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AWIS WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Week Ending 22 May 2020 (Week 47).

The AWEX EMI finished at 1155¢, 24¢ lower (-2.0%) in Australian currency and 6¢ lower (-0.8%) in US currency at sales in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle in Week 47.

21,101 bales were on offer nationally, compared with 23,371 bales last sale. 12.5% of the offering was passed in after 8.6% of the potential offering was withdrawn prior to sale. 18,455 bales were sold.

AWEX reports that the value of the wool sold was \$23.8 million (\$1,290 per bale), taking the season total to \$1,831 billion (\$1,641 per bale). The number of bales sold at auction this season is now 19.0% less than in 2018/19.

Day-to-Day and Sale-to-Sale Changes in AWEX Regional Indicators (Week 47)									
Centre	Last Sale		Day-to-Day Changes (Week 47)			Sale-to-Sale Change	Closing Indicator	Sale-to-Sale Changes	
	Week	Indicator	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday			US ¢	Euro ¢
Eastern	46	1179	+1	-25	No Sale	-24 (-2.0%)	1155	-6	-12
Northern	46	1230	No Sale	-37	No Sale	-37 (-3.0%)	1193	-14	-20
Southern	46	1147	+2	-17	No Sale	-15 (-1.3%)	1132	0	-6
Western	46	1237	-23	No Sale	No Sale	-23 (-1.9%)	1214	-6	-11

The market got away to a steady start when the Southern Indicator was up by 1¢ on Tuesday, but eased later in the day in the West. The easing was continued on Wednesday, when the Southern Indicator was down by 17¢. The Northern Indicator was down by 37¢, but this was by comparison with Tuesday of the previous week when the market had moved up.

Almost all the market movement was among the Merinos, with the Crossbreds unchanged.

Calculation of changes in the average weekly MPGs continues to be difficult with price movements as variable as was seen this week; and when the South sells on both days; and the North and the West each sell on one day.

The US Exchange Rate finished 0.78¢ (1.2%) higher to close at 65.51¢ on Wednesday.

Buyers for China continue their dominance.

In other countries, the South African Cape Wools Indicator was down by 3.1% since the last sale two weeks ago against a 1.8% appreciation of the Rand against the US Dollar. Sales resumed in New Zealand this week for the first time since mid-March. 7,000 Crossbred bales were offered in a softer market in the North Island.

Looking ahead, offerings for the coming three sales are expected to range from 18,729 bales to 23,643 bales and to be 19.7% less than in the same period last year. The forecast progressive difference to Week 50 is -12.1%.

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	Changes From			
	Four Sales Ago Week 43	Start of the Season	Week 47 Last Year	Season Average to Week 47 Last Year
Eastern Market Indicator	-117 (-9.2%)	-584 (-33.6%)	-678 (-37.0%)	-471 (-24.1%)
Western Market Indicator	-144 (-10.6%)	-667 (-35.5%)	-723 (-37.3%)	-522 (-24.8%)

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 ¢	-45	-35	-36	-49	-48	-49	-37	-22	+1			
Change %	-2.5%	-2.1%	-2.3%	-3.2%	-3.3%	-3.5%	-2.8%	-1.7%	+0.1%			
Since Start of the Season												
Change ¢	-435	-531	-591	-647	-658	-705	-728	-745	-751			
Change %	-20.1%	-24.8%	-27.8%	-30.6%	-32.1%	-34.6%	-35.9%	-36.7%	-37.1%			
Since Same Week Last Year												
Change ¢	-606	-701	-765	-809	-792	-810	-843	-858	-848			
Change %	-26.0%	-30.3%	-33.2%	-35.5%	-36.2%	-37.8%	-39.3%	-40.1%	-40.0%			

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 ¢			-6	0		+36
Change %			-1.0%	0.0%		+4.4%
Since Start of the Season						
Change ¢			-467	-393		-138
Change %			-44.7%	-46.3%		-14.0%
Since Same Week Last Year						
Change ¢			-491	-429		-179
Change %			-45.9%	-48.5%		-17.4%

MC Average Merino Cardings Price Guide

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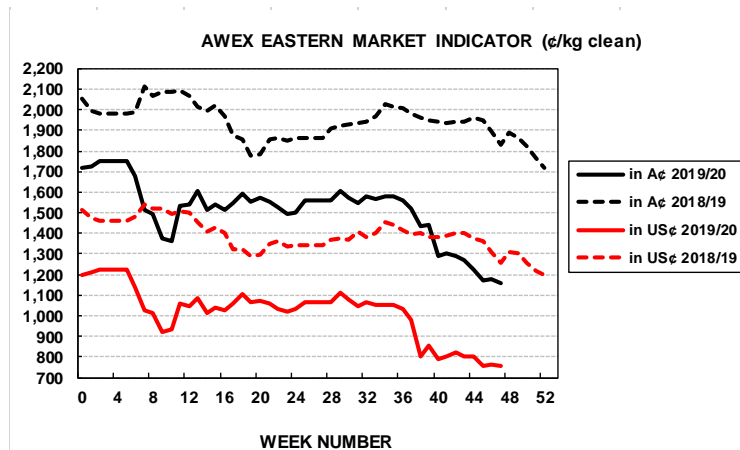
The following tables show the details of this week's sale offering; the expected offerings over the next three sales; the changes in Exchange Rates since the previous sale; and highlights from the March ABS export data.

