

(week ending 17/08/2006)

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	769	3	761	101%	707	769	760
18	1069	11	1331	80%	981	1069	1044
18.5	1000	6	1062	94%	954	1002	996
19	942	2	1025	92%	874	950	939
19.5	875	0	1018	86%	822	890	874
20	813	1	830	98%	776	827	811
21	743	4	747	99%	735	752	734
22	712	1	707	101%	717	722	709
23	699	0	672	104%	703	705	699
24	678	0	651	104%	692	687	678
25	622	-1	615	101%	630	634	622
26	589	-5	582	101%	564	594	589
28	484	1	516	94%	466	490	484
30	437	2	466	94%	434	437	424
32	398	0	442	90%	394	408	398
MC	393	3	417	94%	417	417	392

#### **NORTHERN MARKET REPORT -**

#### Australian Dollar 76.73 US as of 17/08/2006

On Wednesday Melbourne had 11,099 bales on offer (521 bales or 4.7 were reoffered lots). Prices for 17.0 rose 15 cents, 18.0 mic rose 6 cents, 19 to 20 mic rose 10-12 cents, 21 rose 8 cents and 22 & 24 mic rose 3 cents. The crossbreds also remained unchanged. The finer lower vm merino skirtings closed 5-6 cents firmer and all others unchanged. The washing locks and crutchings rose 5 cents. Passed in rate: 7.0%. Major Buyers: Modiano, Fox & Lillie, Kathaytex, Chargeurs, AS Gedge & Itochu

Melbourne had 8,8721 bales offered on Thursday with 13.5% or 1,198 reoffered bales. The market opened firm with small gains in the 17.5-18 mic and 19's to 21micron. XB fleece eased slightly on a limited offering with the 26 mic falling 3 cents. Locks were slightly firmer and crutchings were unchanged. Passed in rate: 9.8%. Major Buyers: Modiano, Kathaytex, Techwool, BWK Elders and Lempriere

The Sydney market on Wednesday had 9.337 bales offered (1,671 or 17.9% were reoffered lots). The market opened firm with much most microns closing on a similar note. The 18.0 micron fleece which rose 5 cents. The finer more stylish skirts from 18.5 to 21 mic rose slightly and others remained firm. Locks eased slightly and crutchings also closed firm. Passed in rate: 8.4%. Major Buyers: Techwool, Modiano, AS Gedge, Southern Cross and BWK Elders.

On Thursday the Sydney market closed fully firm to slightly dearer. There were 6,940 bales on offer (1,242 bales or 17.9% were reoffered lots). Prices for 17.5 fleece rose 3 cents, the 21 mic rose 4 cents and others firm. The 28.0 crossbreds rose 5 cents and the 30.0 mic rose 11 cents. Merino skirtings closed 10 dearer while oddments were slightly firmer. Passed in rate: 10.5%. Major Buyers: Modiano, BWK Elders, Techwool, Southern Cross & Itochu

In Fremantle on Wednesday there were 6,131 bales offered (956 bales or 15.6% were reoffered lots). The market opened firm and closed with 19.5 to 22 mic rising 2-3 cents. The finer skirts were slightly firmer and the 20 to 22 mic skirts rose by up 9 cents. Carbo locks were 8 cents cheaper, washing locks and crutching all closed firm. Passed in rate: 13.2% Major Buyers: Modiano, BWK Elders, PJ Morris, H Dawson & Michell

Fremantle on Thursday had 5,000 bales offered (1,000 bales or 20% were reoffered lots). The market opened firm with 19 to 20 micron fleeces falling slightly, and the 21 and 23 microns rose slightly. The finer skirts were 10-12 firmer with others risinf 8 cents. Washing and carbo locks were 5-6 cents firmer. Crutchings were slightly dearer. Passed in rate: 16.5%. Major Buyers: Modiano, BWK Elders, PJ Morris, Lempriere & H Dawson

Next Week: Newcastle will be conducting the first super fine sale of the season with just over 18,000 bales rostered. There are two day sales in Melbourne & Fremantle with 55,200 bales rostered nationally.

