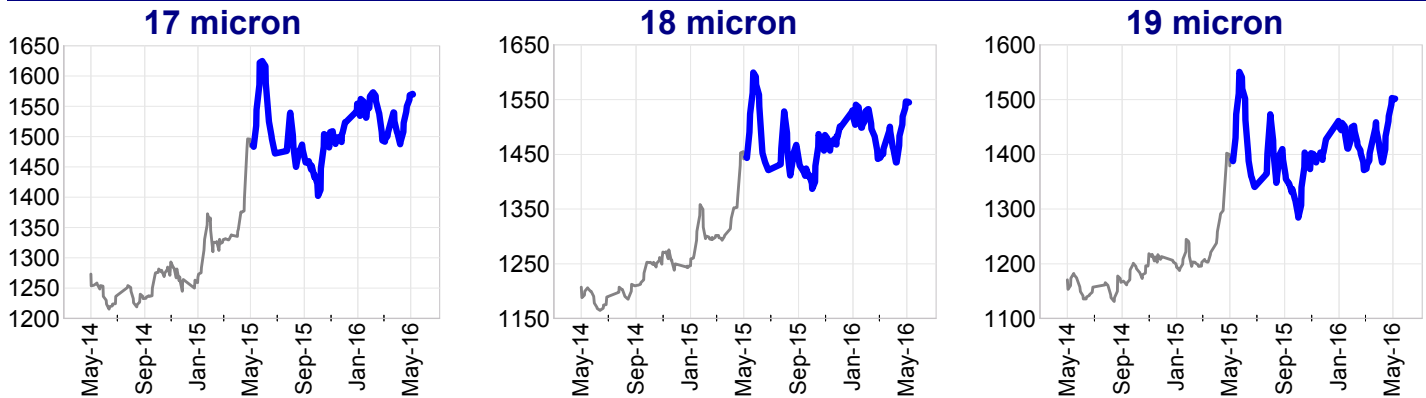




AWEX Superfine Indicators



2 year charts (North/South average). Blue line = last 12 months.

Regional Indicators (¢/kg clean)

Region	North	South	West
Indicator	1,322 (+4)	1,270 (+2)	1,375 (-8)
16.5 MPG	1,600 (+7)	1,559n (-5)	
17 MPG	1,583 (+10)	1,556 (-7)	
17.5 MPG	1,575 (0)	1,549 (-8)	1,548n
18 MPG	1,555 (-1)	1,535 (-2)	1,527n (-6)
18.5 MPG	1,534	1,510 (-1)	1,511 (-11)
19 MPG	1,505 (-6)	1,498 (+3)	1,497

Offering Analysis (19.5 micron & finer)

Region	Sale ID	Bales	Bales	Passed	AM	VMB%	Best	Average Price (YTD)	
		Offered	Sold	In %	%	> 1%	Style & Better%	\$/bale	c/kg clean
Northern	S47	7,314	7,047	3.7	83.1	72.6	21.4	1,702	
Southern	M47	9,493	9,092	4.2	84.0	52.1	30.0	1,620	
Western	F47	5,042	4,578	9.2	82.7	55.3	13.1	1,734	
Total		21,849	20,717	5.2	83.4	59.7	23.2	1,534	1,395
Less than 17.6 micron		6,560	6,119	6.7	81.4	60.4	30.1	1,702	1,548
17.6 - 18.5 micron		7,166	6,876	4.0	83.3	59.9	22.6	2,066	1,599
18.6 - 19.5 micron		8,123	7,722	4.9	85.0	59.0	18.1	1,924	1,482

