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AWIS WOOL MARKET REVIEW Week Ending 26 May 2017 (Week 47)

The AWEX EMI finished at 1495¢, 27¢ lower (-1.8%) in Australian currency and 12¢ lower (-1.1%) in US currency at sales in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle this week.

34,270 bales were on offer nationally, compared with 35,020 bales last sale. 11.7% of the offering was passed in on Wednesday, followed by 18.6% on Thursday, to average 15.1% for the week.

AWEX reports that the value of the wool sold was \$47.5 million (\$1,633 per bale), taking the season total to \$2.5 billion.

Day-to-Day and Sale-to-Sale Changes in AWEX Regional Indicators (Week 47)									
Centre	Last Sale		Day-to-Day Changes (Week 47)			Sale-to-Sale Change	Closing Indicator	Sale-to-Sale Changes	
	Week	Indicator	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday			US ¢	Euro ¢
Eastern	46	1522	No Sale	-10	-17	-27 (-1.8%)	1495	-12	-20
Northern	46	1612	No Sale	-9	-23	-32 (-2.0%)	1580	-15	-24
Southern	46	1470	No Sale	-11	-14	-25 (-1.7%)	1445	-11	-19
Western	46	1535	No Sale	-6	-9	-15 (-1.0%)	1520	-3	-12

The EMI moved back below 1500¢ for the first time since Week 40 (when it fell by 43¢ to 1459¢) and for only the second time since the EMI reached 1500¢ in the first week of March. The fall was partly influenced by the strengthening of the US Exchange Rate, but more so by the fall in demand for Superfine Merino wool. The falls in the Merino average AWEX MPG became smaller as the average fibre diameter increased.

Crossbred average MPG were down slightly, but by less than the falls among the Merinos. Merino skirtings generally followed the fleece types and oddments had mixed outcomes. The average AWEX Merino Cardings Price Guide was up by 5¢ to 1193¢.

The US Exchange Rate finished 0.53¢ (0.7%) higher to close at 75.10¢ on Thursday.

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

Differences in AWEX MPG	18.5 and 22.0	18.0 and 22.0	17.5 and 22.0	17.0 and 22.0	16.5 and 22.0
North	628¢	729¢	798¢	846¢	903¢
South	585¢	687¢	768¢	802¢	833¢

Market Indicator	Four Sales Ago Week 43	Changes From		
		Start of the Season	Week 47 Last Year	Season Average to Week 47 Last Year
Eastern Market Indicator	-6 (-0.4%)	+179 (+13.6%)	+204 (+15.8%)	+147 (+11.8%)
Western Market Indicator	+12 (+0.8%)	+101 (+7.1%)	+145 (+10.5%)	+145 (+11.1%)

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 Sale												
Change ¢	-90	-82	-66	-61	-68	-50	-45	-31	-17	-12		
Change %	-3.8%	-3.5%	-2.9%	-2.8%	-3.3%	-2.6%	-2.5%	-1.9%	-1.1%	-0.8%		
Since Start of the Season												
Change ¢	+704	+671	+637	+578	+499	+377	+231	+81	-6	-52	-122	
Change %	+44.5%	+42.7%	+40.8%	+37.4%	+32.8%	+25.0%	+15.4%	+5.4%	-0.4%	-3.6%	-8.4%	
Since Same Week Last Year												
Change ¢	+705	+671	+638	+580	+504	+386	+258	+139	+79	+34	-27	
Change %	+44.6%	+42.7%	+40.8%	+37.5%	+33.2%	+25.7%	+17.5%	+9.7%	+5.7%	+2.5%	-2.0%	

Sale-to-Sale Changes in Other Average AWEX Price Guides						
Micron	25.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	MC [#]
Since Last Sale						
Change ¢	-10	-2	-8	-5		+5
Change %	-0.9%	-0.2%	-1.1%	-0.9%		+0.4%
Since Start of the Season						
Change ¢	-58	-45	-3	-76		+107
Change %	-4.8%	-4.1%	-0.4%	-11.9%		+9.9%
Since Same Week Last Year						
Change ¢	-39	-35	-56	-128		+105
Change %	-3.3%	-3.2%	-6.9%	-18.5%		+9.7%

Average Merino Cardings Price Guide

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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 March ABS export data.

