



# JEMALONG WOOL BULLETIN

(week ending 30/05/02)

**Table 1: Northern Market Prices**

| Micron Price Guides | Current MPG Price | Weekly Change | 10-yr Average | Current Price to Average |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Indicator           | 896               | -11           | 705           | 127%                     |
| 19                  | 1044              | -21           | 1034          | 101%                     |
| 20                  | 930               | -14           | 775           | 120%                     |
| 21                  | 929               | -14           | 665           | 140%                     |
| 22                  | 929               | -12           | 614           | 151%                     |
| 23                  | 928               | -11           | 569           | 163%                     |
| 24                  | 928               | -8            | 553           | 168%                     |
| 25                  | 904               | -11           | 531           | 170%                     |
| 26                  | 882               | -3            | 510           | 173%                     |
| 28                  | 750               | 0             | 489           | 153%                     |
| 30                  | 630               | -4            | 452           | 139%                     |
| 32                  | 570               | 0             | 438           | 130%                     |
| MC                  | 489               | -21           | 376           | 130%                     |

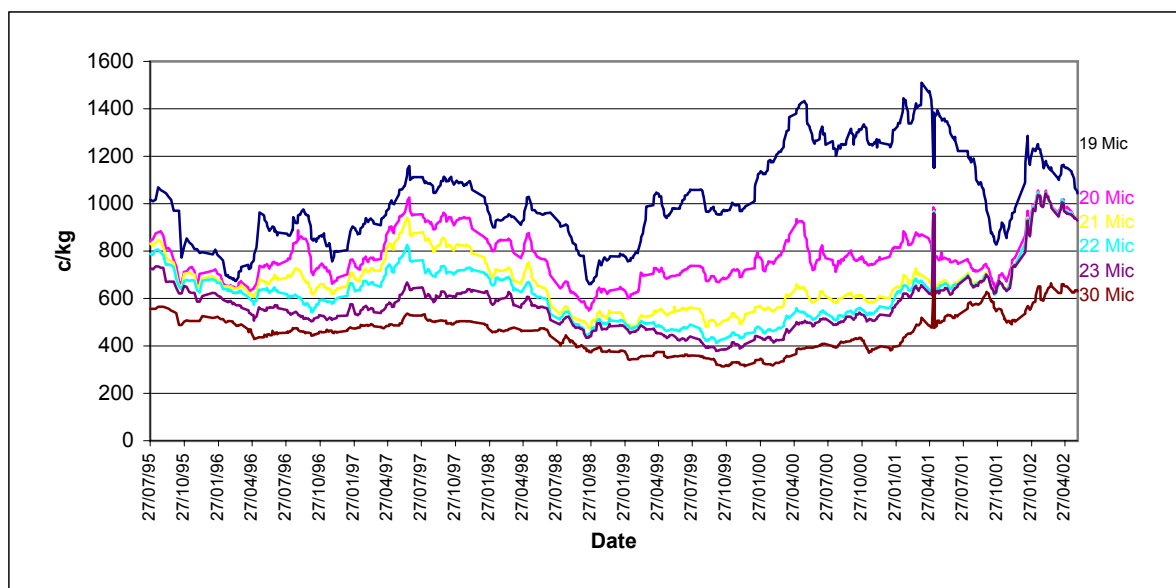
The market dipped again this week with prices falling 10-20 c/kg clean 19-23 micron. Some new orders for 18 micron were apparent on Thursday however recovering some of the loss of last week. Skirtings were also cheaper this week, higher Vm faulty lines most affected. Cardings fell 15c/kg on Wednesday and a further 7 c/kg on Thursday

Mixed opinion as to the factors causing current market conditions is apparent in the media. European demand decline is more resulting from a general decline in processing supply requirements with spinners having difficulty selling tops. On the other hand, the increasing Aussie dollar is having its main effect on the Chinese market - 20 micron and broader. There are also reports of late payments for orders from China, deterring some exporters in buying against Chinese commitments if other order payments remain outstanding.

Wool Futures prices have fallen a further 10-15 c/kg for medium and broad wools across most maturity months. 19 micron fell markedly on Wednesday, up to 40c/kg clean late spring months. Some renewed buying activity has been seen on Thursday however, pushing medium contract prices up 5-10c/kg clean. Sales continue in two centres next week, Sydney and Melbourne.

