



# JEMALONG WOOL BULLETIN

(week ending 24/12/2003)

**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 |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| Ind                 | 794               | -7            | 765           | 104%                     | 1180                | 945       | 792      |
| 18.5                | 911               | -12           | 1195          | 76%                      | 1461                | 1088      | 911      |
| 19                  | 897               | -13           | 1052          | 85%                      | 1369                | 1053      | 889      |
| 19.5                | 882               | -9            | 1018          | 87%                      | 1320                | 1047      | 877      |
| 20                  | 863               | -5            | 831           | 104%                     | 1285                | 1036      | 862      |
| 21                  | 858               | -1            | 741           | 116%                     | 1263                | 1035      | 841      |
| 22                  | 837               | -4            | 698           | 120%                     | 1250                | 1034      | 836      |
| 23                  | 796               | -9            | 659           | 121%                     | 1224                | 1029      | 796      |
| 24                  | 778               | 0             | 641           | 121%                     | 1207                | 1015      | 778      |
| 25                  | 700               | -36           | 610           | 115%                     | 1121                | 938       | 696      |
| 26                  | 644               | -52           | 580           | 111%                     | 1006                | 880       | 636      |
| 28                  | 517               | -47           | 524           | 99%                      | 743                 | 647       | 517      |
| 30                  | 453               | -53           | 474           | 96%                      | 607                 | 550       | 453      |
| 32                  | 392               | -33           | 453           | 87%                      | 561                 | 510       | 392      |
| MC                  | 467               | -11           | 415           | 113%                     | 672                 | 514       | 440      |

**Australian Dollar** 0.735

NO SALES THIS WEEK - NORTHERN REGION MARKET REPORT FOR 11/12/03 -

Auction sales were held in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle this week. The national offering this week was approximately 69,500 bales, with Sydney only holding two sales this week.

Sales opened nationally in Melbourne on Tuesday with prices for all wool types falling in comparison to last week. Before sales began this week the Australian dollar jumped more than .5c US on Monday which seemed to have a dampening effect on demand. On Tuesday prices for all merino fleeces and skirtings were down approximately 10c/kg clean. Crossbred fleece prices were also down, particularly 28/30 micron which were 20-30c/kg clean cheaper.

Prices were generally lower when sales opened in Sydney on Wednesday. The finer merino fleece prices were down 5-10c/kg clean. Crossbreds were the most affected falling between 30-50c/kg clean. Merino skirtings and oddments were both 5-10c/kg cheaper on Wednesday.

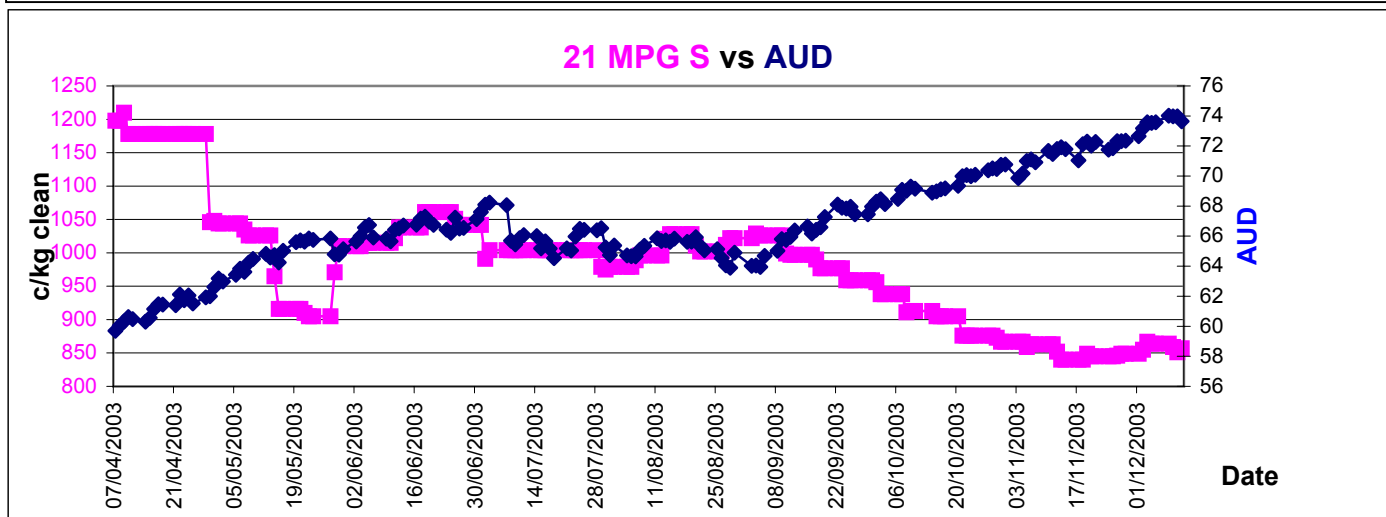
Prices were generally weaker again on Thursday with merino fleece prices generally falling around 5c/kg clean. Crossbred fleece prices were generally unchanged. Merino skirtings were unchanged on Thursday and oddments were 5c/kg clean cheaper.