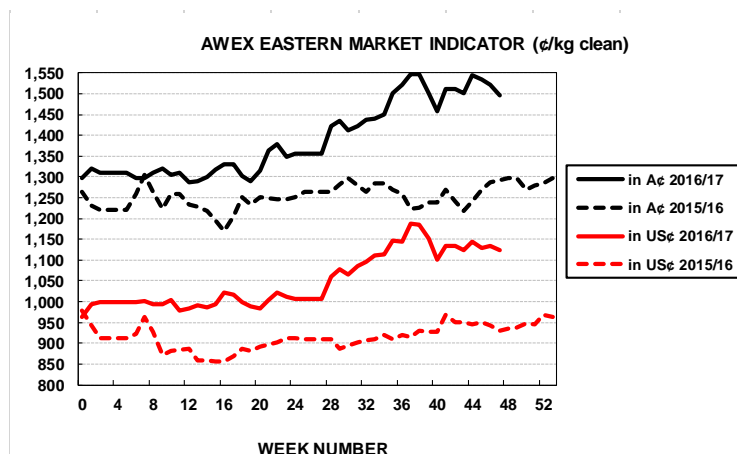
Details of this Week's Offering and the Comparison with the Previous Sale's Offering						
Centre	Last Sale	This Sale				
	Offering	Offering	Passed-In	Withdrawn Before Sale	Re- Offered	Bales Sold
North	9,920	8,789	11.5%	3.8%	7.2%	7,775
South	17,172	19,499	14.3%	5.4%	6.9%	16,716
West	7,928	5,982	23.1%	4.9%	24.5%	4,600
Australia	35,020	34,270	15.1%	4.9%	10.1%	29,091

Actual and % Changes in the Progressive Offerings from Last Year	
+25,789	+5.6%
+32,775	+4.0%
+29,268	+8.5%
+87,832	+5.4%

Next Sale Offerings and Year-on-Year Differences				
Centre	Week 48	Week 49	Week 50	Differences
North	8,704	8,950	9,300	-15.5%
South	16,629	16,870	17,910	+7.5%
West	4,819	No Sale	7,150	
New Zealand				
Australia	32,500	25,820	34,360	+4.5%
Differences	+10.5%	-19.4%	+26.2%	

Exchange Rates (Reserve Bank)	Last Sale	Day-to-Day Changes					Sale-to-Sale Change	Closing Value	Season Min & Max	
		Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur			Min	Max
United States	74.57	-0.31	+0.18	+0.53	-0.47	+0.60	+0.53 (+0.7%)	75.10	73.52	77.13
Euro	66.93	-0.11	-0.32	+0.17	-0.03	+0.15	-0.14 (-0.2%)	66.79	66.40	72.77

Country	% Share of Australia's Wool Exports by Weight of Wool Shipped			Year-on-Year % Change July to March	
	March 2017	July to March This Season	July to March Last Season	By Weight	By Value
China	82.0%	79.0%	74.4%	+12.8%	+22.6%
India	4.7%	6.0%	7.5%	-15.8%	-8.2%
Italy	4.1%	4.5%	5.1%	-5.4%	+4.2%
Czech Republic	3.6%	4.9%	5.3%	-1.5%	-1.2%
Malaysia	0.3%	0.7%	1.6%	-54.5%	-57.8%
Korea	1.7%	1.6%	1.7%	-1.0%	-2.0%
Taiwan	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%	-7.1%	-3.7%
Egypt	1.3%	1.0%	1.2%	-8.3%	+7.4%
Change all Countries				+6.3%	+13.8%



AVERAGE EMI	
This Year	1397
Last Year	1254
2014/15	1102
2013/14	1070
2012/13	1035

