



JEMALONG WOOL BULLETIN

(week ending 3/01/02)

Table 1: Northern Market Prices

Micron Price Guides	Current MPG Price	Weekly Change	10-yr Average	Current Price to Average
Indicator	799	2	685	117%
19	981	21	1025	96%
20	772	9	760	102%
21	740	3	643	115%
22	738	5	589	125%
23	734	3	540	136%
24	715	20	524	137%
25	640	-6	503	127%
26	592	-2	485	122%
28	539	-15	473	114%
30	502	-7	440	114%
32	480	14	428	112%
MC	498	5	352	142%

MARKET REPORT AND OUTLOOK:

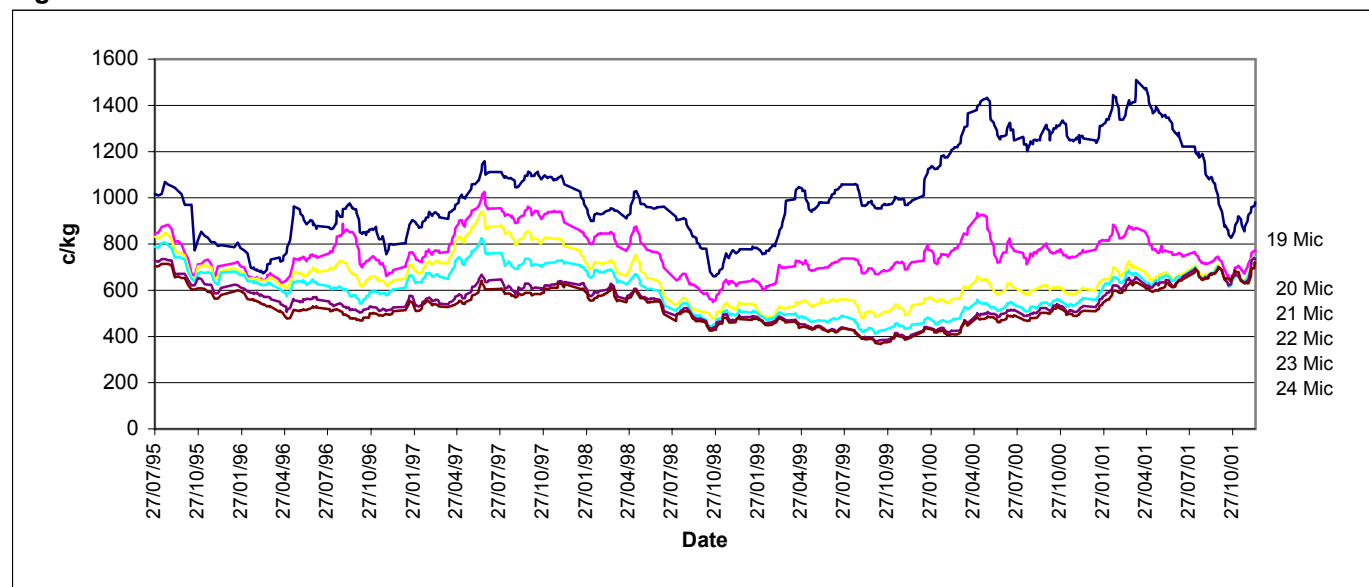
The auction markets continued in all three centres this week with three days of selling in Sydney. Tuesday/Wednesday saw prices firm for most micron categories, tapering on Thursday at the close of auction sales for three weeks. Demand for the fine wools centred around the better style, sound types; the 19 MPG reported up to 2% (20c/kg) dearer. the medium wools were quoted dearer early in the week, but a small correction on Thursday saw them close just 0.5-1% dearer. Price increases for 24 micron has closed the gap between 23 and 24 micron, both types still greater than 35% above the 10-year longterm average and hence still in an opportune climate to sell. Crossbred types however, continue their downward trend with lack lustre demand resulting in closing prices 2-3% cheaper than the same time last week. Carding prices are at 5-year highs and represent a good selling opportunity with current prices 42% above the long-term average.

The activity in the market seen throughout the past two weeks has resulted from the placement of indent orders requiring prompt shipment. These orders have primarily come from India and some Western European countries where greasy wool stocks are low. Apart from these prompt orders, other markets such as the Chinese seem to be quieter, with current price levels about 20c/kg clean above the Chinese basis.