Comments: Evonne Luton

**Figure 1: Northern MPG Movement**





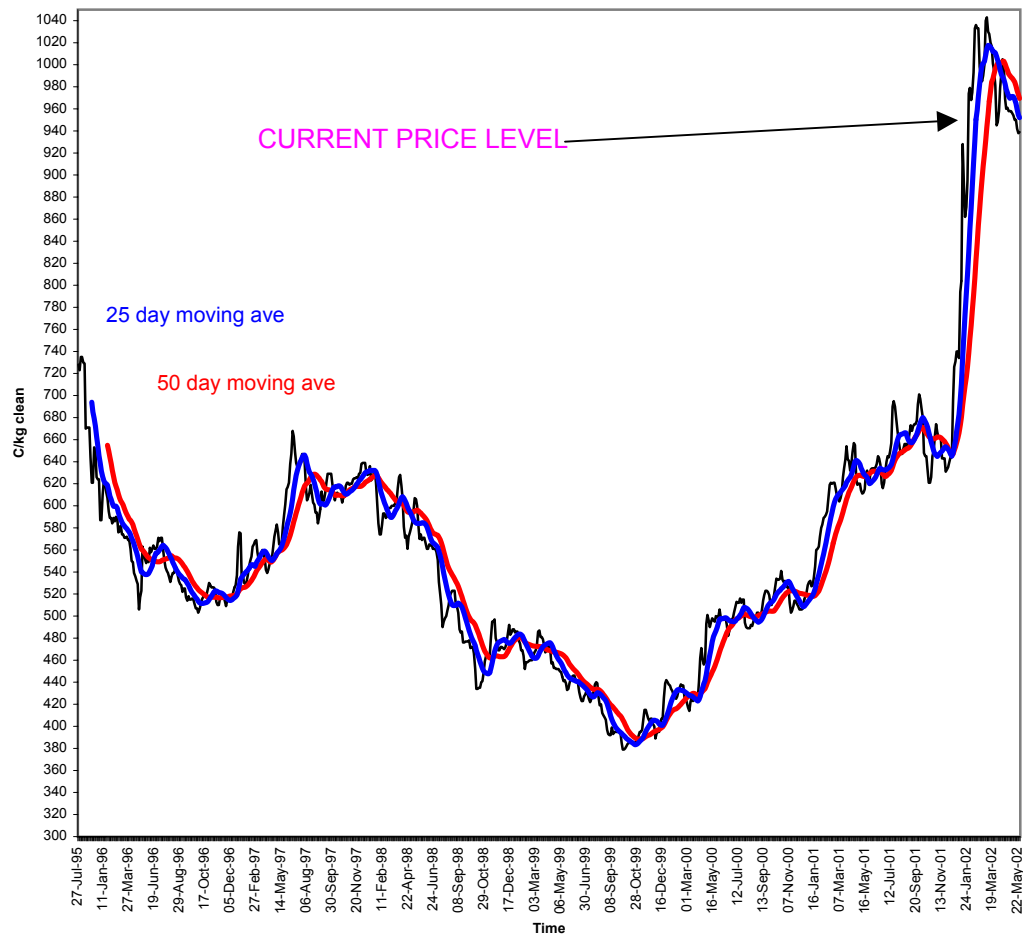
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**Table 3: Northern Market Deciles**

| Micron Price Guide (1995-2002) |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                                | 19   | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 28  | 32  | MC  |
| Current                        | 1044 | 930 | 929 | 929 | 928 | 928 | 904 | 750 | 570 | 489 |
| 90%                            | 781  | 642 | 515 | 464 | 427 | 422 | 413 | 386 | 332 | 255 |
| 80%                            | 868  | 688 | 549 | 491 | 469 | 461 | 441 | 412 | 359 | 284 |
| 70%                            | 926  | 715 | 587 | 528 | 499 | 479 | 460 | 439 | 387 | 305 |
| 60%                            | 960  | 734 | 624 | 561 | 519 | 497 | 475 | 457 | 422 | 343 |
| 50%                            | 994  | 756 | 649 | 610 | 545 | 519 | 495 | 475 | 447 | 367 |
| 40%                            | 1072 | 772 | 669 | 636 | 574 | 553 | 534 | 502 | 459 | 393 |
| 30%                            | 1127 | 816 | 695 | 661 | 610 | 587 | 562 | 520 | 480 | 432 |
| 20%                            | 1232 | 865 | 729 | 690 | 631 | 610 | 582 | 546 | 494 | 458 |
| 10%                            | 1315 | 940 | 844 | 736 | 668 | 667 | 649 | 593 | 539 | 485 |

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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  |
|----------------|------|------|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| Jun-02         | 1440 | 1030 | -14           | 925 | -5            | 925 | -4            | 925 | -4            | 920 | -8            | 915 | -13           | 895 |
| Aug-02         | 1415 | 1020 | -24           | 905 | -25           | 895 | -34           | 895 | -34           | 890 | -38           | 885 | -43           | 865 |
| Oct-02         | 1415 | 1015 | -29           | 895 | -35           | 880 | -49           | 875 | -54           | 870 | -58           | 865 | -63           | 845 |
| Dec-02         | 1415 | 1015 | -29           | 895 | -35           | 870 | -59           | 865 | -64           | 855 | -73           | 850 | -78           | 830 |
| Feb-03         | 1435 | 1045 | 1             | 900 | -30           | 875 | -54           | 870 | -59           | 860 | -68           | 850 | -78           | 830 |
| Apr-03         | 1455 | 1045 | 1             | 900 | -30           | 875 | -54           | 870 | -59           | 860 | -68           | 850 | -78           | 830 |
| Jun-03         | 1465 | 1060 | 16            | 900 | -30           | 870 | -59           | 860 | -69           | 850 | -78           | 840 | -88           | 820 |
| Aug-03         | 1465 | 1065 | 21            | 895 | -35           | 870 | -59           | 835 | -94           | 825 | -103          | 810 | -118          | 790 |
| Oct-03         | 1465 | 1065 | 21            | 895 | -35           | 860 | -69           | 820 | -109          | 795 | -133          | 780 | -148          | 760 |
| Dec-03         | 1444 | 1065 | 21            | 884 | -46           | 851 | -78           | 806 | -123          | 781 | -147          | 766 | -162          | 746 |
| Feb-04         | 1423 | 1066 | 22            | 873 | -57           | 842 | -87           | 792 | -137          | 767 | -161          | 752 | -176          | 732 |
| Apr-04         | 1403 | 1067 | 23            | 863 | -67           | 833 | -96           | 778 | -151          | 753 | -175          | 738 | -190          | 718 |

