



JEMALONG WOOL BULLETIN
(week ending 26/02/04)

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
Ind	783	9	766	102%	1131	945	774
18.5	959	27	1173	82%	1306	1088	846
19	923	3	1050	88%	1266	1053	889
19.5	902	-4	1018	89%	1249	1047	877
20	867	-2	832	104%	1236	1036	862
21	836	7	743	113%	1221	1035	829
22	800	8	700	114%	1214	1034	792
23	781	7	661	118%	1201	1029	774
24	744	3	643	116%	1185	1015	741
25	677	2	612	111%	1078	938	477
26	655	6	581	113%	980	880	636
28	510	16	524	97%	674	647	494
30	442	22	473	93%	595	550	418
32	400	22	452	89%	541	510	373
MC	411	3	415	99%	628	514	408

Australian Dollar 0.7724

NORTHERN REGION MARKET REPORT

Auction sales were held in Newcastle, Fremantle and Melbourne this week.

Sales opened nationally in Newcastle on Tuesday for the final specialty fine wool sale for the season. There was strong competition for the better style, fine fleeces, 40nkt+, which were around 10c/kg clean dearer compared to last week's closing quotes for Sydney.

On Wednesday 17 and 18 micron fleece prices rose around 15c/kg clean. For the 16 micron and finer spinner types some lots were up to 200c/kg clean dearer. All fleeces 19 micron and broader were generally unchanged for the day. Merino skirtings were unchanged. Oddment prices rose by 10c/kg clean for the day.

On Thursday the finer fleece wools were generally unchanged and 21 micron and broader merino fleece prices were around 5c/kg clean dearer. Prices for crossbred fleeces 28 micron and broader rose around 10c/kg clean on a limited offering. Merino skirtings and oddments remained unchanged at similar levels to Wednesday.

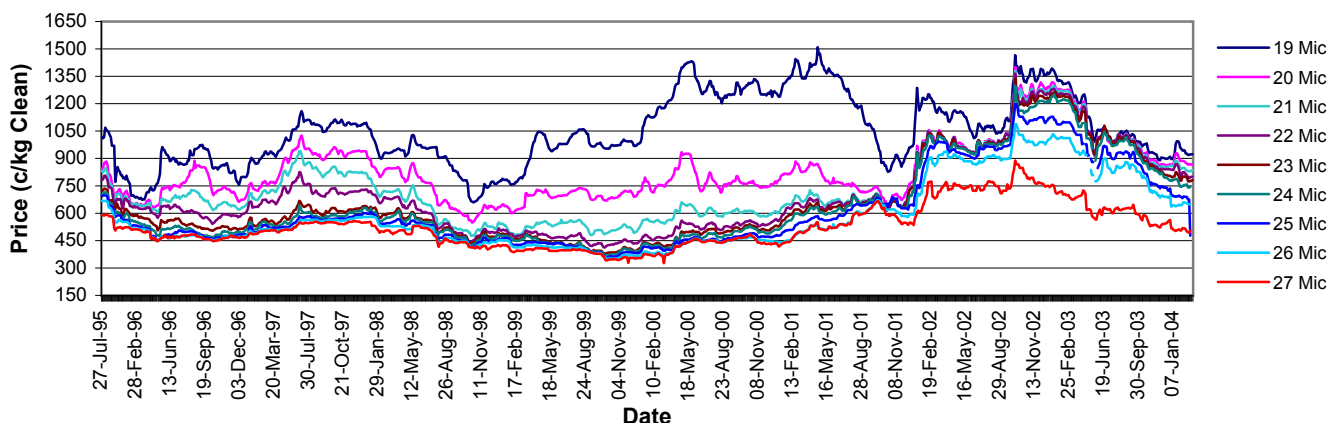
The Australian dollar fell sharply on Friday night and slipped below 77c US during the weekend. Illustrating the opportunistic nature of the overseas trade, there was some new business taken at these levels over the weekend with solid sales seen on Wooltrade to fill these orders. Some prices seen were up to 15c/kg clean above last week's closing prices, however this proved short-lived as prices remained mostly unchanged when auction sales opened during the week.

Despite the dollar falling over the weekend, with economic data in the US indicating that there may be a rise in US interest rates, forecasters are predicting that the Australian dollar will continue to remain strong relative to the US dollar in the near future. Even with this the case, growers should consider the fact that they can hedge their broader wool at prices well above the 10 year average right out to the year 2007. To see this illustrated, go to the Macquarie Wool Futures graphs at the end of this report.

Sales continue in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle next week.

Comments: Phil Roberts (Wooltrade).

**Micron Price Guide Movement
1995-2004**



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	923	867	836	800	781	744	677	655	510	411
90%	800	655	526	472	438	430	420	395	341	268
80%	897	700	562	509	486	471	452	427	376	298
70%	943	729	617	550	515	494	472	453	400	343
60%	973	757	649	611	548	520	495	477	435	376
50%	1028	777	675	643	587	563	540	505	455	426
40%	1076	846	711	674	621	600	570	527	474	447
30%	1142	898	825	727	654	649	639	550	491	469
20%	1250	955	931	930	925	903	828	614	516	492
10%	1335	1022	1019	1019	1010	996	964	723	569	577

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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
Feb-04	969	921	-2	870	3	834	-2	805	5	779	-2	742	-2	692	15	518	8
Apr-04	1000	960	37	880	13	840	4	800	0	770	-11	735	-9	685	8	515	5
Jun-04	1020	975	52	880	13	840	4	800	0	770	-11	735	-9	685	8	515	5
Aug-04	1025	980	57	880	13	840	4	800	0	770	-11	735	-9	685	8	510	0
Oct-04	1050	1005	82	885	18	845	9	800	0	765	-16	730	-14	680	3	510	0
Dec-04	1065	1010	87	890	23	845	9	800	0	765	-16	730	-14	680	3	510	0
Feb-05	1080	1025	102	900	33	850	14	810	10	770	-11	735	-9	685	8	510	0
Apr-05	1095	1030	107	910	43	860	24	820	20	775	-6	740	-4	695	18	510	0
Jun-04	1020	975	52	880	13	840	4	800	0	770	-11	735	-9	685	8	515	5
Aug-05	1115	1035	112	925	58	865	29	825	25	780	-1	750	6	705	28	515	5
Oct-05	1140	1035	112	925	58	865	29	825	25	780	-1	750	6	705	28	515	5
Dec-05	1155	1035	112	925	58	865	29	825	25	780	-1	750	6	705	28	515	5