Whether the current prices levels continue in the New Year is a question of the New Year volume of prompt orders from India and Western Europe and the amount of supply that will be available. Even if prices decline early in the New Year, the Chinese would likely reenter the market at a slightly lower basis and ineffect provides a small floor in the market level.

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Figure 1: Northern MPG Movement





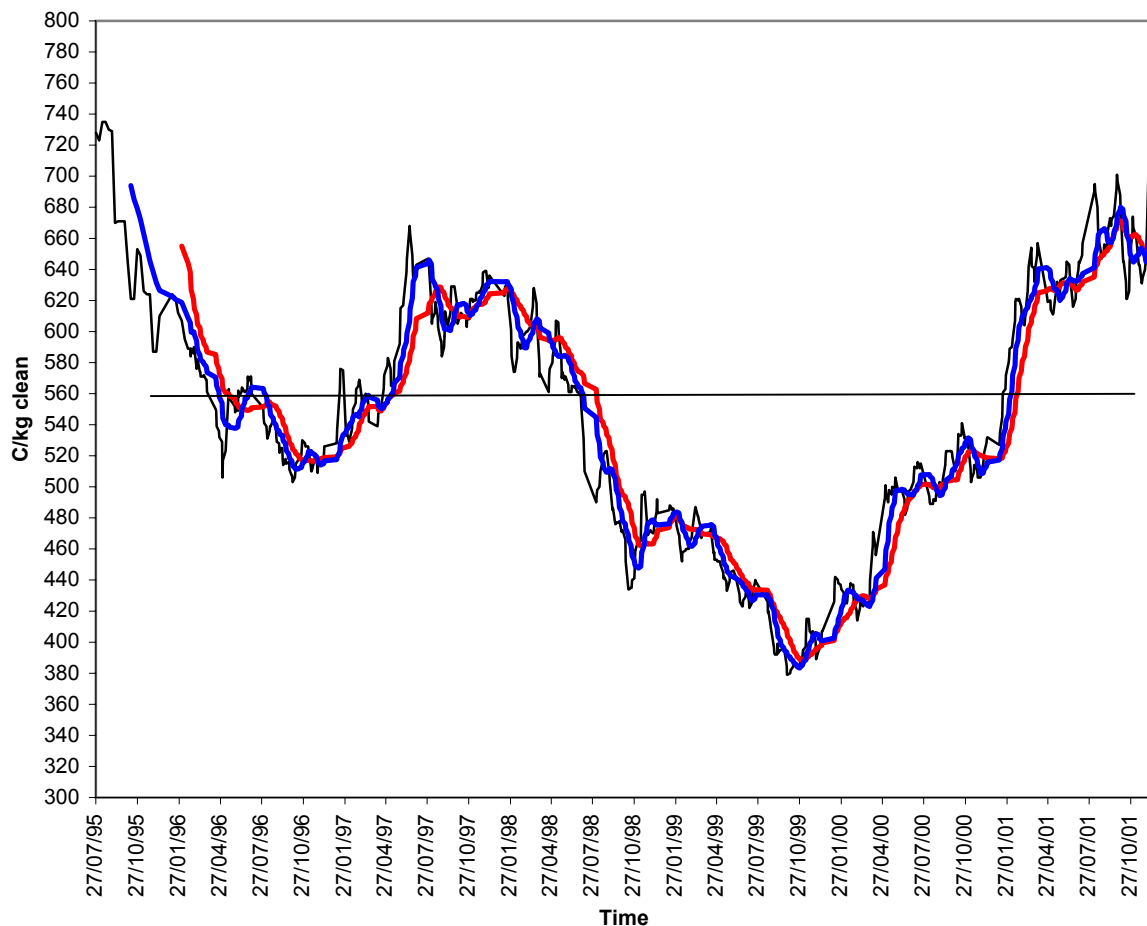
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Table 3: Northern Market Deciles

Micron Price Guide (1995-2002)										
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	28	32	MC
Current	981	772	740	738	734	715	640	539	480	498
90%	779	642	514	464	426	422	412	386	332	253
80%	862	684	545	485	464	456	438	408	354	275
70%	916	712	582	520	495	476	456	436	383	292
60%	954	728	615	548	515	493	472	452	409	321
50%	979	747	644	597	533	511	484	468	438	348
40%	1044	765	662	631	564	540	520	493	456	370
30%	1096	793	680	651	595	574	547	509	472	402
20%	1247	843	709	673	621	599	569	531	487	430
10%	1322	910	805	709	641	629	596	551	502	455