AWEX Commentary

Anticipation of how central banks in Australia and the United States will set interest rates in the coming months seems to be putting downward pressure on the Australian dollar which fell again this week to close at 72.09 US cents. The currency, which has fallen 8% in the past month, appears to be a major factor affecting the Australian Wool market with the weaker currency keeping wool prices buoyant. The market had two fairly unanimated selling days across all centres pushing the AWEX Eastern Market Indicator to 1291 to finish the week 4 cents higher. The true effect of the currency movements on the wool market is revealed when looking at the EMI in USD terms. Despite the modest increase in AUD terms the EMI finished noteworthy 14 cents lower on a USD basis. The fifth largest Merino Fleece offering for the season found good demand across most microns but it was the stylish lots with high NKT results which attracted the most support and as a result continued to sell at a premium. A noticeable increase in vegetable matter (VM) levels compared to this time last year has created significant demand for all low level VM types. Fleece lots with less than 1% VM are becoming increasingly sparse and as a result are selling at a premium to the higher VM lots. Skirtings followed a similar trend to the fleece market with low VM lots keenly sought after. Shorter, high VM lots (up to 8%) enjoyed more robust competition as buyers struggled with the limited quantity of the longer low VM types, however very high VM (12%) types maintained their recent discounts. Best style crossbreds continue to reduce in number and the limited supply finished the week fully firm. Merino Cardings received significant buyer support on a limited offering rising around 10 cents for the week.

Certified 1PP Lots Offered for Current Season 15-16

	Price (Greasy)	Price (Clean)	Sale	Brand	Micron	VMB	Nkt	Lgth	AWEX ID	Broker	Sale Result	Buyer
1			S37	CM/KELVIN VALE/NEW ENG	15.1	0.1	48	76	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
2			M34	ROCK-BANK/H-C	15.0	0.1	48	87	ASF1E.	FLRME	WD	
3			L33	GLEN STUART	15.0	0.1	49	77	ASF1E.	ROBL	WD	
4			S23	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	14.3	0.1	42	80	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
5			S23	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	14.3	0.1	45	69	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
6			S22	OAK HILLS/PYRAMUL/ASWGA/	15.1	0.1	42	72	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
7			S22	OAK HILLS/PYRAMUL/ASWGA/	15.3	0.1	44	88	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
8			S22	OAK HILLS/PYRAMUL/ASWGA/	15.9	0.1	42	87	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
9			S21	G-P/GLENBURNIE	16.4	0.1	58	82	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
10			S19	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	15.3	0.5	44	79	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
11			M18	KINGSTON/TASMANIA/ASWGA	15.1	0.1	40	70	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
12			S18	RON/NEW ENGLAND/WALCHA	16.0	0.4	49	78	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
13			S17	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	15.1	0.6	41	71	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
14			S17	OAK HILLS/PYRAMUL/ASWGA/	15.9	0.1	44	82	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
15			S17	OAK HILLS/PYRAMUL/ASWGA/	16.4	0.1	44	79	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
16			S16	WARRANE/NE	15.1	0.3	46	80	ASF1E.	LMKS	WD	
17			S15	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	15.2	0.2	50	72	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
18	3,595	4,400	S09	LLANCAUT/WALLANGARRA	15.9	0.2	58	79	ASF1E.	LMKS	S	NENM
19	3,945	5,150	S09	CM/KELVIN VALE/NEW ENG	15.4	0.3	49	78	ASF1E.	AWNS	S	NENM
20	3,666	4,700	S06	RYWUNG/NEW ENGLAND	15.7	0.3	52	87	ASF1E.	AWNS	S	NENM
21	3,535	4,550	S06	RYWUNG/NEW ENGLAND	15.8	0.4	56	86	ASF1E.	AWNS	S	NENM
22			M02	GLENARA/M	14.7	0.1	50	77	ASF1E.	FLRME	WD	

Major Auction Buyers by Micron Range for Current Sale Week

	Buyer	Bales
15.0 microns and finer	Segard Masurel	31
	G Schneider (Aust)	20
	New England Wool	18
15.1 - 16.5 micron	Fox & Lillie	237
	Lempriere (Aust)	230
	West Coast Wools	175
16.6 - 18.5 micron	Chinatex (Aust)	1334
	Techwool Trading	1242
	Lempriere (Aust)	1200

