



JEMALONG WOOL BULLETIN

(week ending 1/08/02)

Table 1: Northern Market Prices

Micron	Current MPG	Weekly	10-yr	Current	This time last	Year high	Year low
Price	Price	Change	Average	Price to	year		
Guides				Average			
Indicator	933	24	709	132%	850	934	907
18.5	1200	1189	1179	102%	na	1200	1157
19	1080	31	1034	104%	1282	1080	1049
19.5	1025	34	1018	101%	na	1025	988
20	993	29	778	128%	759	995	956
21	987	27	670	147%	669	990	953
22	984	24	620	159%	660	984	953
23	984	25	576	171%	645	984	953
24	974	20	560	174%	640	981	952
25	966	14	538	180%	617	970	950
26	911	27	517	176%	549	911	878
28	765	35	493	155%	543	765	726
30	628	15	455	138%	528	633	607
32	576	24	440	131%	513	576	545
MC	488	25	378	129%	447	488	463

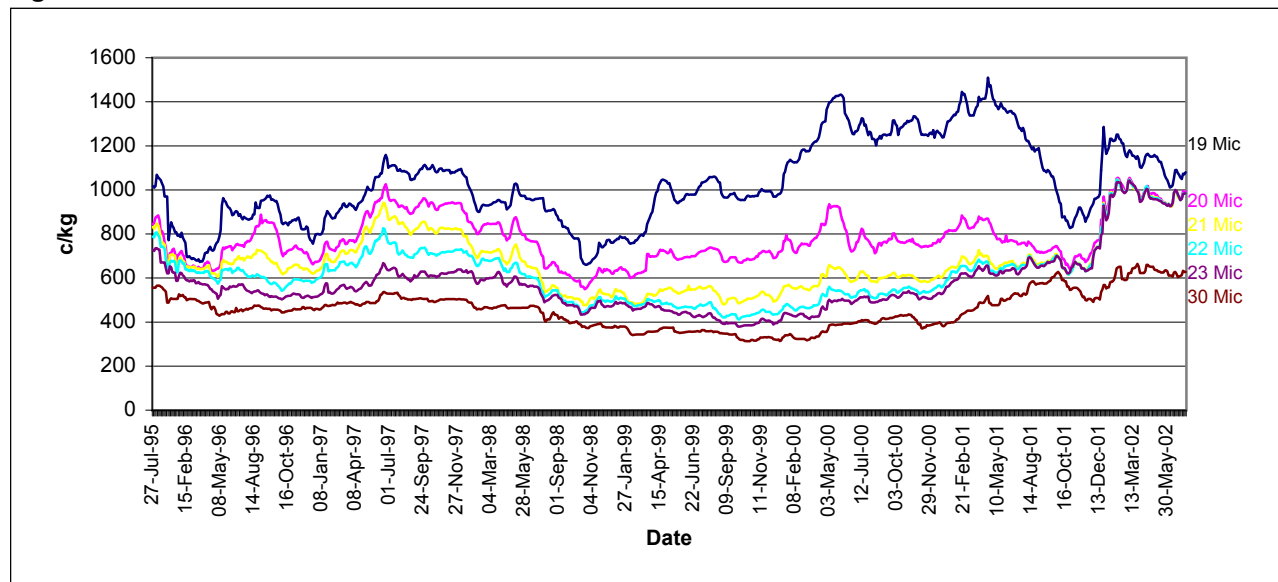
Auction markets opened this week in the Northern market only, with 36,000 bales on offer. Throughout the break, sales through Wooltrade were at a significant premium (25-40c/kg) to the closing market in Mid July and a lift during this week was expected. Tuesday opened strongly with 990s reached again for 20 micron and broader, a lift of 25-30c/kg for the week. Tuesday saw the market waver slightly, with the Aussie dollar higher, but Thursday with the dollar falling again below 54c US, the market steadied. Skirtings were also dearer with low VM types most affected. Cardings jumped 25c/kg on Tuesday and unchanged for the rest of the week. Most active were the Chinese buyers however we did see some activity from Western Europe for better style, sound 18.5s and 19.5s. Itochu purchased over 20% of the total bales sold.

Since the close of auction markets in early July the dollar has fallen from levels around 55c US to today 53.84. As a result Chinese demand has been active on Wooltrade throughout the recess with price levels being paid equal to or above the levels of this week's sales.

Forward markets are indicating mixed signals. Macquarie Bank reports a quiet week with uncertainty re market direction from the trade. Most buying is occurring as a response to changes in currency and after dropping levels on Wednesday, 20 micron and broader closed generally unchanged for the week. 19 micron dropped b 10-15c/kg clean. Auction markets continue next week with increased volumes available - selling in Melbourne and Sydney.

Comments: Evonne Luton (Wooltrade)

Figure 1: Northern MPG Movement





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Table 3: Northern Market Deciles

Micron Price Guide (1995-2002)

	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	28	32	MC
Current	1080	993	987	984	984	974	966	765	576	488
90%	781	642	515	464	427	422	413	386	332	255
80%	868	689	549	491	470	461	441	413	360	286
70%	928	716	593	529	500	480	461	440	388	306
60%	963	736	628	566	520	499	475	458	423	344
50%	997	759	651	617	551	522	498	478	449	369
40%	1072	774	672	640	580	556	536	504	461	401
30%	1125	825	700	664	612	589	563	523	481	435
20%	1232	875	744	700	635	614	588	548	499	461
10%	1314	943	873	761	690	687	661	609	545	486

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Macquarie Wool Futures

Delivery Month	18	19	Diff. to Spot	20	Diff. to Spot	21	Diff. to Spot	22	Diff. to Spot	23	Diff. to Spot	24	Diff. to Spot	25
Aug-02	1340	1030	-50	965	-28	960	-27	960	-24	960	-24	955	-19	950
Oct-02	1340	1030	-50	960	-33	945	-42	945	-39	945	-39	940	-34	935
Dec-02	1340	1030	-50	950	-43	935	-52	935	-49	930	-54	925	-49	920
Feb-03	1350	1030	-50	935	-58	915	-72	910	-74	905	-79	895	-79	885
Apr-03	1380	1035	-45	930	-63	905	-82	900	-84	895	-89	885	-89	865
Jun-03	1400	1040	-40	930	-63	905	-82	895	-89	885	-99	875	-99	850
Aug-03	1420	1050	-30	920	-73	895	-92	875	-109	860	-124	845	-129	820
Oct-03	1430	1050	-30	910	-83	885	-102	855	-129	835	-149	820	-154	790
Dec-03	1430	1050	-30	910	-83	885	-102	855	-129	835	-149	820	-154	785
Feb-04	1415	1050	-30	897	-96	873	-114	839	-145	818	-166	804	-170	771
Apr-04	1400	1050	-30	883	-110	862	-125	823	-161	802	-182	788	-186	757
Jun-04	1385	1050	-30	870	-123	850	-137	808	-176	785	-199	773	-201	743