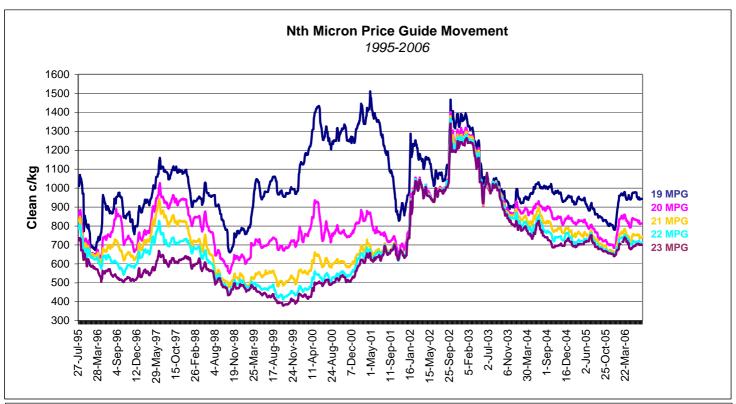
Please remember Wooltrade will continue to provide market exposure for growers looking to take advantage of any favourable selling conditions. Consult your wool representative or Wooltrade for more information.

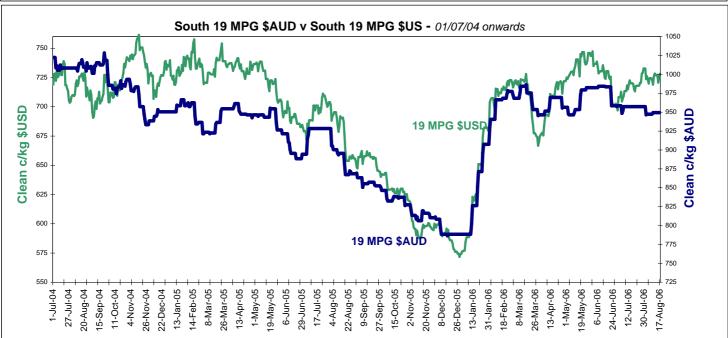
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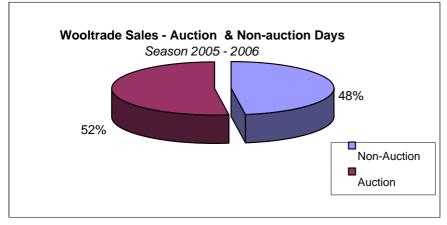
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This pie chart shows that close to 50% of all wool sold on Wooltrade occurs on NON AUCTION days.

Please consider the opportunities available by having constant market exposure and list your wool on Wooltrade.

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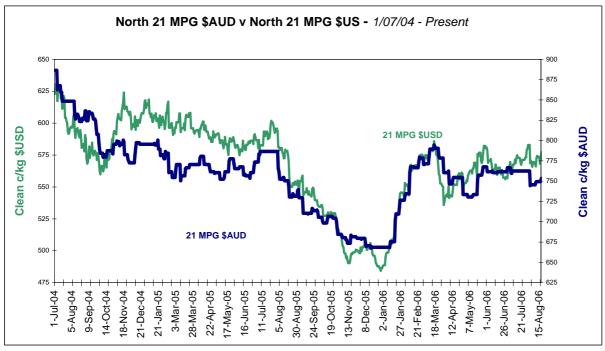


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**Table 2: Northern Market Deciles** 

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Micron Price Guide (1995-2006)												
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	MC		
Current	942	813	743	712	699	678	622	589	484	393		
90%	812	673	537	477	452	441	432	401	343	282		
80%	891	715	600	535	504	481	463	440	383	328		
70%	933	740	646	602	536	514	486	460	395	373		
60%	955	768	672	646	589	566	542	472	409	402		
50%	979	812	709	675	630	609	580	493	435	427		
40%	1023	839	751	715	674	657	608	516	453	437		
30%	1086	875	813	741	706	680	641	540	475	452		
20%	1202	929	861	825	798	751	691	577	499	478		
10%	1315	1003	1000	996	992	980	939	703	559	540		





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Table 3: National Australia Bank - Wool Swaps