SEASON AVERAGES		
Region	This Year	Diff
North	1457	+178
South	1360	+122
West	1448	+140

THIS YEAR'S EMI	
This Week	1495
First Week	1320
Low (23/09)	1287
High (17/03)	1546

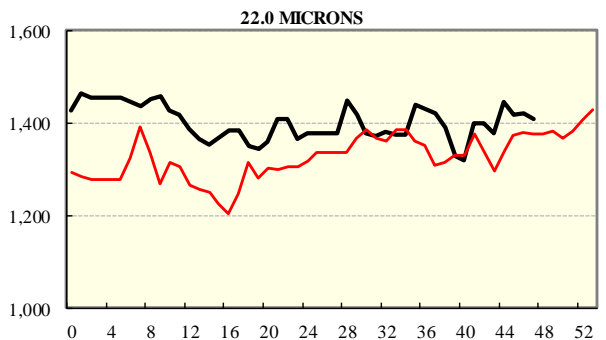
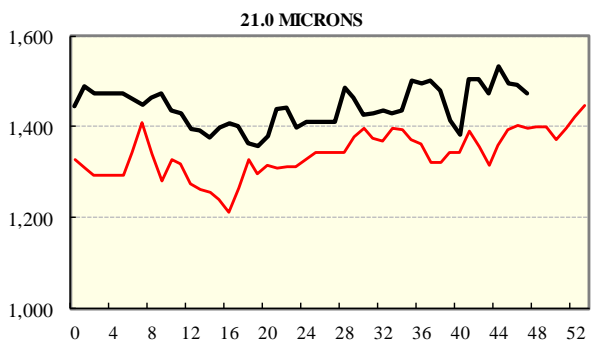
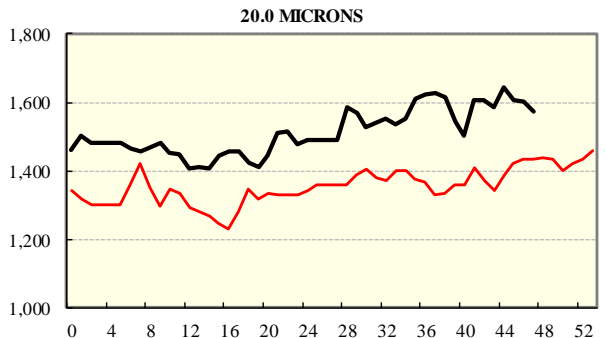
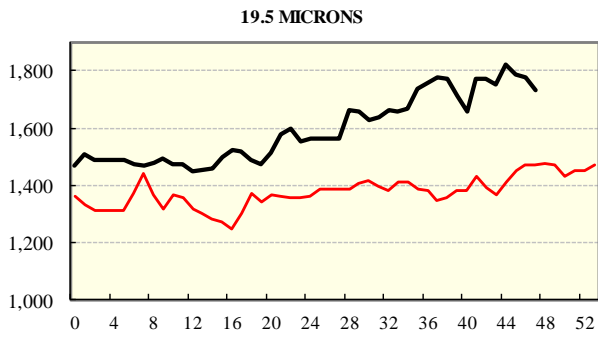
