

### JEMALONG WOOL BULLETIN (week ending 10/06/04)

**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
Northern Ind	819	9	767	107%	937	945	772
18.5	1056	8	1149	92%	1087	1088	846
19	1022	2	1048	98%	1048	1053	889
19.5	980	7	1018	96%	1023	1047	877
20	916	0	834	110%	1026	1036	857
21	876	17	746	117%	1028	1035	798
22	830	25	703	118%	1028	1034	750
23	812	29	664	122%	1027	1029	732
24	743	9	646	115%	1004	1015	691
25	680	-1	614	111%	925	938	658
26	642	-7	583	110%	842	880	622
28	550	0	524	105%	590	647	494
30	490	8	473	104%	481	550	418
32	446	0	451	99%	481	510	373
MC	384	9	415	93%	491	514	364

Australian Dollar 69.08 USD

as of Thu-10-Jun-2004

#### NORTHERN REGION MARKET REPORT -

Sales were held in Melbourne and Sydney this week with a one week break in Fremantle.

Sales opened in Sydney on Wednesday and prices for 21 micron and finer fleece wools remained generally unchanged from last week's close. Fleeces in the 22-23 micron range were in strong demand and prices rose around 20c/kg clean. Crossbred fleeces were around 5/10c/kg clean cheaper. The better style, finer skirtings remained unchanged while others fell by 5c/kg clean.

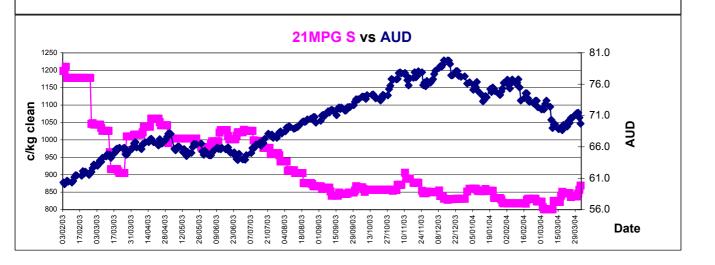
The market finished stronger again on Thursday with rises across all microns. Prices were generally 5-10c/kg dearer with demand again strong for the broader end. Merino skirtings, crossbreds and oddments were all around 5c/kg clean dearer. Passed-in rates for the week averaged around 10%.

Since mid February this year the Australian dollar has fallen from around 80c US to just under 70c US, which represents a depreciation of around 12.5%. It is interesting to compare this to the percentage rise in wool prices over the same period. Since mid February this year 18/18.5 microns have risen 12.5%, 19 micron 10% and 20/21 micron around 6%, while the broader end has risen by 3% or less. The reasons for this are that the finer end has been trading below the ten year average while the broader end continues to trade at prices above the 10 year average. In recent weeks there has also been a relatively larger offering of broader wool that has dampened prices somewhat. But with offerings over the remaining sales before the seaon's end predicted to be smaller, prices would be expected to remain at current levels.

Macquarie Wool Futures quotes for 20 micron and finer continue to trade at premiums to the spot market, while forward

Auctions continue next week in Melbourne, Sydney and Femantle.

Comments: Phil Roberts (Wooltrade).



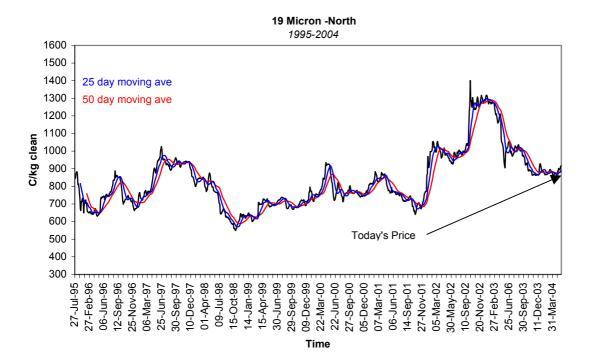


## JEMALONG WOOL BULLETIN (week ending 10/06/04)

**Table 3: Northern Market Deciles** 

### Micron Price Guide (1995-2003)

	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	MC	
Current	1022	916	876	830	812	743	680	642	550	384	
90%	806	660	526	472	439	432	421	396	341	270	
80%	900	704	564	512	489	472	453	432	378	298	
70%	943	731	621	556	517	496	473	456	403	345	
60%	973	760	652	622	553	527	499	480	435	378	
50%	1017	791	679	650	594	569	545	507	453	416	
40%	1070	852	722	681	626	606	574	529	472	443	
30%	1129	894	829	742	672	672	650	550	489	467	
20%	1248	951	920	905	889	874	784	606	513	489	
10%	1332	1021	1013	1018	1006	996	963	723	567	575	





# JEMALONG WOOL BULLETIN (week ending 10/06/04)

### **Macquarie Wool Futures**

			Diff.		Diff.		Diff.		Diff.		Diff.		Diff.		Diff.			
Delivery			to		to		to		to		to		to		to		Diff to	19.5
Month	18	19	Spot	20	Spot	21	Spot	22	Spot	23	Spot	24	Spot	25	Spot	XB	Spot	Pcs
Jun-04	1105	1030	8	925	9	875	-1	820	-10	800	-12	735	-8	690	10	545	-5	780
Sep-04	1125	1045	23	935	19	870	-6	805	-25	775	-37	730	-13	680	0	545	-5	785
Dec-04	1150	1055	33	935	19	870	-6	800	-30	765	-47	725	-18	680	0	545	-5	785
Mar-05	1165	1065	43	930	14	865	-11	795	-35	760	-52	715	-28	670	-10	540	-10	780

