

MICRON INDICES COMPARISON

Source AWEX Wooltrak

AWEX INDICATOR	This Week 21/02/20	Last Week 14/02/20	Change	Last Year 22/02/19	Yearly Change
17	2078	2048	+30	2549	-471
18	1963	1947	+16	2488	-525
19	1848	1830	+18	2384	-536
20	1796	1779	+17	2362	-566
21	1779	1773	+6	2344	-565
22	1789	NQ	0	2323	-534
23	NQ	NQ	0	2307	0
24	NQ	NQ	0	NQ	0
25	NQ	NQ	0	NQ	0
26	1145	1160	-15	1419	-274
28	881	866	+15	1145	-264
30	675	678	-3	983	-308
32	408	415	-7	571	-163
MC	1125	1128	-3	1168	-43

The wool market improved this week. Difficulties with shipping and credit seemed to dissipate and there was a better tone in the sale room as more mills in China returned to work and letters of credit started flowing. The EMI closed at 1581 cents after adding 13 cents for the week, and clearance rates improved on the back of the stronger market. The selection in the Eastern states is split into 2 distinct types. The Sydney catalogue is dominated by very low yielding but sound fleece wool, while the selection in Melbourne is higher yielding but quite tender. Not surprising then that competition was strongest on any higher yielding lots with favorable additional measurements. These types added up to 50 cents clean for the week, especially at the finer end. Inferior types closed marginally lower, leading to weekly increases of between 10 and 30 cents for all merino fleece indicators. Merino skirtings had a mixed week. Finer skirtings were up to 40 cents cheaper on Wednesday, but part of this was due to a price adjustment after last week's very stylish Tasmanian catalogue which attracted increased competition. Broader skirtings were generally unchanged on the opening day and prices improved for all types yesterday. Crossbred volumes formed nearly 25% of the Eastern states offering and prices remained generally unchanged for the better style well prepared types. However, we did offer several broad (>32 micron) composite crossbred clips which met with limited competition. Cardings remained generally unchanged for all types.

The National Council of Wool Selling Brokers, of which we are a member, celebrated their 100 year anniversary this year. A small wool sale was conducted in the old Wool exchange building in King Street (now the Australian institute of Music), followed by a cocktail reception to mark the occasion. A great effort by all those involved and certainly demonstrated what a wonderful industry we work in.

Next week, 44,000 bales are on offer nationally. The market closed on a very solid basis in Melbourne yesterday and prices improved by even greater amounts in the West late yesterday afternoon; suggesting the market will be stronger next week.

FORWARD PRICES (Supplied by Riemann's) 21/02/2020

	18.0	19	19.5	21	28	30
AUCTION	1963	1848	1818	1779	881	675
Feb-20	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Apr-20	NQ	1820	NQ	1800	880	NQ
Jun-20	NQ	1820	NQ	1800	880	NQ
Aug-20	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Oct-20	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Dec-20	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ

MAJOR AUCTION BUYERS (Bales)

1	Techwool Trading	6,670	2	Tianyu Wool	4,013	3	Fox & Lillie	3,270
4	Modiano Aust	2,981	5	P.J. Morris	2,758	6	Aust Merino Exp	2,359
7	Seatech Ind	2,121	8	Endeavour Wool	1,934	9	Michell P/L	1,725

Market Indicators compared with 14/02/20

EASTERN 1581¢/kg ▲ 13
SOUTHERN 1558¢/kg ▲ 12

Three Week Forecast

Week 35	24/02/20	44,091
Week 36	02/03/20	35,397
Week 37	09/03/20	35,955