

#### JEMALONG WOOL BULLETIN

(week ending 22/07/2004)

**Table 1: Northern Market Prices** 

| Micron Price<br>Guides | Current<br>MPG Price | Weekly<br>Change | 10-yr<br>Average |      |      | Year high | Year low |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------|------|-----------|----------|
| Northern Ind           | 807                  | -3               | 767              | 105% | 913  | 945       | 772      |
| 18.5                   | 1043                 | 7                | 1143             | 91%  | 1036 | 1088      | 846      |
| 19                     | 1001                 | 3                | 1048             | 96%  | 1006 | 1053      | 889      |
| 19.5                   | 952                  | 5                | 1018             | 94%  | 986  | 1047      | 877      |
| 20                     | 896                  | -8               | 835              | 107% | 998  | 1036      | 857      |
| 21                     | 838                  | -19              | 747              | 112% | 1006 | 1035      | 798      |
| 22                     | 804                  | -12              | 705              | 114% | 1017 | 1034      | 750      |
| 23                     | 771                  | -7               | 666              | 116% | 1020 | 1029      | 732      |
| 24                     | 710                  | 5                | 647              | 110% | 1002 | 1015      | 691      |
| 25                     | 672                  | 4                | 615              | 109% | 930  | 938       | 658      |
| 26                     | 639                  | -2               | 584              | 109% | 846  | 880       | 622      |
| 28                     | 537                  | -8               | 525              | 102% | 623  | 647       | 494      |
| 30                     | 473                  | -8               | 473              | 100% | 520  | 550       | 418      |
| 32                     | 424                  | -16              | 450              | 94%  | 510  | 510       | 373      |
| MC                     | 436                  | 5                | 415              | 105% | 484  | 514       | 364      |

Australian Dollar 71.3 USD

as of Thu-22-Jul-2004

NO SALE THIS WEEK - NORTHERN REGION MARKET REPORT for 15/07/04 -

Sales were held in Sydney this week with both the southern and western regions beginning a three week recess. The Australian dollar continued to firm early in the week and traded above 72cUS all week.

After last week's falls in prices, the market market slightly softer again on Tuesday. 21-23 microns fell around 10-15c/kg clean to be the most affected by the falls. 19 micron and finer were firm while crossbreds fell around 5c/kg clean. The offering of skirtings included a large proportion of high vm lots with prices remaining firm. Oddments were generally unchanged.

The market was generally unchanged on Wednesday with 19 and 20 microns falling 5c/kg clean while all other microns were unchanged. Merino skirtings and oddments were unchanged.

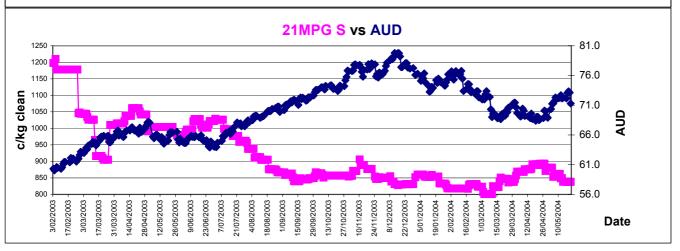
There was little change in prices on Thursday with 21 microns the only major mover falling 10c/kg clean, all other microns remained firm. Merino skirtings and oddments were also unchanged.

The northern region now enters a three week recess, and over the last two sales we have seen some ground lost after experiencing a rising market over the past several sales. The broader end seems to have been the most affected over the past two sales while the finer end seems more likely to maintain these levels. Over the recess Wooltrade provides an alternative method for selling wool in the absence of auction markets, and any short term downward movements in the dollar could provide some positive selling opportunities over next few weeks.

Macquarie Wool Futures quotes followed movements in auction markets this week and prices remain very flat for future months. The Australian dollar continues to be a heavy influence on wool prices at present and there seems to be resistance for new orders whenever the dollar rises above 70c US at present, but demand has returned strongly when the dollar has dropped below 70cUS.

Auction sales resume in the north the second week in August, and resume in the south and west the first week of August.

Comments: Phil Roberts (Wooltrade).





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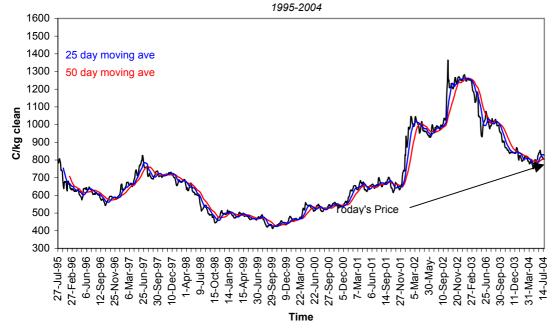
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**Table 3: Northern Market Deciles** 

### Micron Price Guide (1995-2003)

|         | 19   | 20   | 21   | 22   | 23   | 24  | 25  | 26  | 28  | MC  |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Current | 1001 | 896  | 838  | 804  | 771  | 710 | 672 | 639 | 537 | 436 |
| 90%     | 806  | 660  | 527  | 472  | 439  | 432 | 422 | 396 | 341 | 271 |
| 80%     | 900  | 706  | 564  | 513  | 489  | 473 | 453 | 433 | 378 | 299 |
| 70%     | 944  | 732  | 623  | 558  | 517  | 497 | 473 | 456 | 404 | 346 |
| 60%     | 973  | 761  | 653  | 623  | 557  | 529 | 501 | 483 | 435 | 379 |
| 50%     | 1016 | 794  | 682  | 654  | 598  | 575 | 548 | 508 | 453 | 416 |
| 40%     | 1067 | 857  | 725  | 684  | 629  | 607 | 578 | 530 | 471 | 441 |
| 30%     | 1127 | 901  | 832  | 758  | 689  | 679 | 657 | 550 | 488 | 464 |
| 20%     | 1247 | 950  | 917  | 900  | 885  | 871 | 764 | 604 | 510 | 489 |
| 10%     | 1328 | 1019 | 1012 | 1017 | 1006 | 995 | 963 | 723 | 566 | 575 |







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# **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  |
| Jul-04   | 1100 | 1000 | -1    | 895 | -1    | 840 | 2     | 800 | -4    | 755 | -16   | 700 | -10   | 670 | -2    | 530 | -7      | 775  |
| Oct-04   | 1100 | 1000 | -1    | 895 | -1    | 840 | 2     | 800 | -4    | 755 | -16   | 700 | -10   | 670 | -2    | 530 | -7      | 775  |
| Jan-05   | 1145 | 1040 | 39    | 905 | 9     | 845 | 7     | 795 | -9    | 755 | -16   | 695 | -15   | 670 | -2    | 525 | -12     | 775  |
| Apr-05   | 1165 | 1060 | 59    | 905 | 9     | 850 | 12    | 800 | -4    | 760 | -11   | 710 | 0     | 670 | -2    | 525 | -12     | 775  |

