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AWIS WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Week Ending 19 February 2021 (Week 34)

The AWEX EMI finished 43¢ higher (+3.4%) in Australian currency and 36¢ higher (+3.7%) in US currency at sales in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle in Week 34.

44,376 bales were on offer nationally, compared with 49,810 bales last sale. 9.7% of the offering was passed in after 5.7% of the potential offering was withdrawn prior to sale. 40,088 bales were sold.

AWEX reports that the value of the wool sold was \$59.3 million (\$1,479 per bale), taking the season total to \$1.146 billion (\$1,323 per bale). The larger offerings since the Christmas break have taken the number of bales sold at auction this season to 6.5% more than in 2019/20.

The New Zealand Merino Company also offered 1,673 bales in Melbourne on Thursday, of which 10.8% were passed in.

Day-to-Day and Sale-to-Sale Changes in AWEX Regional Indicators (Week 33)									
Centre	Last Sale		Day-to-Day Changes (Week 33)			Sale-to-Sale Change	Closing Indicator	Sale-to-Sale Changes	
	Week	Indicator	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday			US ¢	Euro ¢
Eastern	33	1275	+17	+23	+3	+43 (+3.4%)	1318	+36	+35
Northern	33	1352	+18	+22	No Sale	+40 (+3.0%)	1392	+33	+34
Southern	33	1226	+16	+25	+4	+45 (+3.7%)	1271	+38	+37
Western	33	1314	+16	+42	No Sale	+58 (+4.4%)	1372	+48	+46

The market continued the upward movement seen since sales resumed after the Christmas break. The EMI at 1318¢ has risen by 161¢ (13.9%), while the WMI at 1372¢ has risen by 174¢ (14.5%) since the last sale before Christmas. The EMI is at its highest value since the end of March last year.

The gains among the Merinos increased as the Diameter broadened. This does not reflect an easing at the fine end. Rather, it is a reflection of the quality of the speciality Tasmanian fine wool offering in Melbourne last week.

Crossbreds also moved up.

The gains occurred despite another small increase (0.19¢) in the US Exchange Rate which closed at 77.54¢ on Thursday.

As usual, buyers for China were dominant, with support from buyers for Europe and India.

In other countries, the South African Cape Wools Indicator was up by 4.1% since last week against a 0.2% depreciation of the Rand against the US Dollar and a 0.2% appreciation against the Euro.

Looking ahead, offerings for the coming three sales are expected to range from 37,946 bales to 52,608 bales and to be 23.4% more than in the same period last year. The forecast progressive difference to Week 37 is +4.1%.

Differences in AWEX MPGs	18.5 and 22.0	18.0 and 22.0	17.5 and 22.0	17.0 and 22.0	16.5 and 22.0
North	No 22.0µ MPG	No 22.0µ MPG	No 22.0µ MPG	No 22.0µ MPG	No 22.0µ MPG
South	No 22.0µ MPG	No 22.0µ MPG	No 22.0µ MPG	No 22.0µ MPG	No 22.0µ MPG

Market Indicator	Four Sales Ago Week 30	Changes From		
		Start of the Season	Week 34 Last Year	Season Average to Week 34 Last Year
Eastern Market Indicator	+116 (+9.7%)	+193 (+17.2%)	-263 (-16.6%)	-444 (-28.6%)
Western Market Indicator	+153 (+12.6%)	+178 (+14.9%)	-338 (-19.8%)	-501 (-30.2%)

