



**Table 1: Northern Market Prices**

Micron Price Guides	26/10/2006	19/10/2006	10 yr Average	Price as % of Ave.	26/10/2005	12 Month High	12 Month Low
	Current Price	Weekly Change			This time Last Year		
NRI	803	+28	764	105%	674	803	642
16*	1600	0			1480	1630	1300
16.5*	1470	0			1360	1500	1240
17*	1325	+25			1150	1350	1040
17.5*	1210	+35			1065	1220	960
18	1089	+6	1333	82%	949	1123	900
18.5	1019	+19			866	1038	832
19	947	+31	1037	91%	819	979	779
19.5	898	+41			755	923	736
20	855	+39	841	102%	715	859	684
21	801	+46	758	106%	682	801	657
22	776	+61	720	108%	670	776	648
23	748	+66	687	109%	664	748	640
24	713	+69	667	107%	658	713	631
25	614	+16	628	98%	637	648	588
26	557	+10	592	94%	578	694	536
28	481	+1	518	93%	465	495	424
30	431	+1	464	93%	429	444	390
32	388	0	437	89%	388	410	369
MC	422	+9	419	101%	410	467	380

\* Note: Due to the irregular market quoting for super fine wool, figures shown relating to micron categories below 18 mic, are an estimate based on the 42 nkt AWEX Premium & Discount Report & other available information. 10 year data is not available on some micron categories, which may result in blank spaces in the table above.

## MARKET COMMENTARY

Australian Dollar

76.21

US as of 26/10/2006

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Tuesdays Market - saw significant gains in the medium to broad micron merino fleece wools, with the 19 -22 micron indicators all posting significant rises of between 16 & 27 cents. The finer micron categories registered little movement with 18.5 moving 5 cents higher and 18 micron & finer generally unchanged. Merino skirtings were also well supported, with higher VM types (5-8%) lifting 10 cents. There were only a limited selection of good style, low VM skirtings (<3%) on offer, these types also met with strong buyer competition. The Crossbred market was well supported, however eased slightly today in the 26-30 micron categories due to a large offering. In the oddment department, locks & stains were unchanged, while good colour crutchings gained 5-10 cents.

On Wednesday – the market recorded further increases with a strong closing rally. Finer types of 18 micron and finer remained firm. 18.5-19.5 microns rose 10-15 cents and 20-22.5 microns increased by 20 cents in late trading. Skirtings continued to rise 15-20 cents with 20 microns and courser most affected. A smaller offering of Crossbred wool left the 27-30 micron categories unchanged. In the oddment market, carbo locks opened & closed the day 10 cents dearer, crutchings were unchanged and stains rose 5 cents.

On Thursday – the market was quoted as bullish, with 20-22.5 micron fleece once again taking the lead, posting further increases of 20 cents. 19 micron and finer were 10 cents dearer while the limited offering of 23 micron and broader recorded jumps of 30-40 cents.

Next weeks sales are to be held in, Melbourne (T-W-T), Sydney (W-T) and Fremantle (W-T) with 61,860 bales currently rostered.

