

The Australian wool market was again heavily influenced by currency fluctuations this week, with a strengthening Australian dollar making purchases more expensive for exporters when converted to US dollars. This shift in exchange rates was quickly reflected in market behaviour and buyer sentiment. Typically, a quieter time of year, the national offering dropped to 28,508 bales, the second smallest sale of the current season. Difficult seasonal conditions continue to affect large areas across the country. Ongoing dry weather and a lack of rainfall have contributed to dusty growing environments, which in turn are reducing fleece yields and negatively impacting wool style and quality. AWEX classifies wool into seven style categories, ranging from 1 (choice) to 7 (inferior). Most Australian wool is usually graded within style categories 3 and 5. However, over the past 4 to 6 weeks, there has been a clear increase in the number of sale lots assessed as style 6 and 7. This decline in style quality has been particularly noticeable in the Southern and Western selling centres. In the Southern region, only 1% of fleece offerings were classified as style 6 or 7 in the final sale of 2024. That figure has now grown to 15%. In the Western region, the proportion has risen sharply from 2% in December to 23% this week. Traders are finding it increasingly difficult to integrate these lower-style wools into existing orders, which is placing further downward pressure on the market. AWEX Micron Price Guides (MPGs), which are calculated using only wool of style 5 and above, showed mixed results. Movements ranged from a 43-cent fall for 17.5-micron MPG in the South to a 15-cent gain for 18.0-micron MPG in the West. The Western market also saw firm demand for 19.0-micron and finer wools, offering some much-needed stability.

	This Week		Last 12 Months		
			High	Low	Avg
Wst Ind	1353	-10	1425	1222	1303
18	1566	+15	1628	1402	1506
18.5	1532	+1	1602	1359	1464
19	1523	+9	1574	1321	1428
19.5	1478	-14	1552	1305	1401
20	1446	-21	1537	1273	1378
21	1413	-29	1504	1247	1351
MC	729	+1	770	665	720

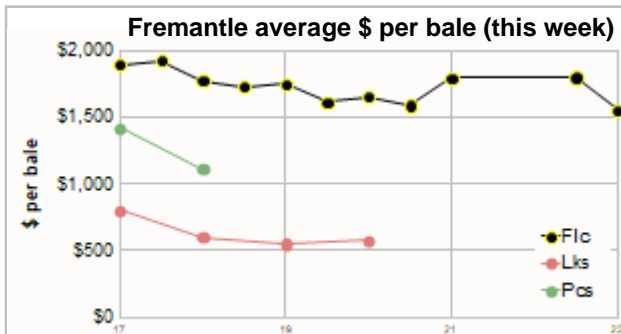
USD	64.82¢
▲	0.82¢
EUR	57.16¢
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Main Buyers (This Week)

Endeavour Wool Exports	597	18.0%
Sequoia Materials	542	16.3%
PJ Morris Wools	466	14.0%
Techwool Trading	412	12.4%
Swan Wool Processors	378	11.4%
Fremantle Wool Trading	366	11.0%
Tianyu Wool	329	9.9%
United Wool Company	103	3.1%

Indicative Prices

Mic.	Grsy ¢	MM	Nkt	Vmb	Yield	AWEX-ID
Merino Fleece						
17.5		100	34	1.1	68.5	MF5S.F1
18.1		92	30	0.7	70.7	MF5E.
18.6		92	32	1.1	67.5	MF5S.
19.0		101	33	1.0	67.6	MF5E.
19.6	956.00	97	34	1.0	65.5	MF5E.
19.9	980.00	84	42	1.0	67.0	MF5S.
20.5	930.00	102	27	0.7	66.0	MF5E.
20.8	990.00	102	31	0.3	70.0	MF5E.



	Flc	Pcs	Lks
17	\$1,897.20	\$1,422.60	\$804.60
18	\$1,775.25	\$1,116.00	\$600.75
19	\$1,750.32		\$550.35
20	\$1,654.32		\$576.00
21	\$1,798.20		

