



# JEMALONG WOOL BULLETIN

(week ending 04/09/2003)

**Table 1: Northern Market Prices**

| Micron Price Guides | Current MPG Price | Weekly Change | 10-yr Average | Current Price to Average | This time last year | Year high | Year low |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| 18.5                | 1054              | -7            | 1263          | 83%                      | 1164                | 1081      | 1031     |
| 19                  | 1041              | -6            | 1057          | 99%                      | 1050                | 1053      | 992      |
| 19.5                | 1033              | -2            | 1018          | 101%                     | 1003                | 1047      | 979      |
| 20                  | 1023              | -12           | 828           | 124%                     | 982                 | 1036      | 971      |
| 21                  | 1020              | -10           | 734           | 139%                     | 979                 | 1035      | 975      |
| 22                  | 1020              | -6            | 690           | 148%                     | 977                 | 1034      | 976      |
| 23                  | 1006              | -13           | 649           | 155%                     | 974                 | 1029      | 972      |
| 24                  | 997               | -18           | 632           | 158%                     | 971                 | 1015      | 968      |
| 25                  | 930               | -8            | 602           | 154%                     | 948                 | 938       | 897      |
| 26                  | 876               | -4            | 573           | 153%                     | 910                 | 880       | 821      |
| 28                  | 628               | 2             | 523           | 120%                     | 752                 | 632       | 600      |
| 30                  | 545               | 9             | 473           | 115%                     | 608                 | 550       | 497      |
| 32                  | 494               | 0             | 454           | 109%                     | 583                 | 510       | 460      |
| MC                  | 504               | 10            | 412           | 122%                     | 506                 | 504       | 471      |

**Australian Dollar** 0.6408

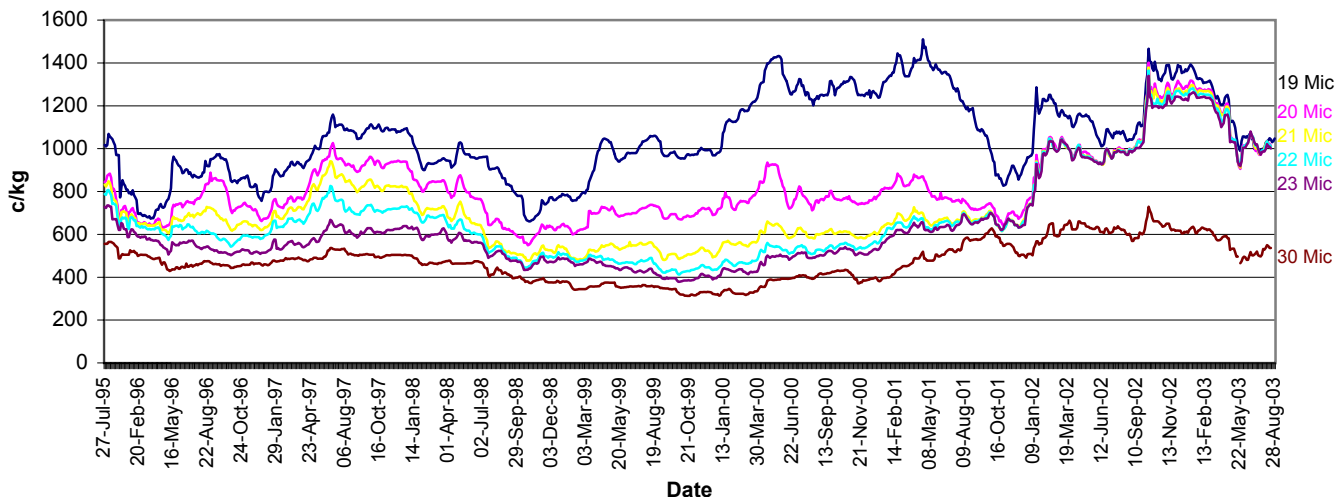
The market experienced a see-saw effect this week, with Wednesday's opening casting a positive sentiment across all micron categories. Most affected were 18-19 micron rising 5-15c/kg clean, medium and broad wools up 5c/kg clean. Thursday saw a retrace on Wednesday's gain, with prices for 18.5-23 micron falling 10-15c/kg. Skirtings prices fared best this week, rising up to 3% on Wednesday and remaining fully firm on Thursday. Wooltrade saw demand from China and Germany early in the week, with some Indian interest 17s and 18s.