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	6,078	6,302	12.2%	7.2%	9.9%	5,533	-47,693	-11.8%	-15.9%
South	12,593	10,417	11.6%	9.1%	19.9%	9,212	-105,083	-13.0%	-16.9%
West	4,700	4,382	15.3%	9.7%	14.0%	3,710	-26,898	-8.5%	-13.7%
Australia	23,371	21,101	12.5%	8.6%	15.7%	18,455	-179,674	-11.7%	-16.0%

Next Sale Offerings and Year-on-Year Differences				
Centre	Week 48	Week 49	Week 50	Differences
North	5,576	6,534	5,250	-31.3%
South	10,249	12,195	12,543	-18.5%
West	4,534	No Sale	5,850	+4.3%
New Zealand				
Australia	20,359	18,729	23,643	62,731
Differences	-28.0%	-13.8%	-16.0%	-19.7%

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	64.73	-0.18	-0.26	+0.91	+0.31	Public	+0.78 (+1.2%)	65.51	55.71	70.36
Euro	59.66	+0.08	-0.32	+0.31	+0.13	Holiday	+0.20 (+0.3%)	59.86	51.12	62.48

Country	% Share of Australia's Wool Exports by Weight of Wool Shipped			Year-on-Year % Change July to March	
	March 2020	July to March 2019/20	July to March 2018/19	By Weight	By Value
China	78.9%	76.7%	76.0%	-15.5%	-32.0%
India	7.4%	6.5%	6.1%	-9.5%	-26.3%
Italy	3.0%	4.9%	5.3%	-22.8%	-38.7%
Czech Republic	5.2%	4.1%	4.0%	-12.6%	-29.2%
Korea	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	-33.6%	-43.9%
Egypt	0.8%	1.2%	1.0%	+1.3%	-20.7%
Thailand	0.6%	0.9%	0.9%	-21.5%	-43.9%
Bulgaria	0.5%	0.6%	0.4%	+24.9%	+25.4%
Change all Countries				-15.9%	-32.4%



AVERAGE EMI	
This Year	1484
Last Year	1939
2017/18	1739
2016/17	1408
2015/16	1254

SEASON AVERAGES		
Region	This Year	Diff
North	1517	-465
South	1463	-449
West	1579	-509

THIS YEAR'S EMI	
This Week	1155
First Week	1723
Low (11/01)	1155
High (11/01)	1754