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17-Aug-2006																
	40.000	Prem/	40 1110	Prem/		Prem/	04 1110	Prem/		Prem/		Prem/	04.1410	Prem/		Prem/
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
Aug-06	1025	-44	905	-37	798	-15	722	-21	697	-15	683	-16	660	-18	435	-49
Sep-06	1030	-39	911	-31	803	-10	727	-16	700	-12	685	-14	660	-18	437	-47
Oct-06	1038	-32	918	-24	805	-8	732	-11	701	-11	680	-19	661	-17	445	-39
Nov-06	1042	-27	925	-17	808	-5	742	-1	704	-8	678	-21	661	-17	445	-39
Dec-06	1052	-17	932	-10	811	-2	752	+9	706	-6	685	-14	659	-19	446	-38
Jan-07	1056	-13	934	-8	814	+1	757	+14	708	-4	675	-24	659	-19	446	-38
Feb-07	1060	-9	943	+1	818	+5	758	+15	710	-2	675	-24	657	-21	446	-38
Mar-07	1064	-6	950	+8	819	+6	760	+17	710	-2	675	-24	657	-21	448	-36
Apr-07	1068	-2	958	+16	822	+9	765	+22	711	-1	675	-24	657	-21	448	-36
May-07	1077	+8	962	+20	825	+12	767	+24	712	0	674	-25	657	-21	450	-34
Jun-07	1082	+13	972	+30	829	+16	769	+26	713	+1	674	-25	657	-21	450	-34
Jul-07	1087	+18	985	+43	832	+19	771	+28	715	+3	675	-24	655	-23	450	-34
Aug-07	1089	+20	989	+47	836	+23	773	+30	715	+3	674	-25	654	-24	452	-33
Sep-07	1093	+24	993	+51	845	+32	774	+31	715	+3	671	-28	653	-25	451	-34
Oct-07	1095	+26	997	+55	842	+29	777	+34	714	+2	670	-29	652	-26	447	-37

Table 4: Commonwealth Bank of Australia - Wool Futures

	CDA Wood Futures Quetos																	
	CBA Wool Futures Quotes																	
17-Aug-2006																		
Month	18 MIC	Prem/ Disc	19 MIC	Prem/ Disc	20 MIC	Prem/ Disc	21 MIC	Prem/ Disc	22 MIC	Prem/ Disc	23 MIC	Prem/ Disc	24 MIC	Prem/ Disc	25 MIC	Prem/ Disc	28 MIC	Prem/ Disc
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Aug-06	1045	-24	925	-17	815	+2	740	-3	710	-2	700	+1	670	-8	630	8	470	-14
Sep-06	1050	-19	930	-12	820	+7	745	+2	710	-2	700	+1	670	-8	630	8	470	-14
Oct-06	1055	-14	935	-7	820	+7	750	+7	715	+3	695	-4	670	8-	629	7	470	-14
Nov-06	1060	-9	940	-2	820	+7	755	+12	715	+3	695	-4	669	6	627	5	468	-16
Dec-06	1065	-4	945	+3	825	+12	760	+17	715	+3	695	-4	666	-12	625	3	462	-22
Jan-07	1070	+1	950	+8	830	+17	770	+27	720	+8	690	-9	661	-17	622	0	459	-25
Feb-07	1075	+6	955	+13	835	+22	775	+32	720	+8	690	-9	660	-18	620	-2	454	-30
Mar-07	1085	+16	965	+23	840	+27	785	+42	720	+8	685	-14	657	-21	616	-6	451	-33
Apr-07	1094	+25	975	+33	845	+32	790	+47	725	+13	680	-19	655	-23	615	-7	450	-34
May-07	1099	+30	985	+43	850	+37	795	+52	730	+18	680	-19	650	-28	615	-7	446	-38
Jun-07	1104	+35	995	+53	855	+42	800	+57	730	+18	677	-22	647	-31	612	-10	444	-40
Jul-07	1109	+40	1005	+63	860	+47	805	+62	735	+23	673	-26	647	-31	611	-11	442	-42
Aug-07	1114	+45	1010	+68	865	+52	810	+67	735	+23	670	-29	645	-33	609	-13	442	-42
Sep-07	1116	+47	1015	+73	870	+57	815	+72	740	+28	668	-31	645	-33	607	-15	438	-46
Oct-07	1126	+57	1020	+78	880	+67	817	+74	745	+33	667	-32	643	-35	607	-15	436	-48

Table 5: Sydney Futures Exchange - Wool Futures Prices

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	SFE FUTURES PRICES  17-Aug-06												
Month	19 MIC	Wkly Diff.	Prem/ Disc	21 MIC	Wkly Diff.	Prem/ Disc	23 MIC	Wkly Diff.	Prem/ Disc				
Oct-06	930	0	-12	762	-1	+19	686	0	-13				
Dec-06	947	+2	+5	787	+5	+44	664	0	-35				
Feb-07	969	+7	+27	800	+1	+57	664	0	-35				
Apr-07	990	+2	+48	810	+2	+67	657	0	-42				
Jun-07	1010	-3	+68	821	0	+78	657	0	-42				
Aug-07	1025	-1	+83	828	0	+85	657	0	-42				
Oct-07	1031	-1	+89	823	0	+80	657	0	-42				
Dec-07	1029	-1	+87	836	0	+93	657	0	-42				
Feb-08	1027	-1	+85	836	0	+93	661	0	-38				



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