



JEMALONG WOOL BULLETIN

(week ending 05/05/2005)

Table 1: Northern Market Prices

Micron Price Guides	Current Price	Weekly Change	10-yr Average	Price as % of Ave	This time last year	Year high	Year low
North Ind	740	-1	767	97%	772	812	728
18	1018	4	1400	73%	1041	1138	994
18.5	1002	4	1107	91%	1010	1087	961
19	939	0	1041	90%	969	1021	914
19.5	874	4	1018	86%	915	958	861
20	825	-1	836	99%	865	907	805
21	742	-8	750	99%	800	857	740
22	716	-2	707	101%	752	819	701
23	702	0	669	105%	732	781	686
24	668	-1	649	103%	694	714	638
25	596	2	614	97%	663	672	579
26	550	2	584	94%	622	647	532
28	459	-1	522	88%	530	551	450
30	428	2	471	91%	462	488	409
32	401	0	448	90%	418	447	388
MC	442	4	416	106%	364	458	411

NORTHERN MARKET REPORT -

Australian Dollar 77.95c US, as of 05/05/2005

Sales this week were held in Melbourne, Sydney and Fremantle. The national offering was slightly larger this week at approximately 64,000 bales. Nearly half of this was offered in Melbourne (31,000 bales).

There were no sales in Sydney on Tuesday, however in sales in Melbourne there was little movement in prices. The finer end performed well with 18.5 micron and finer closing 5c/kg clean firmer with good demand for 40nkt+ lots. The broader microns were generally unchanged while the crossbreds finished around 5c/kg clean lower. There was good demand for merino skirtings which pushed prices up 5-10c/kg clean, while oddments finished firm. The passed-in rate for Tuesday was 16%.

When sales opened in Sydney on Wednesday 19.5 micron and broader were generally unchanged while 19 micron and finer fell around 2-5c/kg clean. Merino skirtings were unchanged while oddments were slightly firmer. The passed-in rate for Wednesday was 6%.

There were mixed results on Thursday with the finer end posting some positive gains of around 5-10 c/kg clean. All other microns unchanged except 21 microns which lost 8c/kg clean. Crossbreds finished the week slightly dearer. Merino skirtings and oddments remained firm. The passed-in rate for Thursday was 12%.

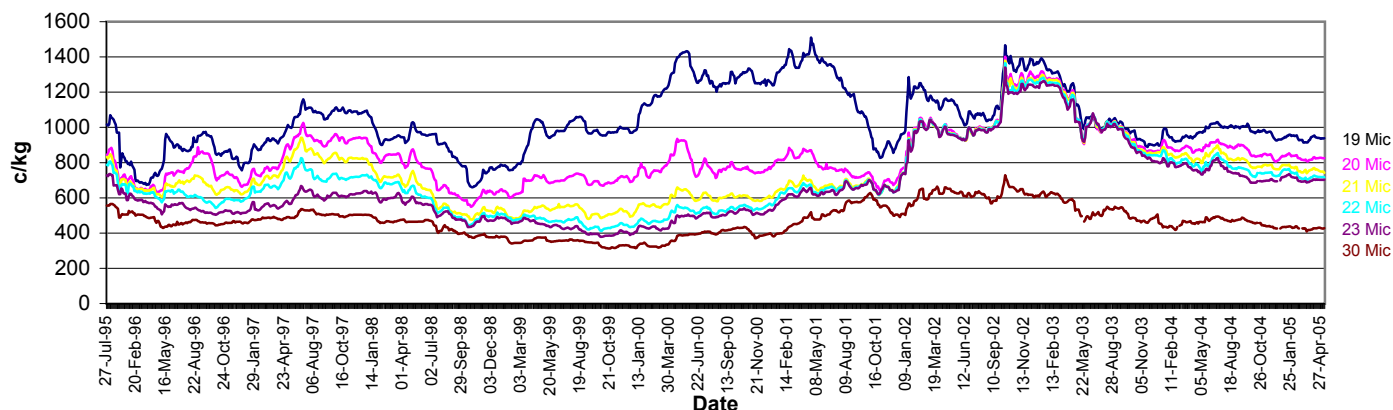
Major buyers for the week were Itochu (1,827 bales), BWK Elders (1,793 bales) and Morepen (1,683 bales).

