

(week ending 2/02/2006)

**Table 1: Northern Market Prices** 

Micron Price	Current	Weekly	10-yr	Price as %	This time		
Guides	Price	Change	Average	of Ave	last year	Year high	Year low
North Ind	718	16	762	94%	756	746	642
18	1009	18	1351	75%	1021	1009	900
18.5	966	32	1068	90%	993	977	832
19	933	33	1028	91%	955	933	779
19.5	869	34	1018	85%	898	869	736
20	803	24	830	97%	839	806	684
21	724	8	747	97%	771	776	657
22	700	9	706	99%	741	761	648
23	676	5	670	101%	716	750	640
24	656	8	650	101%	691	698	631
25	588	-7	615	96%	585	643	588
26	538	-2	582	92%	549	580	536
28	451	7	518	87%	470	480	424
30	400	-1	468	86%	431	444	390
32	375	1	444	85%	398	406	369
MC	418	7	416	100%	451	441	380

#### NORTHERN MARKET REPORT -

#### Australian Dollar 75.16 US as of 02/02/2006

Sales were held in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle this week with a national offering of 61,929 bales. The offering of 14,211 in Sydney was a relatively small sale, of which approximately 14% was re-offered wool.

In further good news for woolgrowers, prices continued to push upwards this week with very good buyer competition in all centres. It seems that there has been more interest from European buyers that has helped rally the market. However the rapid rise in prices has taken everyone a little by surprise. While there were many predictions for a firmer start to 2006 no one was expecting to see prices lift by as much as they have in the last three weeks. While indications from buyers are that these prices are sustainable in the short-term at least, there needs to be some caution for a possible correction at some point before the market settles down to a sustainable level.

Sales opened nationally in Melbourne on Tuesday and despite the relatively small, less stylish offering prices were generally 5c/kg clean dearer for fleece wool 21 micron and finer. The broader end and crossbreds remained firm. Skirtings and oddments traded at similar levels to last week's closing quotes.

Sales opened in Sydney on Wednesday and the market was again very strong, particularly for fleeces 20 micron and finer which saw prices rise by 10-20c/kg clean. Prices for 21 micron and broader fleeces were around 5 c/kg clean dearer. For all fleeces the better style and higher nkt lots were attracting the keenest buyer support. Merino skirtings also received good support with prices rising as much as 20-30c/kg clean, with the longer, better style, low vm lots receiving the best gains. The passed-in rate for Wednesday was 5% reflecting the strong market.

The positive trend continued on Thursday with the finer end posting the biggest gains of 10-15c/kg clean. 21 micron and broader fleeces remained firm closing around 5c/kg clean dearer. Merino skirtings rose a further 10c/kg clean while oddments remained firm. The passed-in rate for Thursday was approximately 7%.

The major buyers for the week in Sydney were BWK Elders (1,570 bales), AS Gedge (1,537 bales) and Itochu (1,148 bales).

In Melbourne sales prices rose a further 5c/kg clean on Wednesday on the back of a more stylish offering. On Thursday prices were slightly firmer with 17 micron fleeces making solid gains of 15c/kg clean. Fremantle sales resumed after a one week recess and prices lifted 40-50c/kg clean for the finer end on Wednesday to fall into line with the eastern states. The broader end was 10-20/ckg clean dearer. Prices continued to rise a further 10-15c/kg clean in Fremantle on Thursday to round out a very strong week for the wool market

The electronic wool selling system Wooltrade again had a very busy week with more than 2,000 bales sold for the week as of 02/02/06. There has been very strong buyer interest in all wool types with sales this week recorded for fleece from 15.5 to 24.1 micron as well as all skirtings, lambs and oddments.

Next Week: Sales continue in Sydney and Fremantle next week, there will be no sales in Melbourne due to the specialty fine wool sale to be held in Launceston. There are currently 48.000 bales rostered for sale next week.

Wooltrade will continue to provide growers access to the market and growers can benefit from this constant market exposure, particularly with the current favourable market conditions (which may not last for the long term). Please consider the opportunities that are available by listing on Wooltrade with a targeted selling strategy. This may require some consultation with your local representative.

(Comments: Brian Vagg - Wooltrade)



Source: AWEX, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, National Australia Bank, Sydney Futures Exchange.

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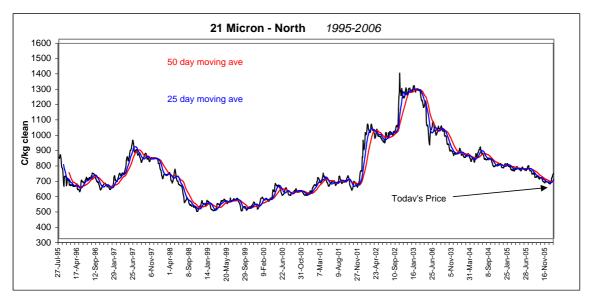
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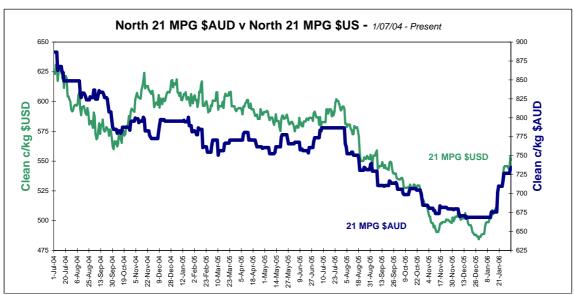


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**Table 2: Northern Market Deciles** 

