	+1.3%	0.0%	+0.2%				
Since Start o	Since Start of the Season									
Change ¢	+16	+41	+27	+37	+59	-37				
Change %	+1.3%	+3.7%	+3.6%	+5.8%	+11.3%	-3.4%				
Since Same	Since Same Week Last Year									
Change ¢		+54	-139	-188	-152	-21				
Change %		+5.0%	-15.1%	-21.7%	-20.7%	-2.0%				

Average Merino Cardings Price Guide

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> Actual and % Changes in the Progressive Offerings from Last Year

> > +4.4%

+1.1%

+19.1%

+5.1%

+3,084

+987

+5,599

+9,670

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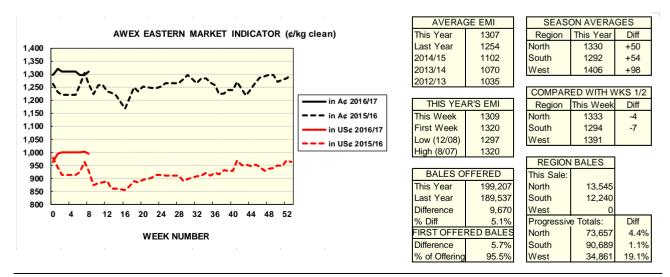
The following tables show the details of this week's sale offering; the expected offerings over the next three sales; the changes in Exchange Rates since the previous sale; and highlights from the June ABS export data.

Details o	Details of this Week's Offering and the Comparison with the Previous Sale's Offering										
Centre	Last Sale	This Sale									
	Offering	Offering	Passed-In	Withdrawn Before Sale	Re- Offered	Bales Sold					
North	14,069	13,545	3.1%	2.7%	5.6%	13,127					
South	19,773	12,240	3.0%	1.5%	6.1%	11,871					
West	7,311										
Australia	41,153	25,785	3.1%	2.1%	5.8%	24,998					

	Next Sale Offerings and Year-on-Year Differences											
Centre	Week 09	Week 10	Week 11	Differences								
North	13,602	11,650	10,980	+13.0%								
South	18,183	24,070	20,671	+22.6%								
West	11,345	7,850	7,850	+9.2%								
New Zealand		1,500										
Australia	43,130	43,570	39,501	+16.7%								
Differences	+11.8%	+21.7%	+17.1%									

Exchange Rates	Last	Day-to-Day Changes					Sale-to-Sale	Closing	Season M	in & Max
(Reserve Bank)	Sale	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Change	Value	Min	Max
United States	77.11	-0.67	-0.55	+0.53	-0.39	Public	-1.08 (-1.4%)	76.03	75.21	77.11
Euro	68.16	-0.72	-0.13	+0.09	-0.05	Holiday	-0.81 (-1.2%)	67.35	67.35	68.98

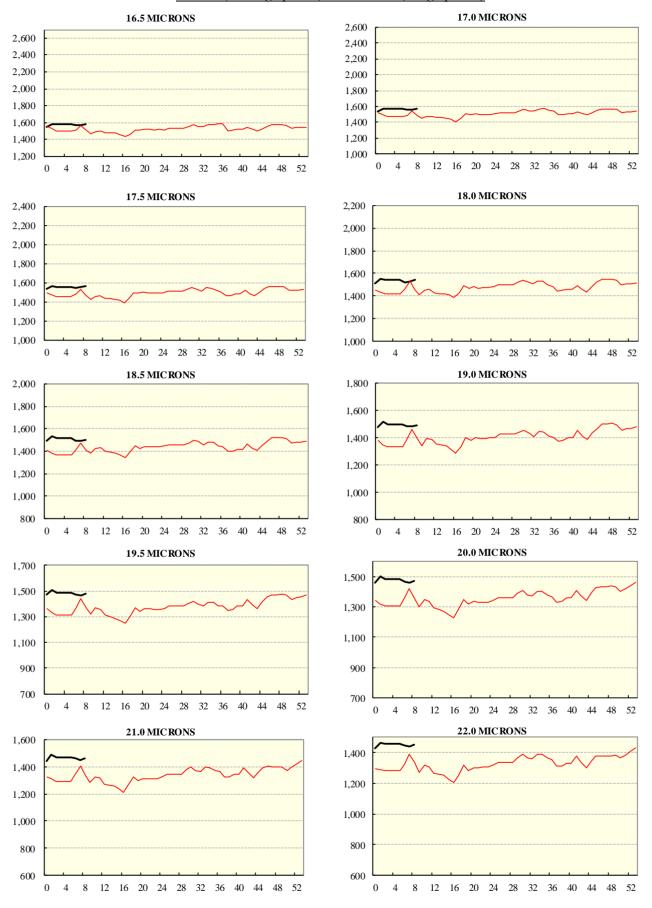
Country	% Share of Australi	Year-on-Yea	Year-on-Year % Change			
	June	July to June	July to June	July to June		
	2016	This Season	Last Season	By Weight	By Value	
China	78.5%	75.7%	76.9%	-12.1%	+0.6%	
India	8.2%	7.4%	6.4%	+3.0%	+18.2%	
Italy	2.1%	4.4%	3.9%	-0.5%	+10.0%	
Czech Republic	3.7%	4.9%	4.8%	-9.3%	-1.9%	
Malaysia	1.4%	1.5%	1.7%	-21.3%	-36.0%	
Korea	2.1%	1.8%	2.1%	-21.8%	-3.6%	
Taiwan	1.0%	0.8%	0.8%	-13.1%	-7.1%	
Egypt	1.3%	1.2%	0.9%	+17.0%	+27.4%	
Change all Countries				-10.7%	+1.3%	