Sale-to-Sale Changes in Average AWEX Merino Micron Price Guides (MPGs)												
Micron	16.5	17.0	17.5	18.0	18.5	19.0	19.5	20.0	21.0	22.0	23.0	24.0
Since Last Sale												
Change ¢	0	+2	+14	+72	+83	+92	+93	+86	+94			
Change %	0.0%	+0.1%	+0.7%	+4.0%	+5.0%	+5.9%	+6.4%	+6.5%	+7.7%			
Since Start of the Season												
Change ¢	+573	+533	+483	+459	+414	+361	+287	+179	+94			
Change %	+33.4%	+32.9%	+31.6%	+32.3%	+30.9%	+28.2%	+23.0%	+14.5%	+7.7%			
Since Same Week Last Year												
Change ¢	+123	+73	-3	-75	-123	-200	-291	-398	-482			
Change %	+5.7%	+3.5%	-0.1%	-3.8%	-6.6%	-10.9%	-15.9%	-22.0%	-26.9%			

Sale-to-Sale Changes in Other Average AWEX Price Guides							
Micron	25.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	MC	
Since Last Sale							
Change ¢			+41	+18	+32	+4	-20
Change %			+5.6%	+3.5%	+8.1%	+1.5%	-2.2%
Since Start of the Season							
Change ¢			-65	-28	-40	+6	+44
Change %			-7.8%	-4.9%	-8.6%	+2.2%	+5.3%
Since Same Week Last Year							
Change ¢			-375	-349	-232	-134	-255
Change %			-32.7%	-39.3%	-35.3%	-32.8%	-22.6%

MC Average Merino Cardings Price Guide

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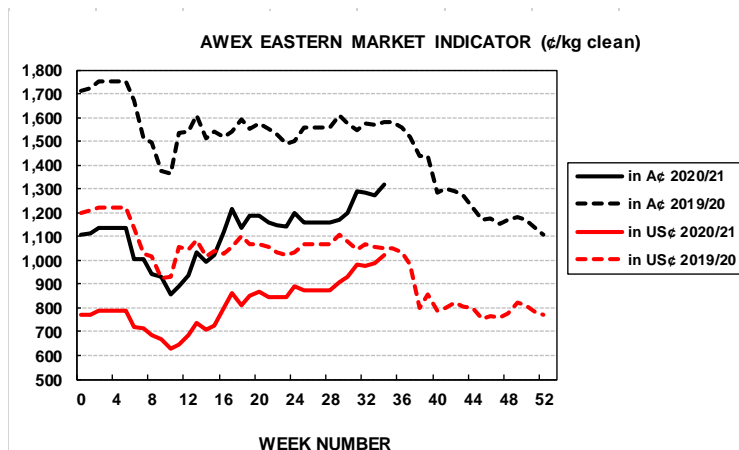
The following tables show the details of this week's sale offering; the expected offerings over the next three sales; the changes in Exchange Rates since the previous sale; and highlights from the December ABS export data.

Details of this Week's Offering and the Comparison with the Previous Sale's Offering							Progressive Changes from Last Year		
Centre	Last Sale	This Sale					All Bales		1 st Time Bales
	Offering	Offering	Passed-In	Withdrawn Before Sale	Re- Offered	Bales Sold	Bales	%	%
North	13,507	11,037	10.8%	3.4%	5.2%	9,844	+6,195	+2.4%	+3.6%
South	27,620	23,588	9.3%	7.0%	5.5%	21,405	+25,631	+5.2%	+6.1%
West	8,683	9,751	9.4%	4.7%	6.6%	8,839	-12,969	-6.3%	-46.2%
Australia	49,810	44,376	9.7%	5.7%	5.7%	40,088	+18,857	+2.0%	+3.5%

Next Sale Offerings and Year-on-Year Differences				
Centre	Week 35	Week 36	Week 37	Differences
North	13,704	9,600	9,675	-28.4%
South	28,336	20,501	22,190	-18.7%
West	10,568	7,845	8,050	-39.6%
New Zealand				
Australia	52,608	37,946	39,915	130,469
Differences	No Sale Last Year	-39.0%	-8.4%	+23.4%

