

MICRON INDICES COMPARISON

Source AWEX Wooltrak

AWEX INDICATOR	This Week 03/07/20	Last Week 26/06/20	Change	Last Year 05/07/19	Change
17	1598	1571	+27	NQ	0
18	1409	1392	+17	2099	-690
19	1291	1273	+18	2047	-756
20	1219	1219	0	2037	-818
21	1194	1194	0	2022	-828
22	NQ	NQ	0	NQ	0
23	NQ	NQ	0	NQ	0
24	NQ	NQ	0	NQ	0
25	NQ	NQ	0	NQ	0
26	816	795	+21	NQ	0
28	564	551	+13	1050	-486
30	466	466	0	835	-369
32	268	260	+8	589	-321
MC	826	853	-27	939	-113

The wool market opened the new selling season on a positive note. The increased volume of 31,821 bales met with strong general competition across most merino and crossbred categories, pushing the EMI up by a modest 6 cents. The most pleasing aspect of the market was that price increases were recorded on each of the two selling days, in contrast to sales in recent weeks where price increases on the opening day have been followed by weakness on the second selling day. In the merino fleece section, prices increased from 10 to 20 cents on the opening day with strong Chinese indent orders driving the market. The better market saw us clear 100% of our fleece catalogue, for the first time in several months. Prices increases were modest yesterday, with the main increases at the finer end. By the close, the finer indicators had added 30 cents for the week, while the types broader than 19.5 micron were par to 10 cents dearer. Merino skirtings improved, especially for the low VM types. Crossbred volumes increased to nearly 18% of the Eastern states offering, unusual for this time of the year. Prices gained 5 to 10 cents for types finer than 30 micron, while the broad edge continued to struggle. Cardings were cheaper, going against the general market trend. Merino locks, stains and crutchings were 20 to 30 cents cheaper, while the crossbred carding sector was very flat. The broadest of the crossbred cardings and any lot displaying kemp were heavily discounted.

Next week, 36,000 bales are on offer nationally. The increase in volume will provide a test for the market, although this will be the last chance to purchase wool prior to the three-week winter recess. For everyone in the wool trade the last six months has been very difficult (falling market, Covid 19, computer failure, cancelled contracts) and the recess can't come quick enough.

FORWARD PRICES (Supplied by Riemann's) 03/07/2020

	18.0	19	19.5	21	28	30
AUCTION	1392	1273	1238	1194	551	466
Aug-20	NQ	1250	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Oct-20	NQ	1240	NQ	1170	NQ	NQ
Dec-20	NQ	1240	NQ	1170	NQ	NQ
Feb-21	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Apr-21	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Jun-21	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ

MAJOR AUCTION BUYERS (Bales)

1	Techwool Trading	4,314	2	Endeavour Wool	3,704	3	Tianyu Aust	2,301
4	Lempriere Aust	2,259	5	Aust Merino Exp	1,809	6	United Wool	1,696
7	PJ Morris	1,562	8	Modiano Aust	1,420	9	Fox & Lillie	1,359

Market Indicators compared with 26/06/20

EASTERN 1116¢/kg ▲6
SOUTHERN 1088¢/kg ▲10

Three Week Forecast

Week 02	06/07/20	36,712
Week 03	13/07/20	RECESS
Week 04	20/07/20	RECESS