	Micron Price Guide (1995-2005)													
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	MC				
Current	933	803	724	700	676	656	588	538	451	418				
90%	808	672	534	477	446	438	431	398	343	280				
80%	888	712	593	529	500	480	461	438	383	321				
70%	931	736	643	594	531	510	482	460	397	367				
60%	958	765	669	640	580	555	534	472	418	400				
50%	989	804	701	669	623	603	571	498	438	426				
40%	1035	843	751	710	661	648	598	520	457	437				
30%	1090	886	820	742	710	677	641	543	480	453				
20%	1216	934	873	839	805	764	695	585	501	481				
10%	1318	1006	1003	1000	998	982	948	708	561	548				





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Table 3: National Australia Bank - Wool Swaps

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	02-Feb-2006															
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Month	18 MIC	Disc	19 MIC	Disc	20 MIC	Disc	21 MIC	Disc	22 MIC	Disc	23 MIC	Disc	24 MIC	Disc	28 MIC	Disc
Feb-06	985	-24	915	-18	775	-28	710	-14	690	-10	665	-11	630	-26	415	-36
Mar-06	990	-19	915	-18	775	-28	710	-14	695	-5	670	-6	630	-26	415	-36
Apr-06	990	-19	915	-18	778	-26	710	-14	695	-5	675	-1	630	-26	420	-31
May-06	995	-14	915	-18	778	-26	713	-12	695	-5	680	+4	630	-26	420	-31
Jun-06	995	-14	918	-16	778	-26	713	-12	695	-5	680	+4	635	-21	425	-26
Jul-06	995	-14	918	-16	778	-26	713	-12	695	-5	680	+4	635	-21	410	-41
Aug-06	995	-14	918	-16	780	-23	715	-9	698	-3	680	+4	635	-21	410	-41
Sep-06	995	-14	920	-13	780	-23	715	-9	698	-3	683	+7	635	-21	415	-36
Oct-06	998	-12	920	-13	780	-23	725	+1	698	-3	685	+9	635	-21	415	-36
Nov-06	998	-12	920	-13	780	-23	725	+1	700	0	685	+9	635	-21	415	-36
Dec-06	998	-12	925	-8	785	-18	725	+1	700	0	690	+14	635	-21	415	-36
Jan-07	998	-12	925	-8	785	-18	730	+6	703	+2.5	693	+17	640	-16	415	-36
Feb-07	997	-13	924	-9	784	-19	729	+5	702	+1.5	692	+16	639	-17	414	-37
Mar-07	996	-14	928	-5	783	-20	733	+9	701	+0.5	691	+15	638	-18	413	-38
Apr-07	995	-15	927	-6	787	-16	732	+8	702	+2	690	+14	637	-19	412	-39

Table 4: Commonwealth Bank of Australia - Wool Futures

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							CBA	Wool	<b>Future</b>	s Quo	tes							
	02-Feb-2006																	
		Prem/		Prem/		Prem/		Prem/		Prem/		Prem/		Prem/		Prem/		Prem/
Month	18 MIC	Disc	19 MIC	Disc	20 MIC	Disc	21 MIC	Disc	22 MIC	Disc	23 MIC	Disc	24 MIC	Disc	25 MIC	Disc	28 MIC	Disc
Feb-06	1010	+1	918	-15	790	-13	728	+4	705	+5	690	+14	645	-11	580	-8	449	-2
Mar-06	1011	+2	919	-14	790	-13	728	+4	705	+5	690	+14	645	-11	580	-8	449	-2
Apr-06	1014	+5	922	-11	794	-9	732	+8	710	+10	678	+2	645	-11	580	-8	449	-2
May-06	1015	+6	924	-9	797	-6	732	+8	710	+10	678	+2	645	-11	580	-8	440	-11
Jun-06	1018	+9	926	-7	798	-5	737	+13	710	+10	675	-1	645	-11	580	-8	440	-11
Jul-06	1020	+11	927	-6	801	-2	738	+14	710	+10	675	-1	643	-13	580	-8	440	-11
Aug-06	1020	+11	928	-5	801	-2	743	+19	715	+15	675	-1	635	-21	580	-8	440	-11
Sep-06	1020	+11	933	0	807	+4	748	+24	715	+15	675	-1	632	-24	580	-8	440	-11
Oct-06	1022	+13	937	+4	807	+4	753	+29	715	+15	668	-8	632	-24	580	-8	434	-17
Nov-06	1022	+13	942	+9	807	+4	753	+29	715	+15	668	-8	632	-24	580	-8	434	-17
Dec-06	1025	+16	942	+9	807	+4	758	+34	718	+18	663	-13	632	-24	570	-18	434	-17
Jan-07	1025	+16	942	+9	810	+7	763	+39	718	+18	663	-13	632	-24	565	-23	434	-17
Feb-07	1028	+19	944	+11	810	+7	763	+39	720	+20	655	-21	632	-24	565	-23	429	-22
Mar-07	1028	+19	947	+14	815	+12	763	+39	722	+22	655	-21	632	-24	560	-28	424	-27
Apr-07	1032	+23	947	+14	815	+12	763	+39	722	+22	653	-23	632	-24	560	-28	424	-27

Table 5: Sydney Futures Exchange - Wool Futures Prices

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02-Feb-06														
		Prem/ Prem/ Prem												
Month	19 MIC	Disc	21 MIC	Disc	23 MIC	Disc								
Mar-06	907	-26	756	+32	685	+9								
May-06	919	-14	756	+32	684	+8								
Jul-06	929	-4	765	+41	681	+5								
Aug-06	950	+17	776	+52	681	+5								
Oct-06	958	+25	787	+63	659	-17								
Dec-06	939	+6	798	+74	659	-17								
Feb-07	955	+22	798	+74	652	-24								
Apr-07	972	+39	798	+74	652	-24								
Jun-07	956	+23	798	+74	652	-24								



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