Exchange Rates (Reserve Bank)	Last Sale	Day-to-Day Changes					Sale-to-Sale Change	Closing Value	Season Min & Max	
		Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur			Min	Max
United States	77.35	+0.10	+0.37	+0.14	-0.43	+0.01	+0.19 (+0.2%)	77.54	69.24	77.71
Euro	63.81	+0.08	+0.25	+0.08	-0.11	+0.31	+0.61 (+1.0%)	64.42	59.77	64.42

Country	% Share of Australia's Wool Exports by Weight of Wool Shipped			Year-on-Year % Change July to December	
	December 2020	July to December 2020/21	July to December 2019/20	By Weight	By Value
China	87.5%	87.6%	76.8%	+22.8%	-8.7%
Czech Republic	2.1%	3.6%	3.1%	+24.4%	-31.2%
India	4.5%	3.3%	6.2%	-43.0%	-61.4%
Italy	2.6%	1.8%	5.9%	-67.0%	-74.2%
Korea	1.3%	1.6%	2.1%	-14.1%	-32.9%
Thailand	0.6%	0.5%	0.9%	-48.2%	-57.6%
Egypt	0.3%	0.3%	1.3%	-76.4%	-84.9%
Germany	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	-22.5%	-34.9%
Change all Countries				+7.6%	-22.9%



AVERAGE EMI	
This Year	1110
Last Year	1448
2018/19	1939
2017/18	1739
2016/17	1408

THIS YEAR'S EMI	
This Week	1318
First Week	1116
Low (11/01)	858
High (14/01)	1318

BALES OFFERED	
This Year	977,025
Last Year	958,168
Difference	+18,857
% Diff	+2.0%
FIRST OFFERED BALES	
Difference	+3.5%
% of Offering	91.4%