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*Source: AWEX*



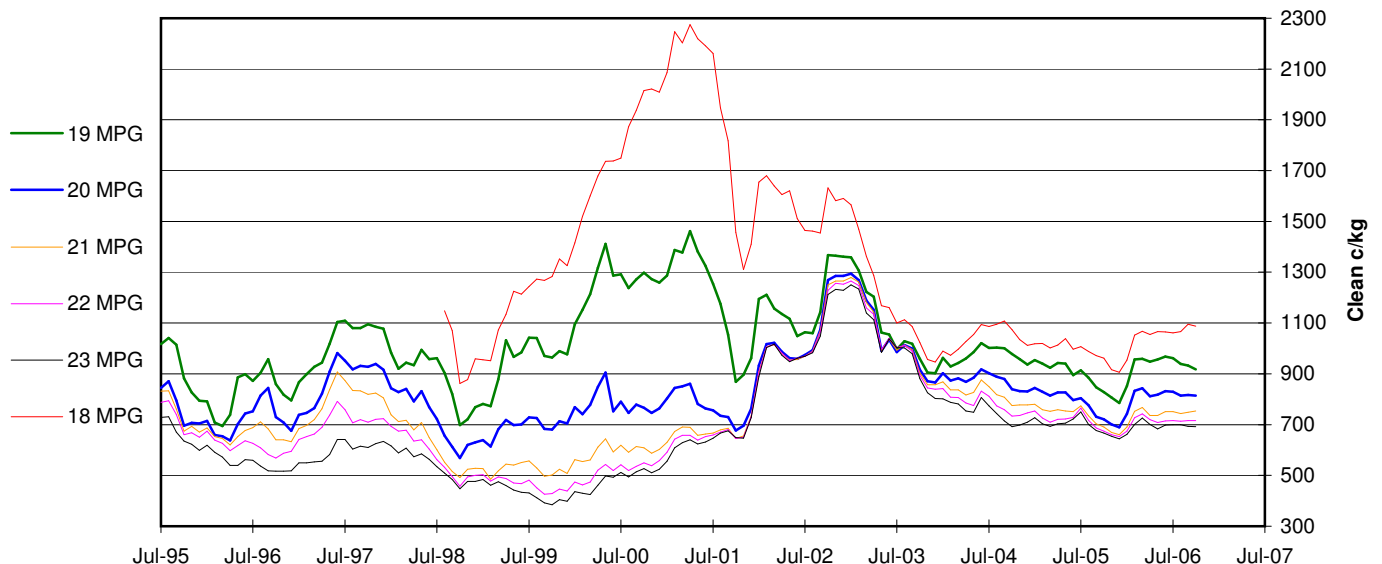
**Table 2: Northern Market Deciles**

Decile Rank	% increment	Micron Price Guide (Since July 1995)									
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	MC
9	10%	818	674	538	479	452	442	434	416	401	282
8	20%	896	715	602	538	506	482	464	451	442	333
7	30%	933	742	647	606	541	516	492	473	463	376
6	40%	953	770	675	650	595	575	548	523	474	402
5	50%	977	813	717	681	636	616	584	551	491	426
4	60%	1019	839	752	715	680	660	609	568	512	436
3	70%	1081	871	811	741	706	681	641	594	540	451
2	80%	1184	927	857	819	792	748	692	652	576	477
1	90%	1313	1001	998	995	990	979	936	885	697	532
26/10/06 Current MPG		947	855	801	776	748	713	614	557	481	422

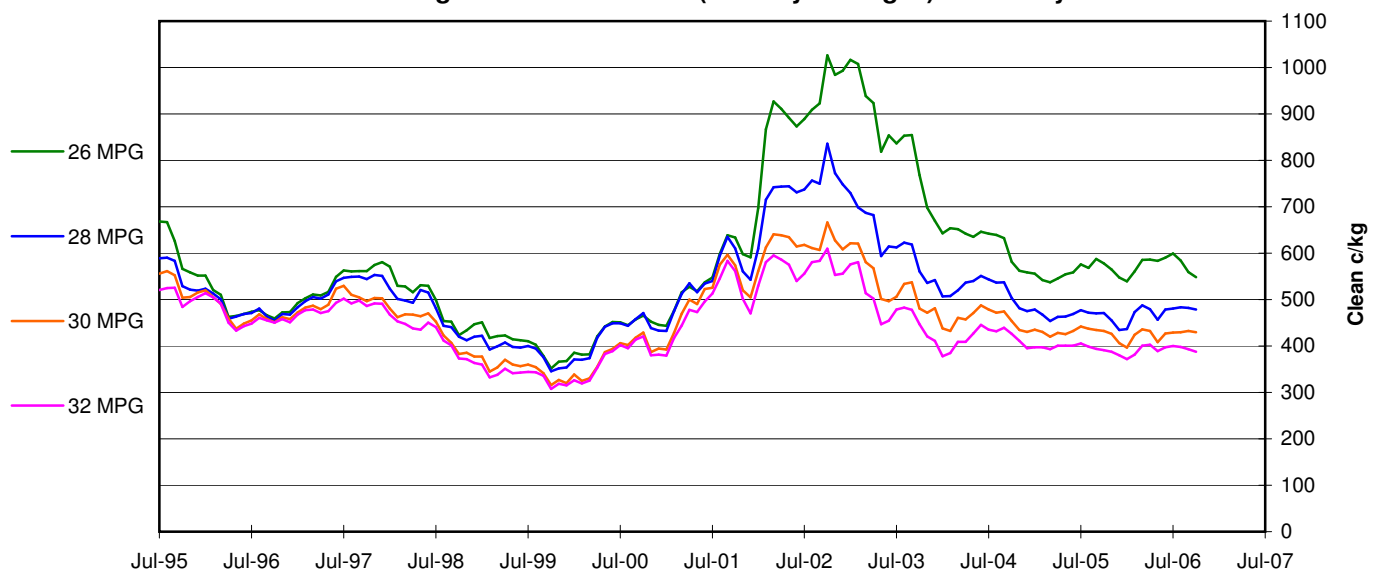
A Decile rank is a rating, usually of performance, on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is best, 10 is worst, and each number corresponds to an increment of 10 percentage points.

A percentile is a value on a scale of one hundred that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. In general, a percentile less than 25 is considered below normal, a percentile between 25 and 75 is considered normal, a percentile greater than 75 is considered above normal.