The demand for wool at present remains sluggish and is showing in how little movement there has been in wool prices recently. This was highlighted by Woolmark which presented data at the IWTO conference Hobart illustrating that wool's market share has fallen from around 9% in the 1960's to just 2.5% at present. The use of cotton and synthetic fibres has risen dramatically while at the same time the consumption of wool in absolute terms has remained relatively unchanged. However the Commonwealth Bank reports that wool has been able to improve its price competitiveness recently due to rising cotton prices and higher oil prices pushing up the price of synthetics. And in more positive news, fine wool prices have been stronger as we have seen some renewed interest in the finer end during the last couple of weeks or so.

Auction sales continue next week in Sydney, Melbourne and Femantle. There is a much slightly smaller national offering next week of approximately 55,000 bales.

Comments: Phil Roberts (Wooltrade)

Micron Price Guide Movement
1995-2005

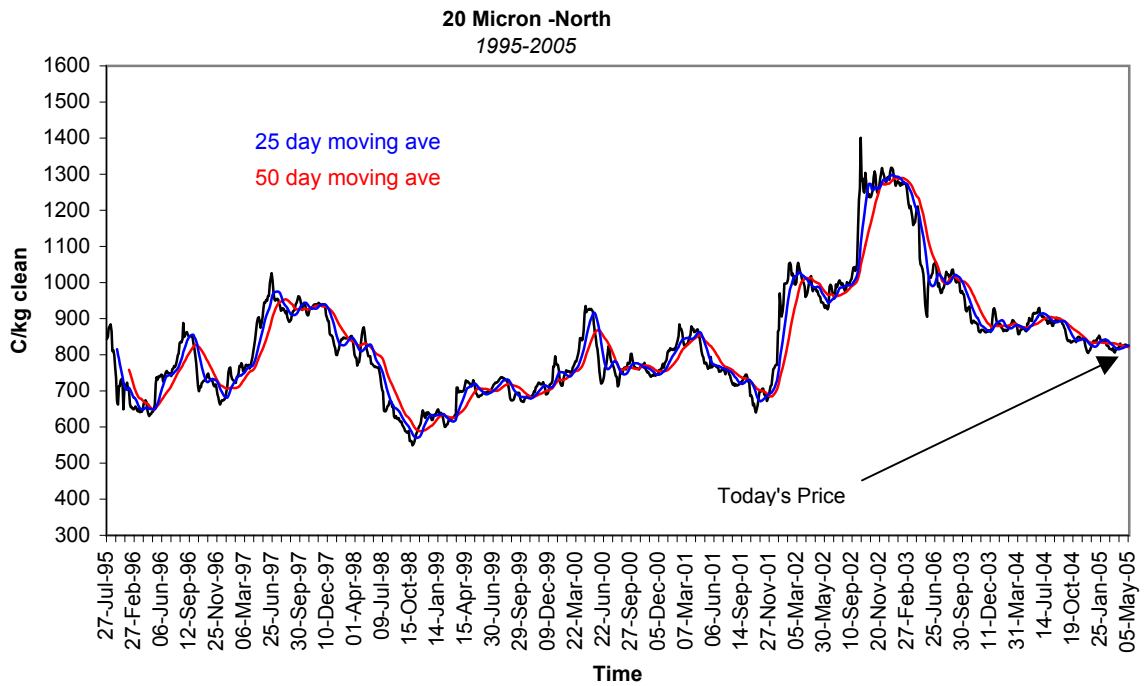




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Table 2: Northern Market Deciles