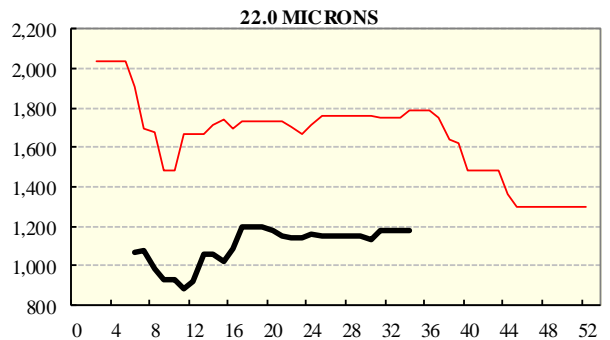
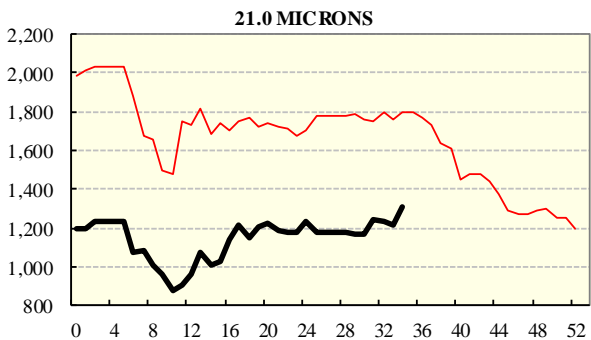
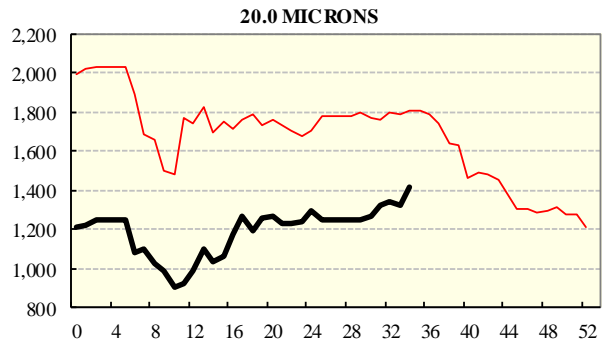
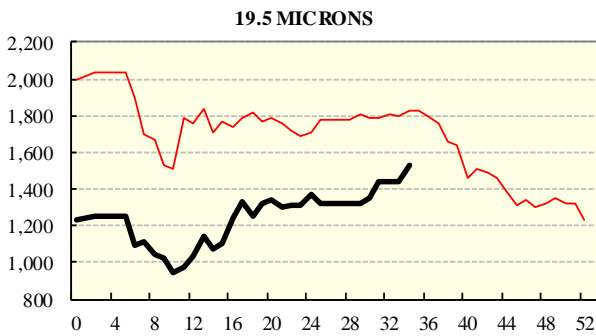
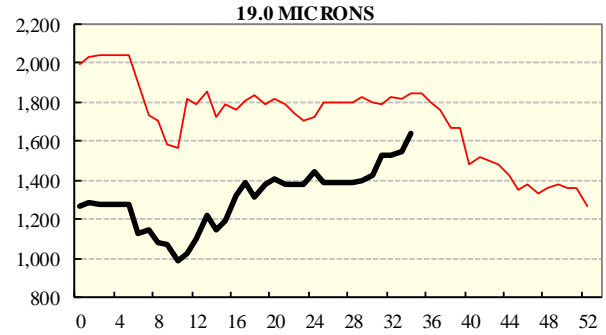
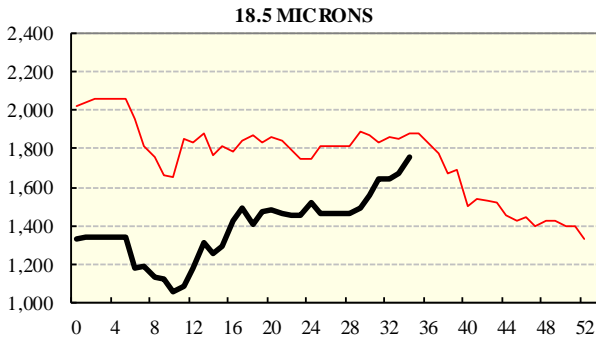