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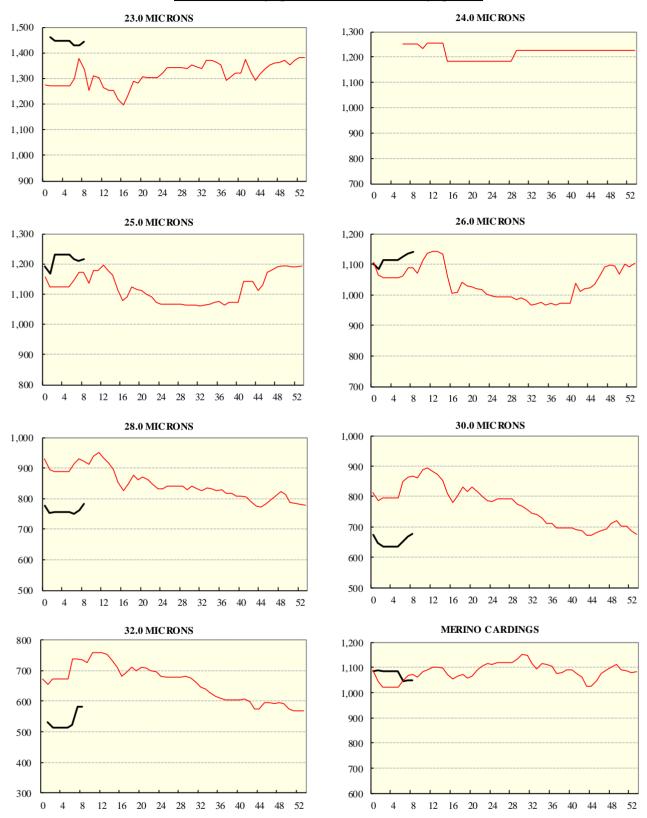
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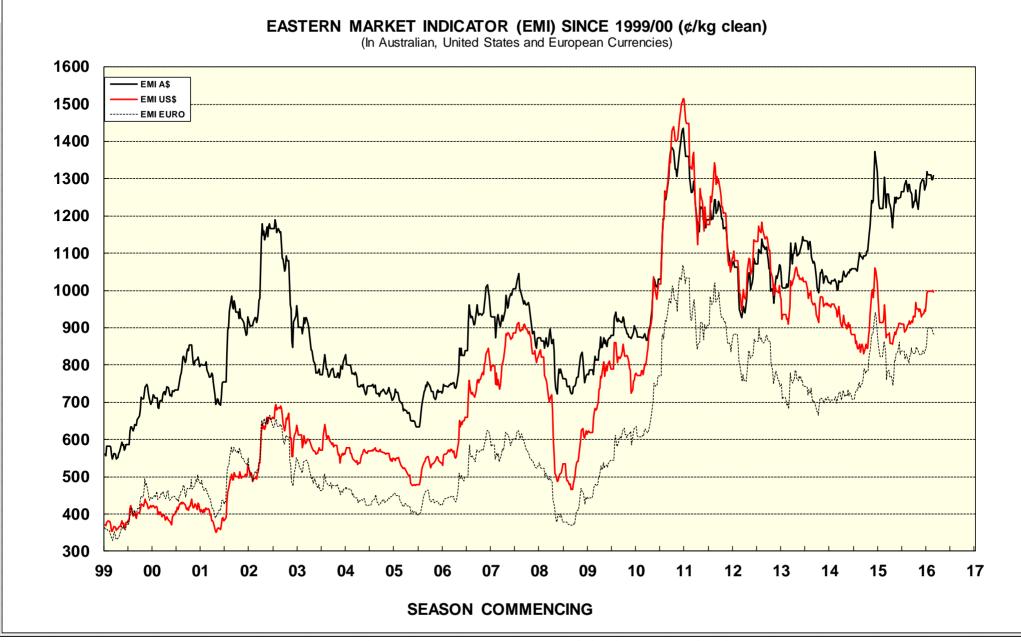


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