

(week ending 18/08/2005)

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	703	-16	766	92%	791	746	703	
18	972	-20	1384	70%	1088	1007	972	
18.5	928	-26	1096	85%	1044	977	928	
19	860	-28	1037	83%	1008	921	860	
19.5	806	-22	1018	79%	946	850	806	
20	766	-18	835	92%	889	806	766	
21	720	-20	750	96%	817	776	720	
22	705	-18	708	100%	767	761	705	
23	689	-21	671	103%	742	750	689	
24	676	-16	649	104%	686	698	676	
25	630	0	614	103%	659	643	627	
26	568	6	583	97%	639	576	562	
28	465	-5	521	89%	540	480	465	
30	434	-3	470	92%	475	444	434	
32	394	-9	446	88%	435	406	394	
MC	409	-21	417	98%	423	441	409	

NORTHERN MARKET REPORT -

Australian Dollar 76.03 US as of 18/08/2005

This week sales resumed on Tuesday in Melbourne with 6,693 bales offered with falls of around 4c/kg in the 19.5-23.0 mic & up to 8c/kg in the 19.0, 24.0 & 28.0 mic fleece. The skirtings were slightly cheaper with the broader types seeing the biggest falls. The XB also experienced falls of around 6-8c/kg cln. Oddments remained firm on a small selection. 15.0% was passed in & top buyers were Itochu, Fox & Lillie, Chargeurs, Kathaytex & BWK Elders.

Melbourne on Wednesday only had 4,771 bales offered. The market remained reasonably firm on Tuesday's close. The 18.5 to 19 and 21-22 micron saw small falls of 2-3c/kg cln. Better style skirtings were slightly dearer and all others remained firm. XB's and oddments remained firm. A reasonably low pass in rate of 5.8% and the top buyers were Chargeurs, AS Gedge, Itochu, Fox & Lillie & Lempreire.

On Thursday Melbourne had its largest offering of the week of 7,884 bales of which 8.9% was passed in. Most microns remained firm to sellers favour with the largest gains of 5c/kg in the 20 to 22.0 mic. All skirtings remained unchanged, XB firm with 28 mic slightly dearer. Crutchings were generally firm and locks 5-7c/kg cheaper. The top buyers were Itochu, Fox & Lillie, Techwool, Chargeurs & AS Gedge.

The Sydney market opened on Wednesday with an offering of 10,290 bales. All microns experienced falls except the 24-25 microns. The 17.0 & 18-19 mic saw falls of 20-25c/kg clean with most others falling 10-15c/kg. Better style skirtings remained firm and falls of up to 10c/kg cln were seen in the lower style & higher VM types. The XB also fell with the biggest falls of 10c/kg in the 28.0 mic. Low VM locks & crutchings fell 5-10c/kg & the higher VM types falling.15-20cents. A high pass in rate of 16.35% & the top buyers were Morpen, Modiano, Itochu, BWK Elders & Techwool.

On Thursday, Sydney offered 10,213 bales and the market rose slightly across most microns especially the 20.5 and 21-22.0 mic. The 19.5 & finer better styled skirtings were 8-10c/kg dearer and all others remained firm. XB's were generally unchanged on a small selection, washing locks and crutchings 5-10 cents cheaper. Top buyers were Morpen, Techwool, BWK Elders, Modiano & Itochu and 11.1% was passed in.

Fremantle opened on Wednesday with 7,131 bales offered and 22.5% passed in. Falls of 10-15 c/kg clean were recorded in the 18.5 20.0 & the 25.0 Mic. All other types fell up to 10c/kg clean. The finer end remained firm. Skirtings generally remained firm with falls of 5-10c/kg. Oddments – locks and crutchings generally 10-15 c/kg cheaper. Major buyers were PJ Morris, BWK Elders, AS Gedge, Itochu and Startoy.

On Thursday Fremantle offered 6,030 bales and the market was firmer with gains of up to 15c/kg seen in the 22.0 micron area. All other microns rose by 3-4cents/kg clean. Skirtings were slightly dearer and little change in the locks & crutchings Major buyers were PJ Morris, West Coast Wools, BWK Elders, Lempriere, Startoy & Williams Wool. Considering the small rise 20.7% was passed in Next week sales will continue in all three selling centres with 53,382 bale

(Comments: Brian Vagg - Wooltrade)

