

## Wool Market Report

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## Wednesday, 16 December, 2020

### National Commentary

The Australian wool market ended the 2020 calendar year with a soft finish. As this was the final auction selling opportunity before the annual three-week Christmas recess, the national offering increased to 44,835 bales, this was 6,430 more bales than was offered in the previous week. The larger selection attracted solid demand, the market however, could not sustain the prices achieved in the previous series. Prices fell across all merino fleece types and descriptions, generally between 30 and 70 cents. The losses pushed the Merino Price Guides (MPGs) across the country down

across the country by between 10 and 70 cents. Due mainly to the falls in the MPGs in the merino fleece, the AWEX Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) dropped by 41 cents for the series, this equated to a 3.4% fall. Worth noting, due to further strengthening of the Australian dollar, when viewed in US dollar terms, the fall was lower, the EMI dropped 18 US cents, a reduction of only 2.0%. The fall in the market, understandably pushed the passed in rate higher, as many sellers were reluctant to accept the reduced prices on offer. The national passed in rate climbed to 18.3%, this was 13.3% higher than in the previous series. The oddments were the only sector of the market to

record increases for the series, the smallest of losses in the North, combined with solid rises in the South and West, resulted in an average rise in the three Merino Carding Indicators (MC) of nearly 12 cents. Sales will resume in the week beginning Monday the 11th of January. In the New Year, three-day sales will be allowed to resume. In the likely event that Melbourne requires three selling days, they will sell Tues, Wed and Thurs. If requiring only two days, Sydney will sell Tues/Wed, whilst Fremantle will sell Wed/Thurs. This is to avoid Melbourne selling in isolation on any day, following an extended recess.

	This Week		Last 12 Months		
			High	Low	Avg
<b>EMI</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>-41</b>	1609	858	1221
<b>Wst Ind</b>	<b>1198</b>	<b>-46</b>	1710	895	1298
<b>18</b>	<b>1584</b>	<b>-46</b>	1945	1139	1550
<b>18.5</b>	<b>1461</b>	<b>-50</b>	1871	1048	1473
<b>19</b>	<b>1371</b>	<b>-62</b>	1836	975	1420
<b>19.5</b>	<b>1315</b>	<b>-58</b>	1831	938	1389
<b>20</b>	<b>1235</b>	<b>-57</b>	1824	893	1354
<b>21</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>-70</b>	1805	871	1329
<b>MC</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>+21</b>	1168	655	877

USD	75.52¢
▲	1.09¢
EUR	62.11¢
▲	0.74¢

### Main Buyers (This Week)

1	TECHWOOL TRADING	1,376	18.2%
2	WEST COAST WOOL	1,144	15.2%
3	TIANYU	824	10.9%
4	PJ MORRIS	789	10.5%
5	ENDEAVOUR WOOL EXP.	680	9.0%
6	FREMANTLE WOOL	484	6.4%
7	MELIWA	484	6.4%
8	LEMPRIERE AUST	405	5.4%

### Indicative Prices

Mic.	Grsy ¢	MM	Nkt	Vmb	Yield	AWEX-ID
<b>Merino Fleece</b>						
15.8	1,469	79	31	0.6	67.3	MF5E.
16.5	1,333	76	25	0.3	67.4	MF5E.
17.0	1,299	82	36	0.4	69.8	MF5E.
17.3	1,184	73	34	1.0	66.4	MF5S.
17.8	1,111	91	34	0.4	69.5	MF5E.
18.3	1,068	90	40	0.7	71.2	MF5E.
19.1	1,000	101	40	0.6	73.1	MF5E.
19.3	951	87	36	0.6	71.3	MF5E.
19.8	880	104	34	0.2	72.1	MF4E.
20.3	835	113	30	0.1	70.8	MF5E.
20.9	813	117	35	0.3	71.7	MF5E.
21.6	774	91	33	0.2	66.7	MF5E.F1
22.0	766	87	38	0.4	68.5	MF5E.
<b>Merino Skirtings</b>						
16.9	1,017			1.7	58.0	MP5S.70 (GFS)
18.0	865	84	27	1.8	58.4	MP5S.
19.1	659	79	32	4.4	54.4	MP5S.