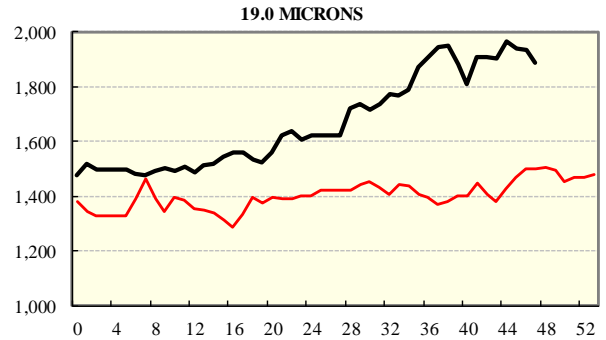
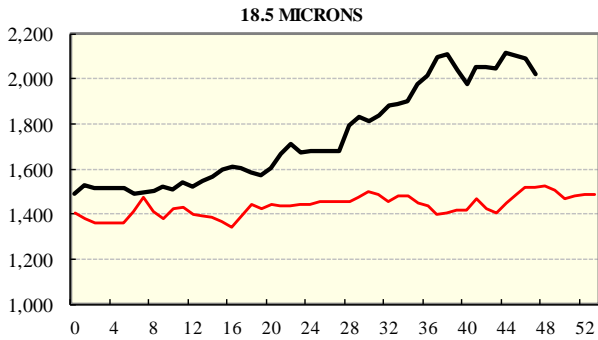
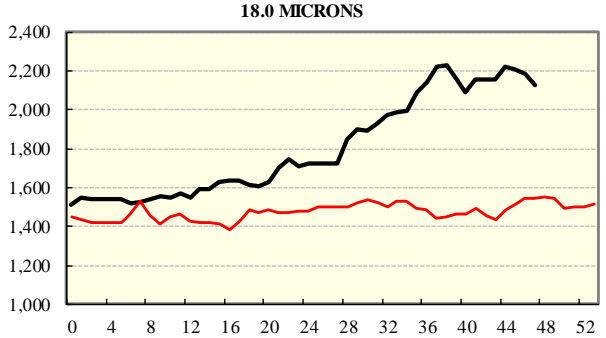
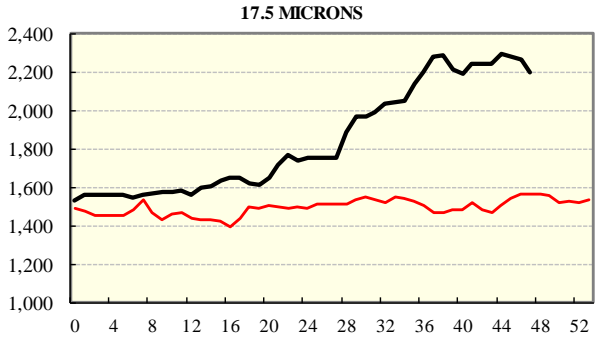
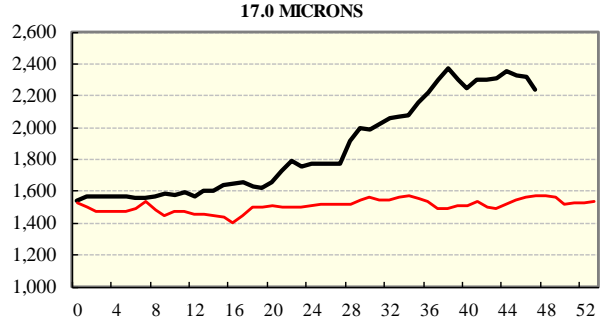
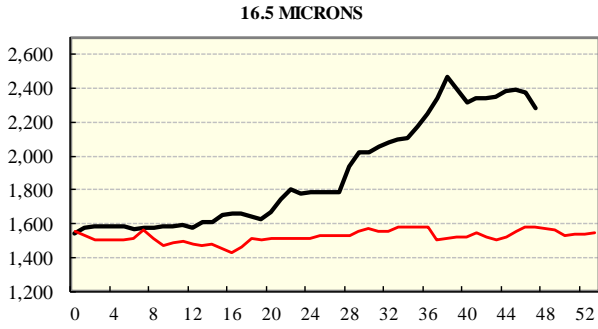
COMPARED WITH WKS 1/2		
Region	This Week	Diff
North	1580	+243
South	1445	+144
West	1520	+101