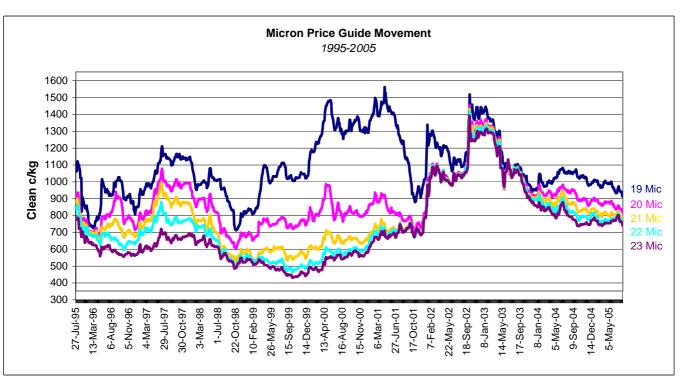


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Table 2: Northern Market Deciles

Micron Price Guide (1995-2005)													
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	MC			
Current	860	766	720	705	689	676	630	568	465	409			
90%	825	669	533	476	442	436	428	398	343	278			
80%	904	714	585	526	498	478	459	438	382	310			
70%	939	742	640	587	528	506	481	461	400	359			
60%	966	769	667	635	571	551	526	476	422	399			
50%	994	815	706	668	619	595	567	504	445	428			
40%	1044	847	760	717	653	644	592	523	459	440			
30%	1098	889	823	752	717	682	646	545	481	458			
20%	1228	939	877	843	815	786	704	592	502	483			
10%	1322	1012	1006	1006	1001	987	952	714	562	563			



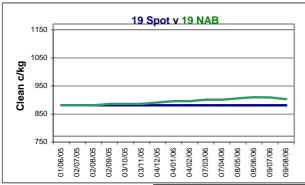


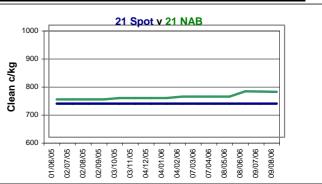


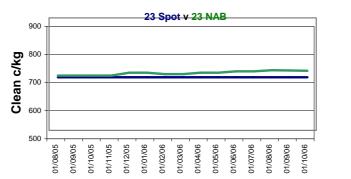
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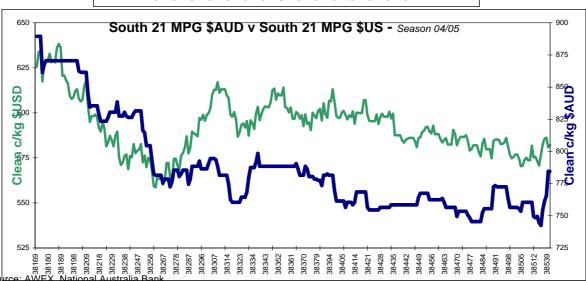
Table 3: National Australia Bank - Wool Swaps

						N/	AB Pro	ducer	Bids							
18-Aug-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
Aug-05	965	-7	860	0	760	-6	735	+15	705	0	695	+6	670	-6	450	-15
Sep-05	965	-7	860	0	760	-6	735	+15	705	0	695	+6	670	-6	450	-15
Oct-05	960	-12	860	0	760	-6	735	+15	705	0	695	+6	665	-11	445	-20
Nov-05	960	-12	865	+5	760	-6	735	+15	705	0	695	+6	665	-11	445	-20
Dec-05	960	-12	865	+5	765	-1	740	+20	715	+10	705	+16	660	-16	440	-25
Jan-06	955	-17	865	+5	765	-1	740	+20	715	+10	705	+16	660	-16	435	-30
Feb-06	955	-17	870	+10	765	-1	740	+20	715	+10	700	+11	660	-16	435	-30
Mar-06	950	-22	875	+15	765	-1	740	+20	715	+10	700	+11	660	-16	440	-25
Apr-06	945	-27	875	+15	775	+9	745	+25	720	+15	705	+16	665	-11	440	-25
May-06	945	-27	880	+20	775	+9	745	+25	720	+15	705	+16	665	-11	440	-25
Jun-06	945	-27	880	+20	775	+9	745	+25	720	+15	710	+21	665	-11	445	-20
Jul-06	950	-22	885	+25	780	+14	745	+25	720	+15	710	+21	665	-11	445	-20
Aug-06	959	-13	889	+29	784	+18	764	+44	724	+19	714	+25	669	-7	449	-16
Sep-06	963	-9	888	+28	788	+22	763	+43	723	+18	713	+24	673	-3	453	-12
Oct-06	977	+5	882	+22	792	+26	762	+42	727	+22	712	+23	677	+1	452	-13









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