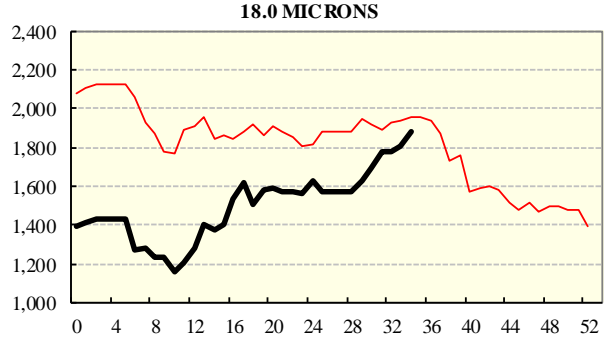
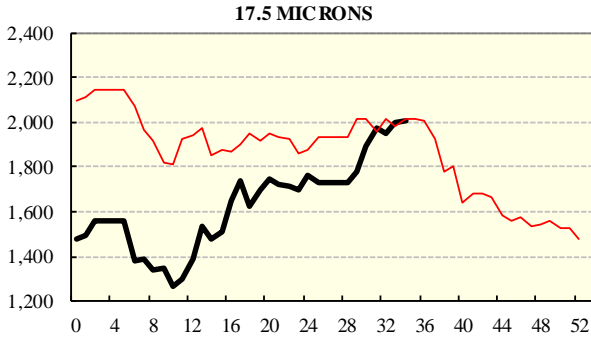
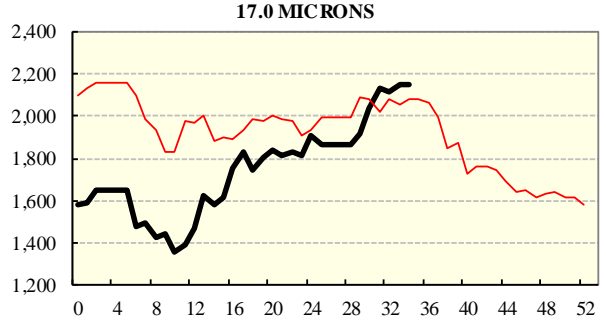
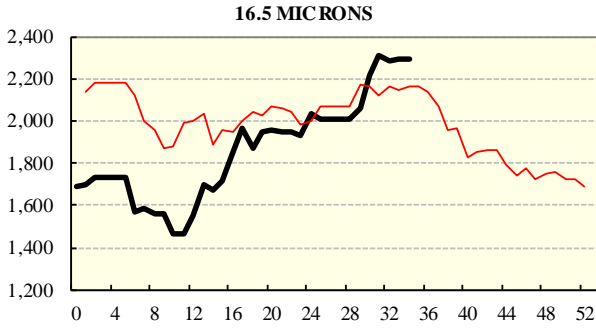
SEASON AVERAGES		
Region	This Year	Diff
North	1168	-314
South	1073	-353
West	1158	-396