BALES OFFERED	
This Year	1,717,924
Last Year	1,630,092
Difference	+87,832
% Diff	+5.4%
FIRST OFFERED BALES	
Difference	+5.7%
% of Offering	94.8%

REGION BALES		
This Sale:		Diff
North	8,789	
South	19,499	
West	5,982	
Progressive Totals:		Diff
North	482,504	+5.6%
South	860,479	+4.0%
West	374,941	+8.5%

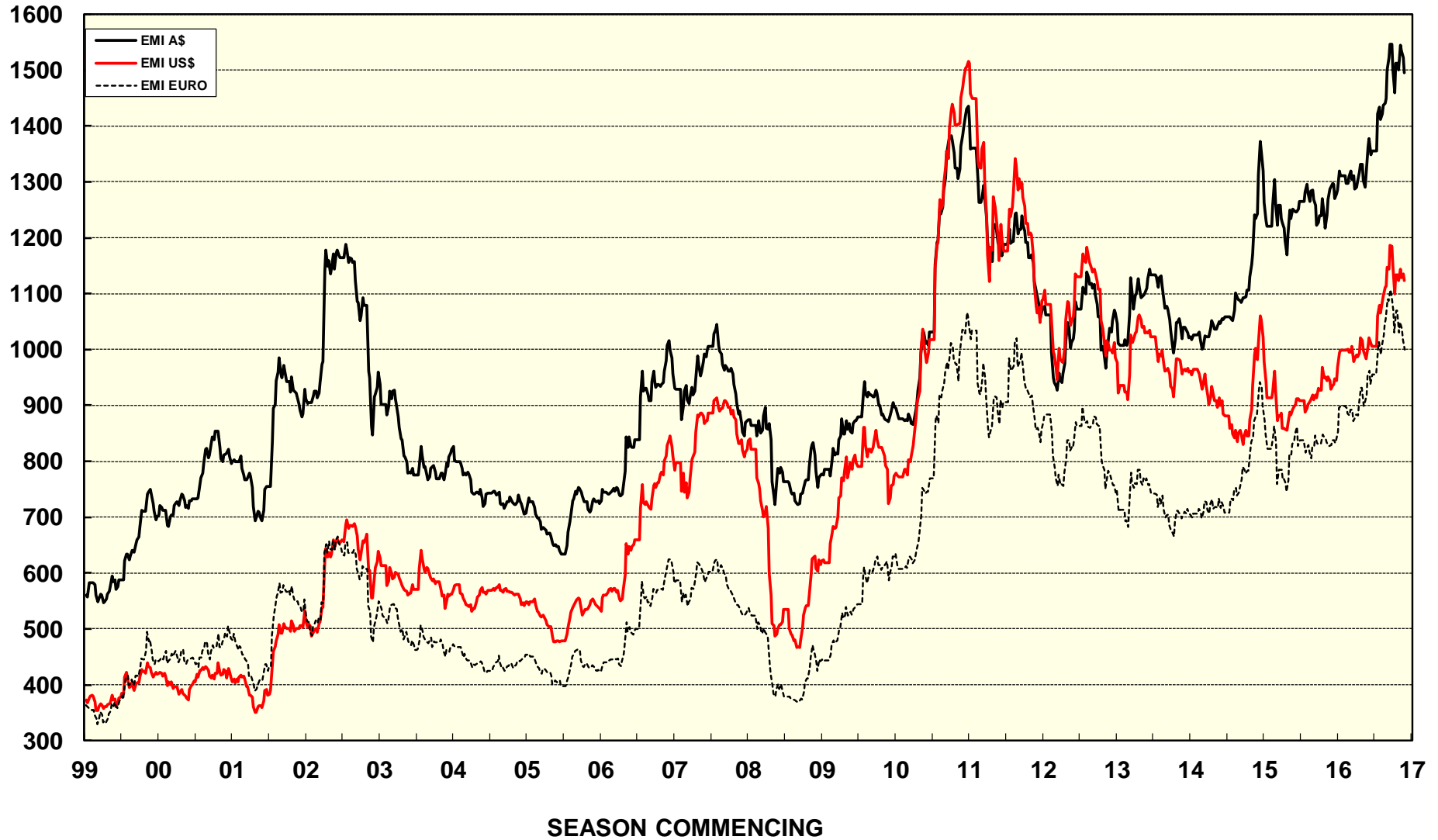
AVERAGE AWEX MICRON PRICE GUIDES

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