A falling dollar early in the week augured well for auction sales on Wednesday, however as the volatility increased and dollar crept back over 64c on Thursday, inquiry remained but at reduced market levels. Both China and India were active early in the week, with some European activity seen at the finer end. Inquiry from Italy has been increasing but as of yet, offerings qualities have been poor and hence have not fueled this demand. A better selection of wools will be available next week in the south with 3,500 bales offered from Tasmania.

Price levels are again hovering at the 1020-1040c/kg clean for 19-22 micron, overseas buyers resisting to pay any higher. For the broader edge, these prices are still over 50% above the 10-year long-term average.

Forward months offered their best hedging opportunities for Autumn and winter 04 this week for the season, with growers securing levels of over 1000c/kg clean for 12 months out. Discounts to the spot of less than 15c/kg. Thursday however, saw forward market retrace 15-30c/kg across the board in response to the cheaper auction market.

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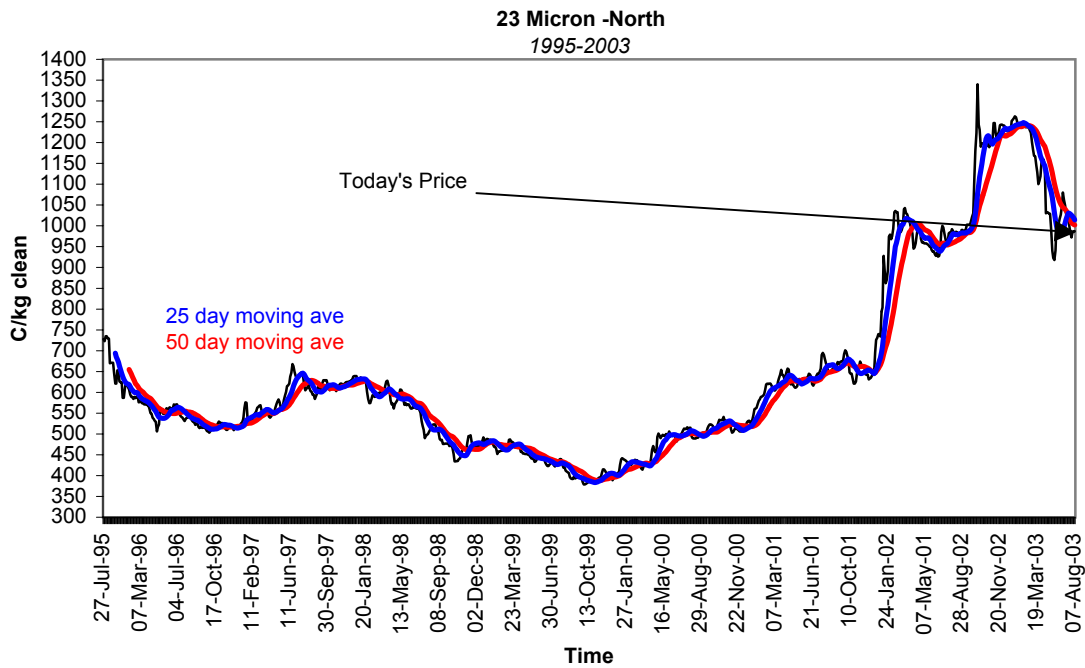
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**Table 3: Northern Market Deciles**

