<u>Week</u> **20**

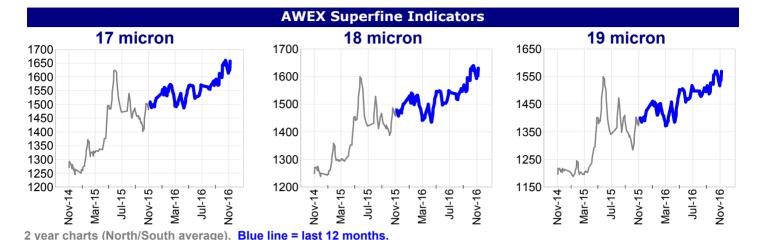
Superfine Wool Report

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Region	North 1,359 (+28)		South			West		
Indicator			1,285	(+21)		1,382	(+29)	
16.5 MPG	1,678	(+42)						
17 MPG	1,667	(+41)	1,648n	(+35)				
17.5 MPG	1,658	(+37)	1,637	(+33)				
18 MPG	1,636	(+26)	1,626	(+29)		1,626n	(+40)	
18.5 MPG	1,611	(+30)	1,604	(+27)		1,604n	(+43)	
19 MPG	1,570	(+40)	1,569	(+40)		1,551	(+35)	

Offering Analysis (19.5 micron & finer)										
_		Bales	Bales	Passed	AM	VMB%	Best	Average Price (YTD)		
Region	Sale ID	Offered	Sold	In %	%	> 1%	Style &Better%	\$/bale	c/kg clean	
Northern	S20	6,595	6,541	0.8	80.0	45.7	50.6	2,248		
Southern	M20	9,662	9,383	2.9	74.7	35.3	48.0	1,642		
Western	F20	3,587	3,436	4.2	60.9	17.5	35.1			
Total		19,844	19,360	2.4	74.0	35.5	46.5	1,676	1,461	
Less than 17.6 micron		5,394	5,209	3.4	76.7	33.6	58.3	2,243	1,592	
17.6 - 18.5 micron		5,986	5,905	1.4	69.5	34.8	45.9	1,822	1,641	
18.6 - 19.5 micron		8,464	8,246	2.6	75.4	37.3	39.5	1,642	1,385	

AWEX Commentary

Consistent volumes have been a feature of recent auctions and this sale marked the third consecutive week where volumes were just over 47,000 bales. The reasonably large supply had little effect on the market; the benchmark AWEX Eastern Market Indicator (AWEX-EMI) rose a total of 24 cents for the week to close at 1314 cents. The AWEX-EMI has been trading in a 50-cent band all season and had hit a seasonal low last sale at 1283 cents, but after this week it now sits midway in that range. Commencing the week in isolation on Tuesday, the Melbourne sale made a modest 4 cent rise in the Southern Indicator which set the tone for the week. Sydney and Fremantle joined Melbourne on Wednesday and all three centres opened very strongly and continued to strengthen as the sale progressed. Thursday saw a very similar tone, a strong openin followed by a gradual but noticeable firming of prices (although Melbourne softened slightly towards its close). During the series most of the merino micron range enjoyed rises of between 20 and 50 cents, with the most pressure on selected pockets in the finer microns. In stark contrast to recent sales it was the lesser types which experienced the greatest gains as buyers attempted to find cheaper alternatives in a rapidly rising market. The skirting market closely followed the fleece market with all types and descriptions enjoying gains of between 30 and 50 cents. Crossbreds had mixed results, losing further ground in the 25/26 range whilst recovering in the broader microns. The oddment market didn't get left behind this week with all carding indicators across all three centres rising on every sale day and finishing around 20 cents dearer.

	Certified 1PP Lots Offered for Current Season 16-17											
	<u>Price</u> (Greasy)	<u>Price</u> (Clean)	<u>Sale</u>	<u>Brand</u>	<u>Micron</u>	<u>VMB</u>	<u>Nkt</u>	<u>Lgth</u>	AWEX ID	<u>Broker</u>	<u>Sale</u> <u>Result</u>	<u>Buyer</u>
1	2,797	3,800	S19	OAK HILLS/PYRAMUL/ASWGA/	16.3	0.2	47	80	ASF1E.	AWNS	SP	NENM
2			S13	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	14.9	0.2	46	85	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
3			S13	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	15.9	0.1	56	79	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	
4			S06	RYWUNG/NEW ENGLAND	15.4	0.3	44	80	ASF1E.	AWNS	WD	