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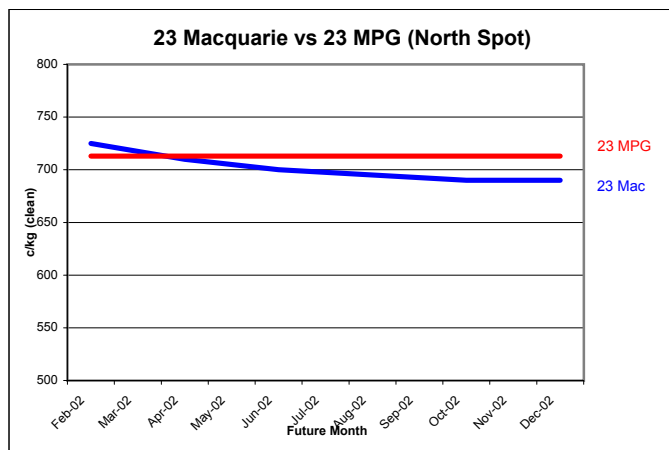
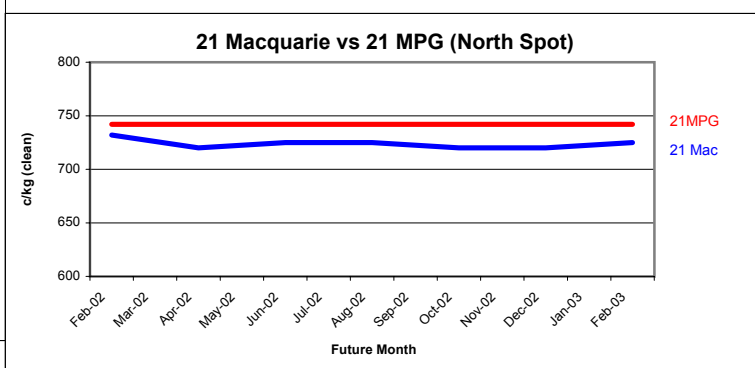
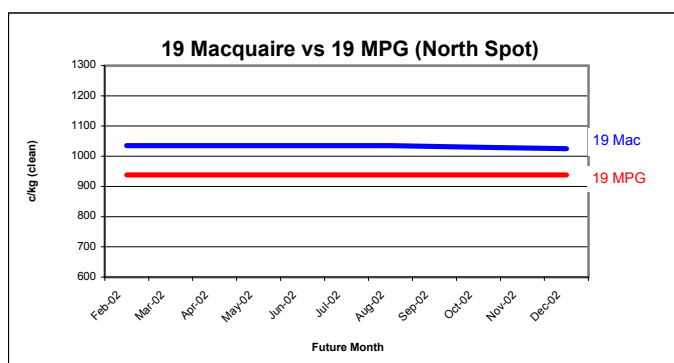




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Macquarie Wool Futures

Delivery Month	19	Diff. to Spot	20	Diff. to Spot	21	Diff. to Spot	22	Diff. to Spot	23	Diff. to Spot	24	Diff. to Spot
Feb-02	1035	54	800	28	732	-8	730	-8	725	-9	710	-5
Apr-02	1035	54	790	18	720	-20	710	-28	710	-24	700	-15
Jun-02	1035	54	790	18	725	-15	705	-33	700	-34	690	-25
Aug-02	1035	54	790	18	725	-15	705	-33	695	-39	685	-30
Oct-02	1030	49	790	18	720	-20	700	-38	690	-44	680	-35
Dec-02	1025	44	785	13	720	-20	700	-38	690	-44	680	-35
Feb-03	1032	51	780	8	725	-15	705	-33	690	-44	675	-40
Apr-03	1030	49	780	8	725	-15	705	-33	690	-44	675	-40
Jun-03	1028	47	780	8	725	-15	705	-33	690	-44	675	-40



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Delivery Month	19	Diff. to Spot	21	Diff. to Spot	23	Diff. to Spot
Feb-02	1050	112	736	-6	720	7
Apr-02	1050	112	723	-19	720	7
Jun-02	1040	102	713	-29	704	-9
Aug-02	1098	160	715	-27	700	-13
Oct-02	1075	137	725	-17	690	-23
Dec-02	1008	70	720	-22	700	-13
Feb-03	973	35	715	-27	685	-28
Apr-03	1028	90	707	-35	677	-36
Jun-03	995	57	715	-27	789	76