Top 5 Australian Auction Prices for Sale Week (Sold Only)

	Price (Greasy)	Price (Clean)	Sale	Brand	Micron	VMB	Nkt	Lgth	AWEX ID	Broker	Buyer
1	1,705	2,264	M47	EML/GLENHOLME/ASWGA/H/£	16.6	0.1	43	86	NOLOT.	EPWM	NENM
2	1,490	1,997	M47	EML/GLENHOLME/ASWGA/H/£	15.9	0.1	52	88	NOLOT.	EPWM	NENM
3	1,478	1,968	M47	EML/GLENHOLME/ASWGA/H/£	16.2	0.2	49	93	NOLOT.	EPWM	NENM
4	1,470	2,005	M47	GLENARA/M/ASWGA H256	15.0	0.2	46	79	ASF4E.	AWNS	MAFM
5	1,460	1,981	M47	EML/GLENHOLME/ASWGA/H/£	15.3	0.1	42	75	ASF2E.	EPWM	NENM

Top 5 Auction Prices for Season 15-16

	Price (Greasy)	Price (Clean)	Sale	Brand	Micron	VMB	Nkt	Lgth	AWEX ID	Broker	Buyer
1	3,945	5,150	S09	CM/KELVIN VALE/NEW ENG	15.4	0.3	49	78	ASF1E.	AWNS	NENM
2	3,666	4,700	S06	RYWUNG/NEW ENGLAND	15.7	0.3	52	87	ASF1E.	AWNS	NENM
3	3,595	4,400	S09	LLANCAUT/WALLANGARRA	15.9	0.2	58	79	ASF1E.	LMKS	NENM
4	3,535	4,550	S06	RYWUNG/NEW ENGLAND	15.8	0.4	56	86	ASF1E.	AWNS	NENM
5	3,380	4,501	S16	YALGOO/NE	13.9	0.9	46	76	MWF4E.	EPWN	GSAS

Finest Micron Sold for Season 15-16

	Price (Greasy)	Price (Clean)	Sale	Brand	Micron	VMB	Nkt	Lgth	AWEX ID	Broker	Buyer
1	1,350	2,077	M24	BEN OHAU	12.5	0.1	25	79	MF4E.F1	NZMZC	TMCM
2	900	1,582	M24	BEN OHAU	12.5	0.7	31	67	MF5E.BF1	NZMZC	MODM
3	1,350	2,027	M24	BEN OHAU	12.6	0.1	18	78	MF4E.M	NZMZC	TMCM
4	1,250	1,956	M24	VISULEA	12.7	0.1	23	68	MWF5E.	NZMZC	TMCM
5	1,220	1,874	M24	VISULEA	12.8	0.0	22	65	MWF4E.	NZMZC	MODM

Superfine Point of Micron (ASF4/MF4)

Micron	Strength (Nkt)				
	40	35	28	21	14
13.9		1808			
14.5		1774			
14.7	1530	1662			
14.8					
14.9		1717			
15.0	1928	1689			
15.1					1537
15.2	1716	1583	1497		
15.3		1747	1545	1506	
15.4				1504	
15.5	1677	1533			
15.6		1762	1498		
15.7			1497		
15.9	1765	1604			
16.0	1720	1625			
16.1	1710	1556		1464	
16.2	1629	1590			
16.3	1556	1643	1549		
16.4	1732	1580			
16.5	1708	1585		1490	
16.6	1660				
16.7				1453	
16.8	1559	1546			
16.9		1620			
17.0	1673				
17.1	1673	1453			
17.2		1504			
17.3	1580	1524			
17.4	1552	1514			
17.5	1543				
17.6		1499	1500	1499	1435
17.7				1485	
17.8		1517			
17.9				1434	1443
18.0			1503		
18.1	1566				
18.2	1568	1529	1487		
18.3	1540		1514		
18.4	1527			1465	
18.5					

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