**Northern Region MPG Movement (Monthly Averages) since July 95**



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Source: Australian Wool Exchange, Australian Wool Innovation, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, National Australia Bank, Sydney Futures Exchange, x-rates.com

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CBA Wool Futures Quotes, compared to current physical Market															25/10/06			
NRMPG	1089		947		855		801		776		748		713		614		481	
Month	18	+/-	19	+/-	20	+/-	21	+/-	22	+/-	23	+/-	24	+/-	25	+/-	28	+/-
Nov-06	1110	+21	950	+3	865	+10	810	+9	765	-11	733	-15	675	-38	615	+1	475	-6
Dec-06	1125	+36	965	+18	880	+25	825	+24	765	-11	735	-13	675	-38	615	+1	475	-6
Jan-07	1137	+48	975	+28	885	+30	834	+33	770	-6	735	-13	675	-38	615	+1	475	-6
Feb-07	1150	+61	985	+38	895	+40	843	+42	775	-1	740	-8	680	-33	615	+1	475	-6
Mar-07	1160	+71	992	+45	900	+45	854	+53	778	+2	740	-8	680	-33	615	+1	470	-11
Apr-07	1172	+83	1000	+53	905	+50	865	+64	765	-11	740	-8	680	-33	615	+1	470	-11
May-07	1180	+91	1005	+58	910	+55	870	+69	780	+4	740	-8	680	-33	615	+1	470	-11
Jun-07	1185	+96	1010	+63	910	+55	874	+73	783	+7	740	-8	680	-33	615	+1	470	-11
Jul-07	1192	+103	1015	+68	915	+60	878	+77	785	+9	742	-6	680	-33	610	-4	465	-16
Aug-07	1197	+108	1020	+73	915	+60	882	+81	785	+9	742	-6	680	-33	610	-4	465	-16
Sep-07	1203	+114	1022	+75	920	+65	885	+84	785	+9	742	-6	680	-33	610	-4	465	-16
Oct-07	1207	+118	1025	+78	925	+70	888	+87	790	+14	745	-3	680	-33	610	-4	465	-16
Nov-07	1207	+118	1026	+79	925	+70	895	+94	790	+14	745	-3	680	-33	610	-4	465	-16
Dec-07	1220	+131	1030	+83	930	+75	900	+99	790	+14	745	-3	680	-33	610	-4	465	-16
Jan-08	1220	+131	1031	+84	930	+75	903	+102	790	+14	748	0	680	-33	610	-4	460	-21

NAB Wool Swaps, compared to current physical Market																	26/10/06	
NRMPG	1089		947		855		801		776		748		713		614		481	
Month	18	+/-	19	+/-	20	+/-	21	+/-	22	+/-	23	+/-	24	+/-	25	+/-	28	+/-
Nov-06	1110	+21	955	+8	847	-8	803	+2	757	-19	745	-3	682	-31			455	-26
Dec-06	1120	+31	965	+18	845	-10	825	+24	758	-18	751	+3	700	-13			455	-26
Jan-07	1125	+36	975	+28	853	-2	835	+34	760	-16	754	+6	703	-10			455	-26
Feb-07	1130	+41	985	+38	853	-2	845	+44	761	-15	754	+6	704	-9			450	-31
Mar-07	1135	+46	995	+48	856	+1	850	+49	766	-10	757	+9	705	-8			456	-25
Apr-07	1140	+51	995	+48	861	+6	855	+54	773	-3	760	+12	705	-8			456	-25
May-07	1145	+56	995	+48	865	+10	860	+59	777	+1	763	+15	705	-8			458	-23
Jun-07	1150	+61	1000	+53	869	+14	880	+79	780	+4	766	+18	708	-5			458	-23
Jul-07	1155	+66	1005	+58	868	+13	885	+84	795	+19	769	+21	708	-5			457	-24
Aug-07	1165	+76	1010	+63	871	+16	888	+87	798	+22	770	+22	710	-3			457	-24
Sep-07	1170	+81	1012	+65	876	+21	890	+89	799	+23	773	+25	710	-3			457	-24
Oct-07	1174	+85	1014	+67	880	+25	889	+88	800	+24	775	+27	709	-4			451	-30
Nov-07	1178	+89	1023	+76	884	+29	903	+102	800	+24	777	+29	709	-4			450	-31
Dec-07	1182	+93	1032	+85	893	+38	902	+101	799	+23	779	+31	708	-5			449	-32
Jan-08	1186	+97	1036	+89	902	+47	906	+105	799	+23	778	+30	708	-5			448	-33

SFE Wool Futures Quotes, compared to current physical Market																	26/10/2006	
NRMPG	1089		947		855		801		776		748		713		614		481	
Month	18	+/-	19	+/-	20	+/-	21	+/-	22	+/-	23	+/-	24	+/-	25	+/-	28	+/-
Nov-06			976	+29			853	+52			760	+12						
Dec-06																		
Jan-07			1016	+69			869	+68			775	+27						
Feb-07																		
Mar-07			1023	+76			891	+90			777	+29						
Apr-07																		
May-07			1035	+88			899	+98			777	+29						
Jun-07																		
Jul-07			1040	+93			903	+102			777	+29						
Aug-07																		
Sep-07			1038	+91			897	+96			777	+29						
Oct-07																		
Nov-07			1036	+89			922	+121			794	+46						
Dec-07																		
Jan-08			1038	+91			913	+112			797	+49						