Major Auction Buyers by Micron Range for Current Sale Week

	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Bales</u>
15.0 microns and finer	Tianyu Wool	39
	Lempriere (Aust)	18
	Fox & Lillie	16
<u> 15.1 - 16.5 micron</u>	Tianyu Wool	368
	Australian Merino Exports	252
	Fox & Lillie	218
16.6 - 18.5 micron	Fox & Lillie	1130
	Techwool Trading	1062
	Australian Merino Exports	1018

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				Top 5 Australian Auction	Prices	for S	ale V	Veek	(Sold Only	·)	
	<u>Price</u> (Greasy)	<u>Price</u> (Clean)	<u>Sale</u>	<u>Brand</u>	Micron	<u>VMB</u>	<u>Nkt</u>	<u>Lgth</u>	AWEX ID	<u>Broker</u>	<u>Buyer</u>
1	1,561	1,927	S20	GLENDON/NE	17.9	0.4	55	78	MF4E.	SBBN	NENM
2	1,521	1,920	S20	GLENDON/NE	18.3	0.5	56	88	MF4E.	SBBN	NENM
3	1,455	1,914	S20	AR&CW/J	18.1	0.3	46	88	MF4E.	GLWS	GSAS
4	1,450	1,890	S20	VV/VALHAVEN	14.5	0.3	44	71	ASF4E.	ESMR	NENM
5	1,400	1,832	M20	JEC IN DIAMOND/OMEO	16.8	0.5	51	93	NOSAMPLE.	RWLM	NENM
				Top 5 Auction Pr	ices fo	r Sea	son	16-17	7		
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1	1.800	2,242	S13	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	15.5	0.2	44	82	ASF2E.	AWNS	NENM
2	1.750	2,229	S13	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	15.0	0.2	51	70	ASF2E.	AWNS	NENM
3	1,741	2,285	M06	DM/MIENA/ASWGA/T/545	17.6	0.2	36	88	MF4E.	EPWL	NENM
4	1,670	2,155	M11	PS/BUCHAN	17.4	0.9	46	82	ASF4S.	AWNS	NENM
5	1,660	2,219	S13	WEST LYNNE/NE	15.4	0.4	48	76	ASF3E.	AWNS	NENM
				Finest Micron S	old for	Seas	on 1	6-17			
	<u>Price</u> (Greasy)	<u>Price</u> (Clean)	<u>Sale</u>	<u>Brand</u>	Micron	<u>VMB</u>	<u>Nk</u> 1	<u>Lgth</u>	AWEX ID	<u>Broker</u>	<u>Buyer</u>
1	1,110	1,667	S09	B&G/F	12.1	0.5	32	71	MWF5E.H1F1	U1EPWB	GSAS
2	1,166	1,722	S09	B&G/F	12.2	0.1	31	97	MF4E.R1	EPWB	GSAS
3	1,199	1,819	M18	WAKEFIELD	12.6	0.9	26	66	MWF4E.M	NZMZC	GSNZC
4	870	1,596	M10	SOMERTON PARK	13.2	6.1	0	0	MP4S.60W1	NZMZC	LEMM
5	1,230	1,772	S16	CDF/NEW ENGLAND	13.4	0.7	31	68	MF4E.	EPWN	GSAS

	Superf	ine Point of	Micron (ASI	F4/MF4)	
		Streng	th (Nkt)		
Micron	40	35	28	21	14
14.6	1710				
15.1	1761		1640		
15.2	1743				
15.6	1669		1595	1655	
15.7	1696				
15.8			1673		
15.9				1660	
16.0	1696		1654	1632	
16.1	1687	1673			
16.2		1702	1644		
16.4		1630			
16.5		1634			
16.6	1680	1683		1638	
16.7				1643	
16.8	1704			1646	
16.9	1675	1669	1614		
17.0	1672	1689			
17.1	1694	1660	1638		
17.2	1638	1641			
17.3	1662	1571		1611	1593
17.4	1688	1688	1623		
17.5	1682	1624	1639	1622	
17.6	1673	1638	1607		
17.7	1680				
17.8	1667	1628			
17.9	1663	1635	1619		
18.0	1584				
18.1	1670	1631	1617		
18.2	1665	1626	1626		
18.4	1660	1597		1539	
18.5	1628	1617			

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