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AWIS WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Week Ending 8 July 2016 (Week 01)

The AWEX EMI finished 23¢ higher (+1.8%) in Australian currency and 30¢ higher (+3.1%) in US currency at sales in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle this week.

39,152 bales were on offer nationally, compared with 28,865 bales last sale. 3.8% of the offering was passed in.

	Day-to-Day and Sale-to-Sale Changes in AWEX Regional Indicators (Week 01)								
Centre	Last Sale		Day-to-	Day-to-Day Changes (Week 01)			Closing	Sale-to-Sa	le Changes
	Week	Indicator	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Change	Indicator	US ¢	Euro ¢
Eastern	53	1297	No Sale	+14	+9	+23 (+1.8%)	1320	+30	+26
Northern	53	1317	No Sale	+18	+6	+24 (+1.8%)	1341	+31	+27
Southern	53	1283	No Sale	+13	+10	+23 (+1.8%)	1306	+29	+27
Western	53	1393	No Sale	+15	+15	+30 (+2.2%)	1423	+36	+32

It was an excellent start to the new season with strong demand on both days and the EMI closing at its highest level since Week 2 of the 2011/12 season. Exporters reported that there had been considerable enquiry leading up to the sale.

The market eased a little towards the end of the day on Thursday in the East. but finished strongly in the West.

Demand for fleece wool was particularly strong, leading to a low pass-in rate of 1.4%. Merino skirtings were in good demand, but did not quite match the fleece types. Demand for crossbreds did not match the demand for Merino types resulting in an easing in all of their average AWEX MPGs. Oddments received good support, but demand also was not as strong as for the Merino fleece.

The biggest gains were from 18.5 microns and up. The 20 micron, 21 micron and 22 micron average AWEX MPGs have risen by 99ϕ , 118ϕ and 99ϕ , respectively since Week 50 of last season.. Their closing average MPGs were 1501ϕ , 1489ϕ and 1465ϕ . This has led to a tightening of the differences between the MPGs for 22 micron wool and the fine end.

The US Exchange Rate remains high. It finished 0.95ϕ (1.3%) higher to close at 75.21ϕ on Thursday. The Australian Dollar closed at 57.96 against the Pound on Thursday night, an increase of 13.9% since the Brexit vote to leave the EU.

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

Differences in AWEX MPGs	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	66¢	85¢	102¢	110¢	111¢
South	66¢	79¢	93¢	97¢	112¢

Market Indicator	Changes From							
	Four Sales Ago Week 50	Start of the Season	Week 01 Last Year	Season Average to Week 01 Last Year				
Eastern Market Indicator	+50 (+3.9%)	0 (0.0%)	+89 (+7.2%)	+89 (+7.2%)				
Western Market Indicator	No Sale	0 (0.0%)	+168 (+13.4%)	+192 (+15.6%)				

	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 ¢		+33	+30	+36	+41	+40	+40	+40	+43	+37		
Change %		+2.1%	+2.0%	+2.4%	+2.7%	+2.7%	+2.7%	+2.7%	+3.0%	+2.6%		
Since Start o	Since Start of the Season											
Change ¢	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Change %	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Since Same	Week Last	Year				-	-				-	
Change ¢	+47	+74	+88	+117	+151	+172	+176	+185	+179	+180	+191	
Change %	+3.1%	+4.9%	+6.0%	+8.2%	+10.9%	+12.8%	+13.2%	+14.1%	+13.7%	+14.0%	+15.0%	

Sale-1	Sale-to-Sale Changes in Other Average AWEX Price Guides							
Micron	25.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	$MC^{\#}$		
Since Last S	ale							
Change ¢	-25	-18	-23	-27		+3		
Change %	-2.1%	-1.6%	-3.0%	-4.0%		+0.3%		
Since Start o	f the Seaso	n						
Change ¢	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Change %	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Since Same	Week Last	Year						
Change ¢	+45	+21	-140	-140	-123	+44		
Change %	+4.0%	+2.0%	-15.7%	-17.8%	-18.8%	+4.2%		

[#] 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 May ABS export data.

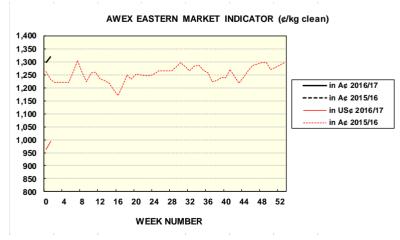
Details o	Details of this Week's Offering and the Comparison with the Previous Sale's Offering									
Centre	Last Sale		This Sale							
	Offering	Offering	Offering Passed-In Withdrawn Re-Bales Before Sale Offered Sold							
North	9,618	13,711	3.8%	0.0%	6.3%	13,190				
South	13,654	15,985	4.7%	1.3%	6.0%	15,238				
West	5,593	9,456	2.3%	1.2%	5.0%	9,235				
Australia	28,865	39,152	3.8%	0.8%	5.9%	37,663				