The factors contributing to prices at current levels continue to be the high Australian dollar combined with weak demand. Despite wool supply remaining at relatively low levels historically, the more significant driver of prices at the moment appears to be continued sluggish demand, particularly from China. This season to date has seen an overall fall in export volumes of 31% compared to last year. The drop in exports to China is in excess of 32 million kgs greasy which represents a 43% fall. Exports to the second biggest export market, Italy, has dropped by 6 million kgs greasy or 23%. (Source: AWEX).

There is a sale recess for Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle over the next three weeks. The next Sydney sale is on 7th January 2004.

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Source: AWEX, SFE, Macquarie Bank

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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 | <b>897</b> | <b>863</b> | <b>858</b> | <b>837</b> | <b>796</b> | <b>778</b> | <b>700</b> | <b>517</b> | <b>392</b> | <b>467</b> |
| 90%     | 793        | 650        | 523        | 469        | 434        | 427        | 416        | 394        | 339        | 261        |
| 80%     | <b>888</b> | 697        | 555        | 498        | 477        | 467        | 451        | 420        | <b>367</b> | 292        |
| 70%     | 945        | 727        | 610        | 544        | 510        | 487        | 471        | 448        | 399        | 333        |
| 60%     | 976        | 746        | 644        | 595        | 532        | 511        | 493        | 468        | 435        | 359        |
| 50%     | 1044       | 768        | 666        | 634        | 570        | 547        | 536        | 497        | 456        | 393        |
| 40%     | 1090       | <b>813</b> | 693        | 660        | 608        | 584        | 568        | <b>518</b> | 475        | 434        |
| 30%     | 1173       | 870        | <b>736</b> | 693        | 633        | 611        | <b>627</b> | 547        | 493        | <b>463</b> |
| 20%     | 1261       | 942        | 874        | <b>767</b> | <b>692</b> | <b>688</b> | 847        | 600        | 528        | 495        |
| 10%     | 1339       | 1021       | 1011       | 1014       | 1004       | 995        | 964        | 730        | 570        | 583        |

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## Macquarie Wool Futures

| Delivery Month | 18   | 19   | Diff. to Spot | 20  | Diff. to Spot | 21  | Diff. to Spot | 22  | Diff. to Spot | 23  | Diff. to Spot | 24  | Diff. to Spot | 25  | Diff. to Spot | XB  | Diff to Spot |
|----------------|------|------|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|--------------|
| Dec-03         | 940  | 900  | 3             | 865 | 2             | 855 | -3            | 825 | -12           | 790 | -6            | 765 | -13           | 700 | 0             | 527 | 10           |
| Feb-04         | 970  | 925  | 28            | 890 | 27            | 880 | 22            | 850 | 13            | 815 | 19            | 790 | 12            | 725 | 25            | 515 | -2           |
| Apr-04         | 990  | 950  | 53            | 890 | 27            | 880 | 22            | 850 | 13            | 815 | 19            | 790 | 12            | 725 | 25            | 515 | -2           |
| Jun-04         | 1005 | 965  | 68            | 890 | 27            | 880 | 22            | 850 | 13            | 815 | 19            | 790 | 12            | 725 | 25            | 515 | -2           |
| Aug-04         | 1015 | 975  | 78            | 890 | 27            | 880 | 22            | 850 | 13            | 815 | 19            | 790 | 12            | 725 | 25            | 515 | -2           |
| Oct-04         | 1030 | 990  | 93            | 890 | 27            | 880 | 22            | 855 | 18            | 815 | 19            | 790 | 12            | 740 | 40            | 515 | -2           |
| Dec-04         | 1040 | 995  | 98            | 890 | 27            | 880 | 22            | 855 | 18            | 815 | 19            | 790 | 12            | 740 | 40            | 515 | -2           |
| Feb-05         | 1045 | 1000 | 103           | 890 | 27            | 870 | 12            | 845 | 8             | 815 | 19            | 795 | 17            | 745 | 45            | 515 | -2           |
| Apr-05         | 1060 | 1000 | 103           | 890 | 27            | 870 | 12            | 845 | 8             | 820 | 24            | 800 | 22            | 750 | 50            | 520 | 3            |
| Jun-05         | 1075 | 1000 | 103           | 890 | 27            | 870 | 12            | 845 | 8             | 820 | 24            | 800 | 22            | 760 | 60            | 525 | 8            |
| Aug-05         | 1083 | 1000 | 103           | 891 | 28            | 870 | 12            | 845 | 8             | 820 | 24            | 800 | 22            | 760 | 60            | 528 | 11           |
| Oct-05         | 1097 | 1000 | 103           | 893 | 30            | 869 | 11            | 845 | 8             | 820 | 24            | 800 | 22            | 760 | 60            | 534 | 17           |

