

WOOL MARKET WEEKLY REPORT

Sale 35: Fri 1st Mar 2024



Discounted registrations for 100 woolgrowers for IWTO Congress April 2024 - Adelaide. www.iwto.org

Aust. wool offering		Currency movements			Eastern Market Indicator (EMI)			
Bales offered	38,137	AUD:USD	0.6519	-0.75 %	AUD	1158 ac/kg	+ 1 ac/kg	+ 0.09 %
Clearance rate %	93.1 %	AUD:CNY	4.6907	-0.55 %	USD	755 usc/kg	- 5 usc/kg	- 0.66 %
Bales Sold	35,669	AUD:EUR	0.6017	-0.95 %	CNY	54.32 ¥/kg	- 0.25 ¥/kg	- 0.47 %
Bales sold season	1,095,295	RBA close rates 28th Feb 2024			EUR	6.97 €/kg	- 0.06 €/kg	- 0.84 %

AWI Market Commentary

Australian wool auctions opened to improved levels for the Merino segment of the offering this week. Strong gains of 10 to 15ac were initially recorded in the Eastern selling centres and even better 20ac plus advances were registered in the Western Australian market. The crossbred and carding sectors were not so well supported and sold generally to the buyer's favour.

Better enquiry since the close of selling the previous week and through the weekend was converted to some welcome fresh business for exporters but volumes booked firm were reported to be on the lowish side. Most of these new contracts originated from the Chinese customers. Following the immediate price gains at auction, that enquiry went cold once more as our overseas wool users saw no solid lead or need to follow the spot market price up to book further quantity.

Subsequently the second and final day of selling saw some price retraction even though the AUD was weakening once more against the major trading currencies which gave the US dollar, Chinese yuan and Euro bidders and buyers a 0.5 to 0.8% price advantage on the week to week comparison.

The more robust interest for new wool contracts was again enough to put a generally harder competitive environment into auction rooms and was the catalyst to create small incremental movements upwards in the Australian dollar values of Merino wools on offer. The 19.0 to 20.0 micron types were the most well sought of the selection and managed a 15ac price increase for the week. Broader than 20 micron sold barely firm.

The superfine Merino types finer than 18.5 micron were again subjected to a lacklustre demand scenario, despite the high-quality wools from the New England area of NSW being available. Some of these clips though were purchased by the Italian worsted industry at significant premium prices above the micron price guide quotes, but compelling bidding from some Chinese vertical companies occurred and soaked up many bales that would normally be the domain of sole Italian competition and import.

Next week has a touch over 41,000 bales on offer with the auctions running over 2 days on Tuesday and Wednesday.

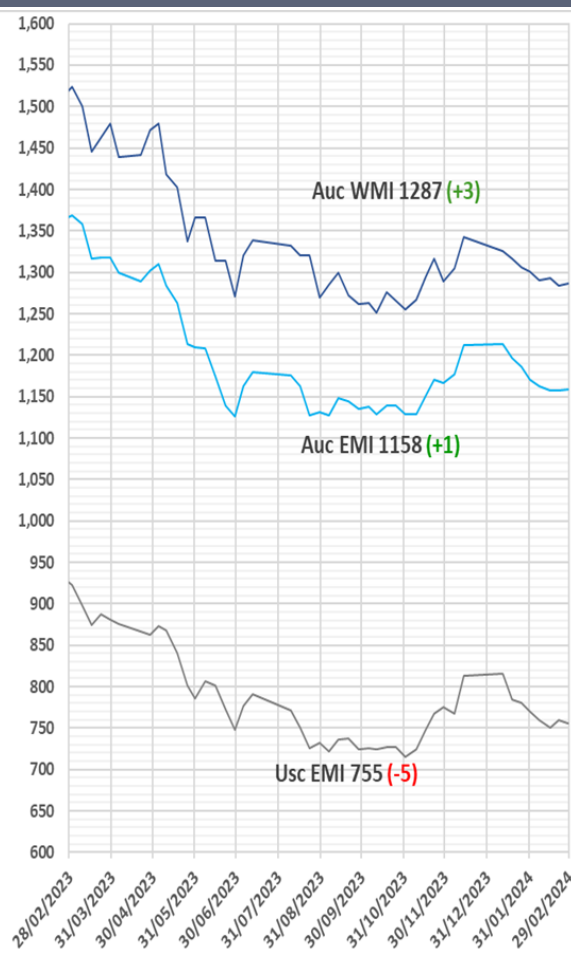
Scheduled Australian wool at auction offerings

Sale week	2023/24 est.	2022/23 actual
Week 36	41,154 bales	47,915 bales
Week 37	38,882 bales	44,049 bales
Week 38	40,000 bales	40,224 bales

Western Market Indicator (WMI)

AUD	1287 ac/kg	+ 3 ac/kg	+ 0.23 %
USD	839 usc/kg	- 4 usc/kg	- 0.51 %

12 month Market Indicators 28th Feb 2024



Australian Wool Innovation Limited and its employees, officers and contractors and any contributor to this material ("us" or "we") have used reasonable efforts to ensure that the information contained in this material is correct and current at the time of its publication, it is your responsibility to confirm its accuracy, reliability, suitability, currency and completeness for use for your purposes. To the extent permitted by law, we exclude all conditions, warranties, guarantees, terms and obligations expressed, implied or imposed by law or otherwise relating to the information contained in this material or your use of it and will have no liability to you, however arising and under any cause of action or theory of liability, in respect of any loss or damage (including indirect, special or consequential loss or damage, loss of profit or loss of business opportunity), arising out of or in connection with this material or your use of it. © Australian Wool Innovation Limited All rights reserved. This work is copyright. Except as permitted under Copyright Law no part of this publication may be reproduced by any process, electronic or otherwise, without the specific written permission of the copyright owner. Neither may information be stored electronically in any form whatsoever without such permission.