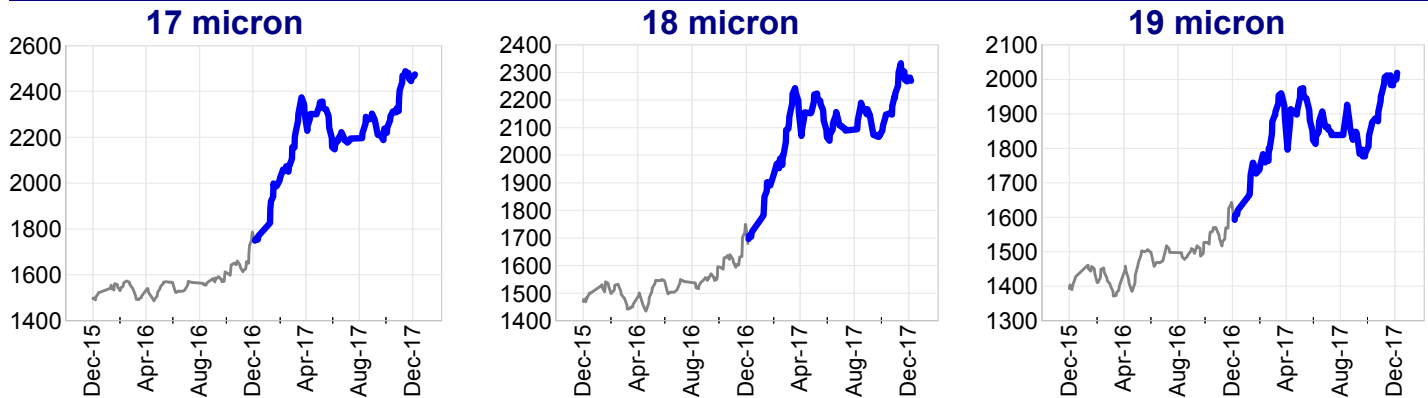




AWEX Superfine Indicators



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

Regional Indicators (¢/kg clean)

Region Indicator	North		South		West	
	Value	Change	Value	Change	Value	Change
17 MPG	1,782	(+26)	1,646	(+20)	1,762	(+37)
16.5 MPG	2,574	(+8)	2,559n	(+41)		
17.5 MPG	2,477	(+18)	2,471	(+4)		
18.5 MPG	2,388	(+2)	2,375	(+4)		
18 MPG	2,273	(+3)	2,267	(-24)	2,241n	(+35)
19 MPG	2,122		2,133	(+25)	2,133	(+31)
19 MPG	2,015	(+16)	2,023	(+14)	2,019	(+43)

Offering Analysis (19.5 micron & finer)

Region	Sale ID	Bales	Bales	Passed	AM	VMB%	Best Style	Average Price (YTD)	
		Offered	Sold	In %	%	> 1%	& Better%	\$/bale	c/kg clean
Northern	S23	6,186	6,052	2.2	79.0	58.8	44.1	2,592	
Southern	M23	11,105	10,713	3.5	76.2	47.3	57.2	2,796	
Western	F23	5,857	5,767	1.5	75.4	36.7	16.3	2,681	
Total		23,148	22,532	2.7	76.7	47.7	43.4	2,295	2,045
Less than 17.6 micron		6,326	6,057	4.3	74.5	44.9	54.6	3,358	2,519
17.6 - 18.5 micron		8,096	7,862	2.9	76.0	46.8	42.9	2,796	2,182
18.6 - 19.5 micron		8,726	8,613	1.3	79.1	50.5	35.6	2,429	1,987

AWEX Commentary

Week 23 was the penultimate sale of the year, leaving only two buying weeks before the three-week Christmas recess. With the opportunity to fill orders diminishing quickly buyer interest became intensified. All types and descriptions across the entire merino spectrum enjoyed increases in price as buyers fought hard to secure market share. Wools possessing favourable length and strength results continue to attract the greatest competition, this sale however even lots with poorer numbers managed to achieve similar gains. The Benchmark Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) gained 23 cents to close at 1699 cents. This has pushed the EMI 10 cents above the record of 1689 cents achieved in Week 20. Growers are continuing to show willingness to sell at these levels, the clearance rate was again high, in this case over 97% of merino fleece wool was sold to the trade. The skirting market also moved further into positive territory. Following a very similar pattern to the fleece, prices were continually pushed upward as buyers tried to secure quantity heading into the break. Main interest focussed on low vm well measured wools but again all wools felt the effect of the rising market. The crossbred sector has managed to reverse its downward trend with solid gains. General price increases of 20 to 55 cents provided welcome news to growers of these broader types. The better prepared lines attracted the greatest buyer interest and as a result enjoyed the largest increases. The oddment sector attracted very intense competition. Locks, stains and crutchings gained 30 to 60 cents, this resulted in the three carding indicators increasing by an average of over 50 cents. The MC indicators are at record levels for all centres. Next week is the final sale of the calendar year, there is just over 52,000 bales on nationally.