COMPARED WITH WKS 1/2		
Region	This Week	Diff
North	1392	+225
South	1271	+173
West	1372	+178

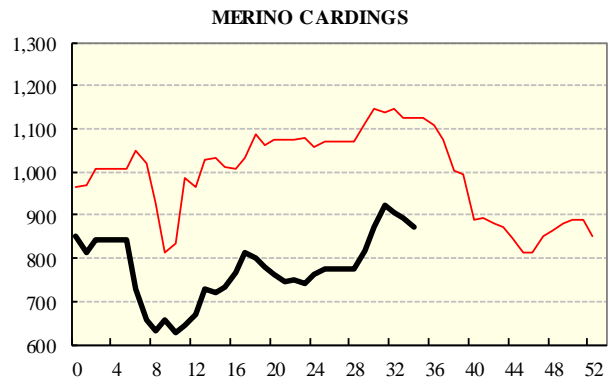
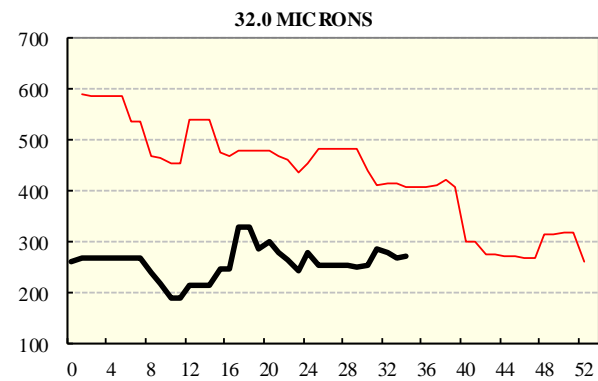
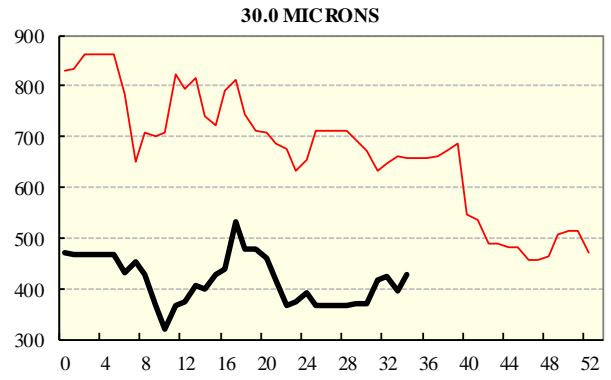
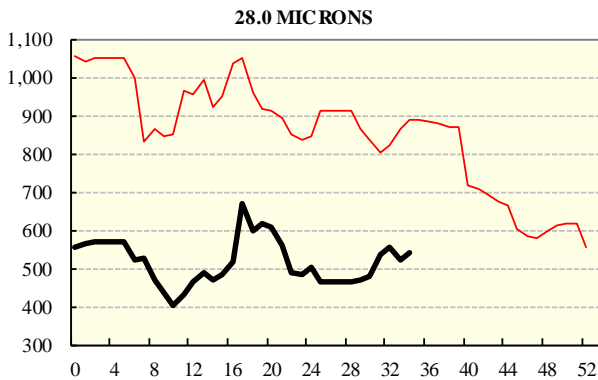
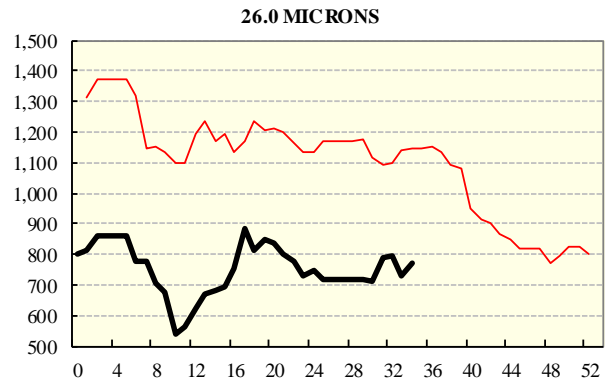
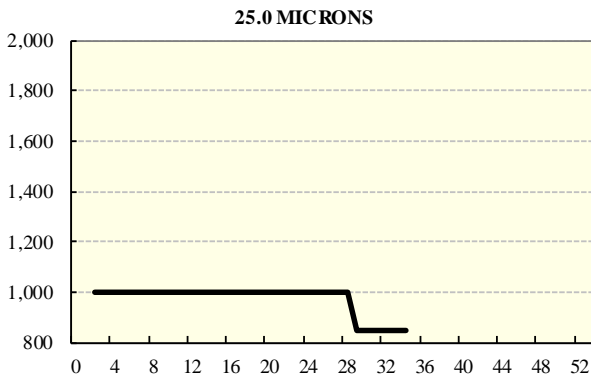
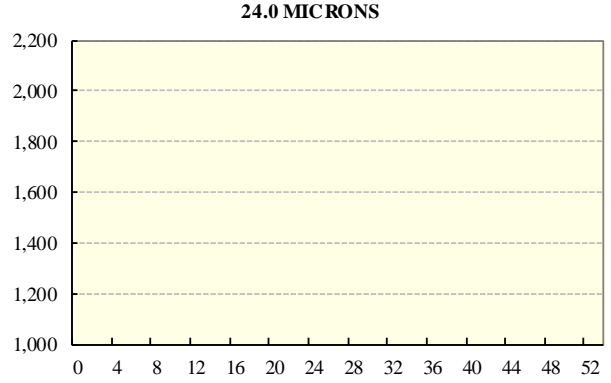
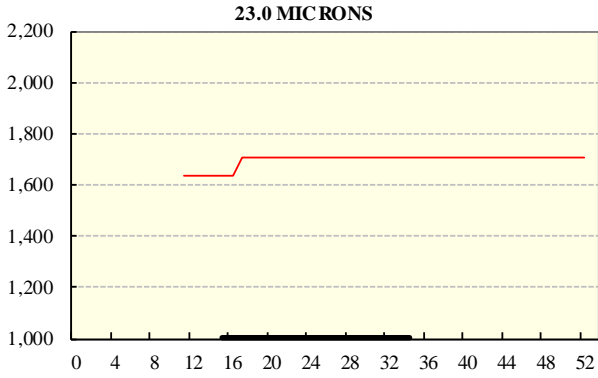
REGION BALES		
This Sale:		
North	11,037	
South	23,588	
West	9,751	
Progressive Totals:		Diff
North	268,449	+2.4%
South	514,320	+5.2%
West	194,256	-6.3%

AVERAGE AWEX MICRON PRICE GUIDES

2020/21 (black graph line) and 2019/20 (red graph line)



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EASTERN MARKET INDICATOR (EMI) SINCE 1999/00 (¢/kg clean)

(In Australian, United States and European Currencies)