Actual and % Changes in the Progressive Offerings from Last Year					
-4,174	-23.3%				
-1,536	-8.8%				
-2,495 -20.9%					
-8205	-17 3%				

Next Sale Offerings and Year-on-Year Differences							
Centre Week 02 Week 03 Week 04 Differences							
North	14,522	No Sale	No Sale	-2.6%			
South	19,188	No Sale	No Sale	-2.6%			
West	7,125	No Sale	No Sale	+36.0%			
New Zealand							
Australia	40,835			+2.5%			
Differences	+2.5%						

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	74.26	+0.34	+0.46	+0.11	-0.81	+0.85	+0.95 (+1.3%)	75.21	75.21	75.21
Euro	66.99	+0.34	+0.07	+0.14	-0.27	+0.55	+0.83 (+1.2%)	67.82	67.82	67.82

Country	% Share of Australi	Year-on-Yea	r % Change		
	May	July to May	July to May	July to	o May
	2016	This Season	Last Season	By Weight	By Value
China	79.3%	75.0%	76.2%	-11.3%	+3.7%
India	6.7%	7.4%	6.0%	+4.1%	+21.0%
Italy	2.2%	4.8%	4.4%	-0.5%	+11.0%
Czech Republic	4.4%	5.2%	4.7%	-7.3%	+1.3%
Malaysia	1.0%	1.6%	1.9%	-24.2%	-38.4%
Korea	2.4%	1.8%	2.2%	-23.4%	-4.6%
Taiwan	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	-13.8%	-5.5%
Egypt	1.3%	1.2%	0.9%	+23.1%	+36.6%
Change all Countries				-10.0%	+4.0%



AVERAGE EMI					
This Year	1320				
Last Year	1254				
2014/15	1102				
2013/14	1070				
2012/13	1035				

THIS YEAR'S EMI

1320

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This Week

First Week

Low (8/07)

NORTH	1341	+62
South	1306	+68
West	1423	+115
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COMPAR	ED WITH V	VKS 1/
Region	This Week	Diff
North	1341	

South

Region This Year

SEASON AVERAGES

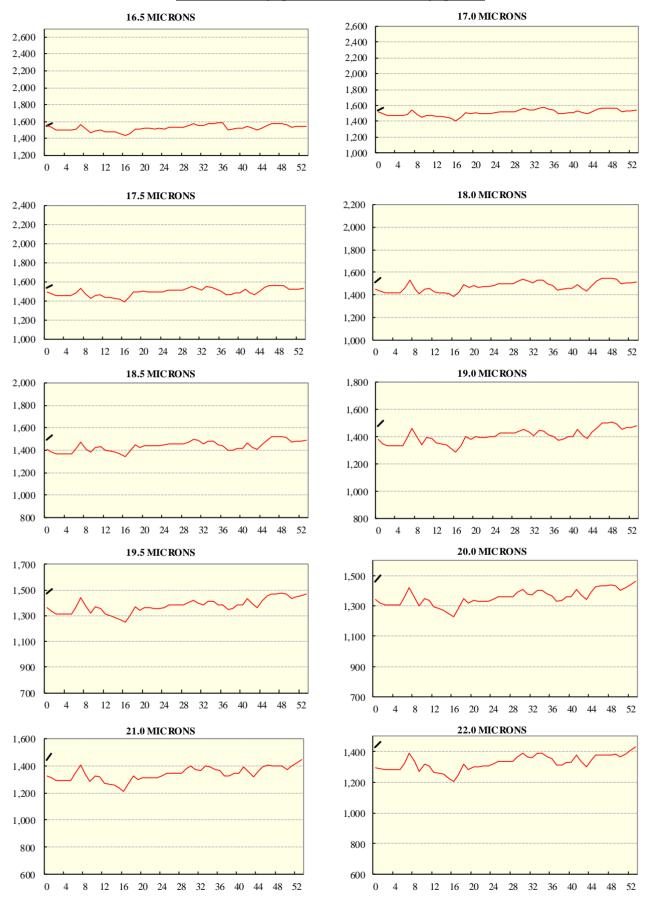
High (8/07)	1320	
BALES OFFERED		
This Year	39,152	
Last Year	47,357	
Difference	-8,205	
% Diff	-17.3%	
FIRST OFFERED BALES		
Difference	-21.1%	
% of Offering	94.1%	

REGION BALES		
This Sale:		
North	13,711	
South	15,985	
West	9,456	
Progressive Totals:		Diff
North	13,711	-23.3%
South	15,985	-8.8%
West	9,456	-20.9%

1306

AVERAGE AWEX MICRON PRICE GUIDES

2016/17(black graph line) and 2015/16 (red graph line)



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