Certified 1PP Lots Offered for Current Season 17-18

	Price (Greasy)	Price (Clean)	Sale	Brand	Micron	VMB	Nkt	Lqth	AWEX ID	Broker	Sale Result	Buyer
1	5,239	6,500	S22	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	14.4	0.3	51	81	ASF1E.	AWNS	SP	NENM
2	4,910	6,199	S22	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	14.7	0.1	46	85	ASF1E.	AWNS	SP	NENM
3	4,514	5,750	M20	GLEN STUART	15.0	0.1	51	73	ASF2S.	ROBL	S	NENM
4	3,785	5,150	S14	OAK HILLS/PYRAMUL/ASWGA/I	15.4	0.3	41	76	ASF1E.	AWNS	SP	NENM
5	3,162	4,250	S14	OAK HILLS/PYRAMUL/ASWGA/I	16.0	0.1	45	77	ASF1E.	AWNS	SP	NENM
6	3,859	4,700	S13	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	15.7	0.3	43	85	ASF1E.	AWNS	SP	NENM
7	3,573	4,400	S13	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	15.9	0.2	50	80	ASF1E.	AWNS	SP	NENM
8	3,200	3,951	S13	CSS/MULGOWAN/TRAPROCK	16.2	0.1	49	81	ASF1E.	AWNS	SP	NENM
9	4,207	5,449	S07	RYWUNG/NEW ENGLAND	15.2	0.2	47	84	ASF1E.	AWNS	SP	NENM
10	4,398	6,050	M02	GLENARA/M	14.8	0.2	46	82	ASF1E.	FLRME	S	NENM

Major Auction Buyers by Micron Range for Current Sale Week

	Buyer	Bales
15.0 microns and finer	Pj Morris Wool	60
	Techwool Trading	48
	Lempriere (Aust)	42
15.1 - 16.5 micron	Techwool Trading	359
	Australian Merino Exports	304
	Pj Morris Wool	198
16.6 - 18.5 micron	Techwool Trading	2240
	Australian Merino Exports	1364
	Fox & Lillie	1356

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

	Price (Greasy)	Price (Clean)	Sale	Brand	Micron	VMB	Nkt	Lqth	AWEX ID	Broker	Buyer
1	2,430	3,060	M23	GLEN STUART	15.0	0.2	52	80	ASF3E.	ROBL	NENM
2	2,400	3,183	M23	SNOWHILL/ASWGA/T136	16.0	0.7	41	75	ASF4S.	ROBL	AMEM
3	2,390	3,153	M23	MACQUARIEHILLS/JJ/ASWGA	15.9	0.4	43	76	ASF4S.	ROBL	AMEM
4	2,340	3,059	S23	BENGORA/MUDGEE	15.2	0.6	47	82	ASF3S.	AWNS	NENM
5	2,260	2,857	M23	PATTERDALE/ASWGA/T525	15.8	0.4	40	86	ASF3S.	ROBL	AMEM

Top 5 Auction Prices for Season 17-18

	Price (Greasy)	Price (Clean)	Sale	Brand	Micron	VMB	Nkt	Lqth	AWEX ID	Broker	Buyer
1	5,500	7,534	S22	ROCKVALE NORTH/ARMIDALI	12.6	1.0	28	70	MWF4S.	AWNS	DYNM
2	4,514	5,750	M20	GLEN STUART	15.0	0.1	51	73	ASF2S.	ROBL	NENM
3	4,398	6,050	M02	GLENARA/M	14.8	0.2	46	82	ASF1E.	FLRME	NENM
4	2,541	3,335	S12	KUBBA JIMBA/N E	13.9	0.4	43	79	MWF3E.	EPWN	GSAS
5	2,500	3,320	S19	ACAIRE/ARMIDALE	14.0	0.6	45	82	ASWF4E.	AWNS	ASFS

Finest Micron Sold for Season 17-18

	Price (Greasy)	Price (Clean)	Sale	Brand	Micron	VMB	Nkt	Lqth	AWEX ID	Broker	Buyer
1	5,500	7,534	S22	ROCKVALE NORTH/ARMIDALE	12.6	1.0	28	70	MWF4S.	AWNS	DYNM
2	2,290	3,185	S22	ROCKVALE NORTH/ARMIDALE	12.9	2.1	40	77	MWF5S.F1	AWNS	PMWF
3	2,260	3,050	S22	ROCKVALE NORTH/ARMIDALE	12.9	1.0	40	60	MWF4S.H1	AWNS	TECM
4	1,690	2,334	M09	KARALTA/M ASWGA AB/467	12.9	0.3	14	72	MWF4E.M	LMKG	ZLIM
5	1,890	2,618	M09	KARALTA/M ASWGA AB/467	13.0	0.3	28	74	ASWF4E.M	LMKG	ZLIM

Superfine Point of Micron (ASF4/MF4)

Micron	Strength (Nkt)				
	40	35	28	21	14
14.7		2887			
15.0		2769			
15.3		2729			
15.4	2815	2736			
15.6			2682		
15.7	2806				
15.8	2849		2636	2610	
15.9	2820	2693			
16.0	2700	2689			
16.1	2667	2659			
16.2	2648				
16.3	2592	2620	2596		
16.4	2589	2605			
16.5	2631		2533		
16.6	2612	2567	2513		
16.7	2640	2517	2498		
16.8	2596			2444	
16.9	2521	2464	2364		
17.0	2550	2450			
17.1	2494				
17.2	2517	2397	2409		
17.3	2577	2399			
17.4	2538		2357		
17.5	2455		2278		
17.6	2360	2344			
17.7	2375		2265		
17.8		2275	2265		
17.9			2201	2239	
18.0	2290				2143
18.1	2262				
18.2	2235	2204			
18.3	2194				
18.4				2080	
18.5		2139	2124		

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