Micron Price Guide (1995-2005)										
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	MC
Current	939	825	742	716	702	668	596	550	459	442
90%	822	668	531	475	441	436	427	397	343	275
80%	907	713	584	523	496	477	457	437	381	306
70%	943	740	636	581	525	502	480	459	401	355
60%	970	767	665	633	568	545	523	480	426	393
50%	998	816	701	664	612	589	563	506	447	427
40%	1049	850	762	712	645	631	590	526	460	439
30%	1105	890	824	756	713	681	650	547	484	459
20%	1231	940	880	851	826	803	739	594	503	486
10%	1324	1014	1007	1009	1002	990	953	717	563	566



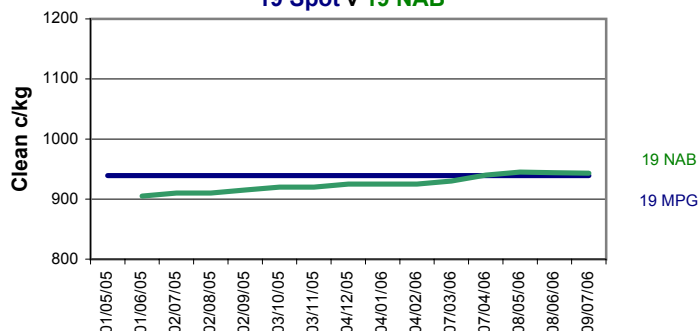


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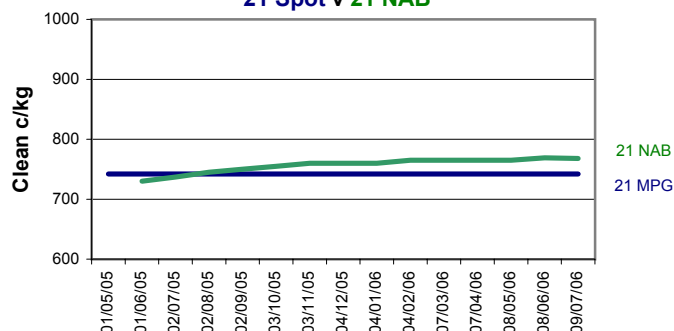
Table 3: National Australia Bank - Wool Swaps

NAB Producer Bids																
05-May-2005																
Delivery Month	18 MIC	Diff. To Spot	19 MIC	Diff. To Spot	20 MIC	Diff. To Spot	21 MIC	Diff. To Spot	22 MIC	Diff. To Spot	23 MIC	Diff. To Spot	24 MIC	Diff. To Spot	28 MIC	Diff. To Spot
May-05	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	###
Jun-05	990	-28	905	-34	795	-30	730	-12	700	-16	685	-17	650	-18	440	-19
Jul-05	995	-23	910	-29	800	-25	737	-5	705	-11	685	-17	650	-18	440	-19
Aug-05	995	-23	910	-29	805	-20	745	+3	705	-11	685	-17	650	-18	440	-19
Sep-05	1000	-18	915	-24	805	-20	750	+8	710	-6	685	-17	650	-18	445	-14
Oct-05	1010	-8	920	-19	810	-15	755	+13	710	-6	685	-17	650	-18	445	-14
Nov-05	1010	-8	920	-19	810	-15	760	+18	710	-6	685	-17	650	-18	445	-14
Dec-05	1010	-8	925	-14	810	-15	760	+18	710	-6	685	-17	650	-18	445	-14
Jan-06	1010	-8	925	-14	810	-15	760	+18	710	-6	685	-17	655	-13	445	-14
Feb-06	1015	-3	925	-14	815	-10	765	+23	715	-1	690	-12	660	-8	450	-9
Mar-06	1020	+2	930	-9	820	-5	765	+23	715	-1	690	-12	660	-8	450	-9
Apr-06	1030	+12	940	+1	825	0	765	+23	720	+4	695	-7	665	-3	455	-4
May-06	1035	+17	945	+6	830	+5	765	+23	725	+9	695	-7	665	-3	460	+1
Jun-06	1034	+16	944	+5	829	+4	769	+27	724	+8	694	-8	664	-4	459	0
Jul-06	1033	+15	943	+4	828	+3	768	+26	723	+7	698	-4	668	0	458	-1

19 Spot v 19 NAB



21 Spot v 21 NAB



23 Spot v 23 NAB