**Micron Price Guide (1995-2003)**

|         | 19          | 20          | 21          | 22          | 23          | 24         | 25         | 26         | 28         | MC         |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Current | <b>1041</b> | <b>1023</b> | <b>1020</b> | <b>1020</b> | <b>1006</b> | <b>997</b> | <b>930</b> | <b>628</b> | <b>494</b> | <b>504</b> |
| 90%     | 793         | 650         | 523         | 469         | 434         | 427        | 416        | 394        | 339        | 261        |
| 80%     | 888         | 697         | 555         | 498         | 477         | 467        | 450        | 420        | 367        | 292        |
| 70%     | 945         | 724         | 610         | 544         | 510         | 487        | 467        | 448        | 399        | 333        |
| 60%     | 976         | 746         | 644         | 595         | 532         | 511        | 484        | 468        | 435        | 359        |
| 50%     | <b>1044</b> | 768         | 666         | 634         | 570         | 547        | 531        | 497        | <b>456</b> | 393        |
| 40%     | 1090        | 813         | 693         | 660         | 608         | 584        | 563        | 518        | 475        | 434        |
| 30%     | 1173        | 870         | 736         | 693         | 633         | 611        | 590        | 547        | 493        | <b>463</b> |
| 20%     | 1261        | 942         | 874         | 767         | 692         | 688        | <b>807</b> | <b>600</b> | 528        | 495        |
| 10%     | 1339        | <b>1021</b> | <b>1011</b> | <b>1014</b> | <b>1004</b> | <b>995</b> | 966        | 730        | 570        | 583        |





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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  | Diff. to Spot | XB  | Diff. to Spot |
|----------------|-----|------|---------------|------|---------------|------|---------------|------|---------------|------|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|
| Oct-03         | 25  | 1060 | 19            | 1030 | 7             | 1020 | 0             | 1015 | -5            | 1000 | -6            | 985 |               | 940 | 10            | 630 | 2             |
| Dec-03         | 25  | 1065 | 24            | 1030 | 7             | 1020 | 0             | 1015 | -5            | 1000 | -6            | 985 |               | 940 | 10            | 630 | 2             |
| Feb-04         | 35  | 1070 | 29            | 1030 | 7             | 1020 | 0             | 1010 | -10           | 995  | -11           | 980 |               | 935 | 5             | 630 | 2             |
| Apr-04         | 40  | 1070 | 29            | 1030 | 7             | 1020 | 0             | 1010 | -10           | 995  | -11           | 980 |               | 930 | 0             | 630 | 2             |
| Jun-04         | 50  | 1070 | 29            | 1025 | 2             | 1010 | -10           | 995  | -25           | 980  | -26           | 965 |               | 915 | -15           | 630 | 2             |
| Aug-04         | 65  | 1070 | 29            | 1025 | 2             | 1005 | -15           | 990  | -30           | 970  | -36           | 955 |               | 905 | -25           | 630 | 2             |
| Oct-04         | 85  | 1075 | 34            | 1015 | -8            | 995  | -25           | 975  | -45           | 955  | -51           | 940 |               | 890 | -40           | 610 | -18           |
| Dec-04         | 105 | 1075 | 34            | 1005 | -18           | 985  | -35           | 965  | -55           | 945  | -61           | 930 |               | 880 | -50           | 600 | -28           |
| Feb-05         | 119 | 1075 | 34            | 990  | -33           | 970  | -50           | 950  | -70           | 930  | -76           | 910 |               | 860 | -70           | 580 | -48           |
| Apr-05         | 128 | 1062 | 21            | 973  | -50           | 950  | -70           | 929  | -91           | 909  | -97           | 889 |               | 840 | -90           | 573 | -55           |
| Jun-05         | 136 | 1048 | 7             | 960  | -63           | 930  | -90           | 906  | -114          | 887  | -119          | 866 |               | 820 | -110          | 569 | -59           |
| Aug-05         | 144 | 1032 | -9            | 947  | -76           | 910  | -110          | 884  | -136          | 866  | -140          | 844 |               | 800 | -130          | 565 | -63           |