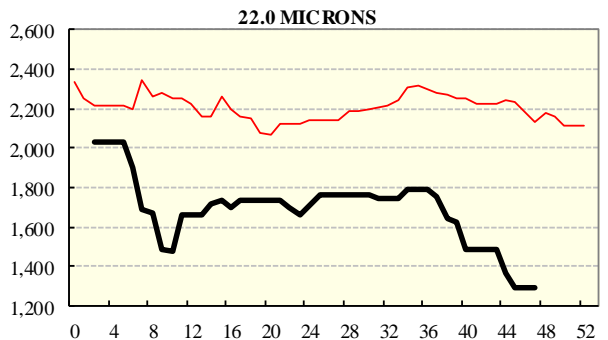
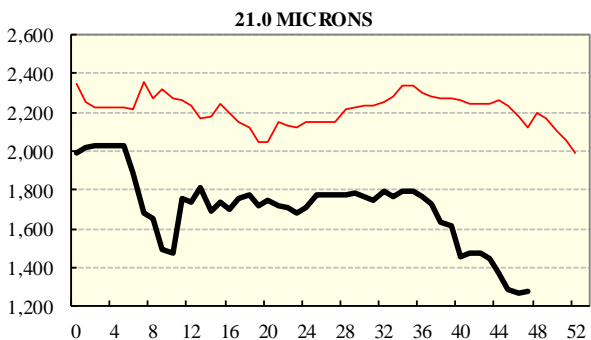
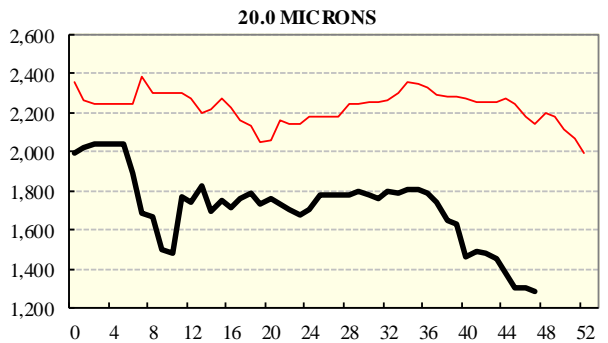
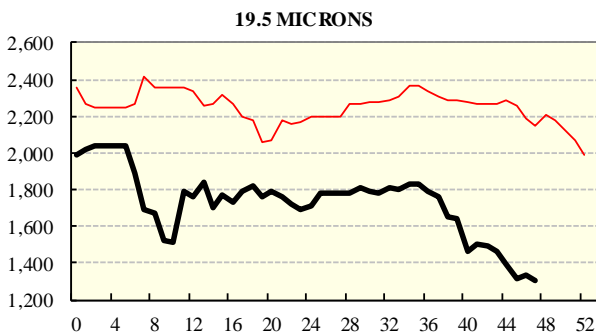
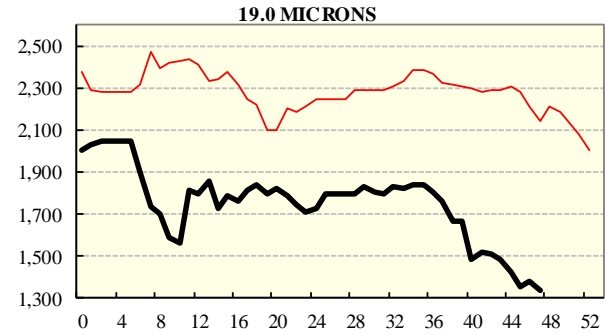
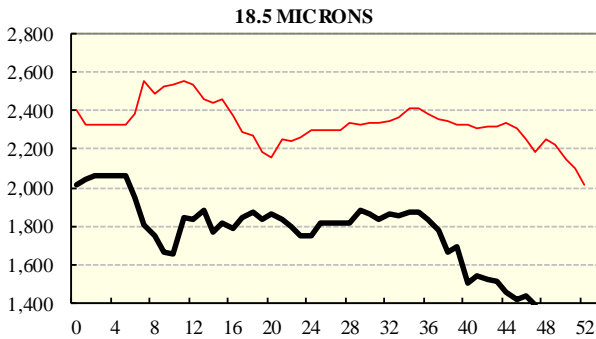
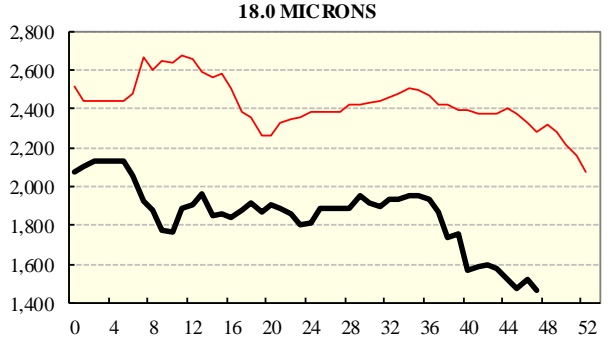
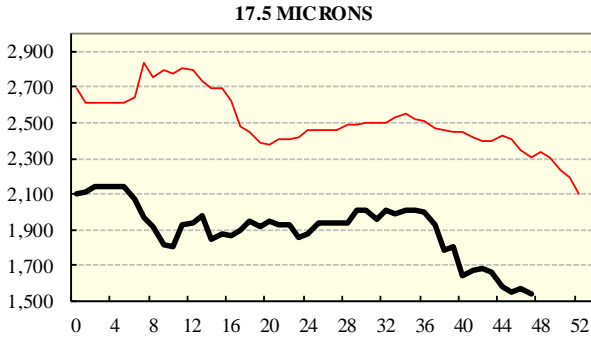
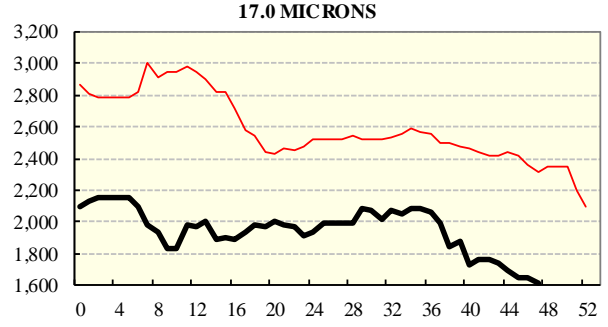
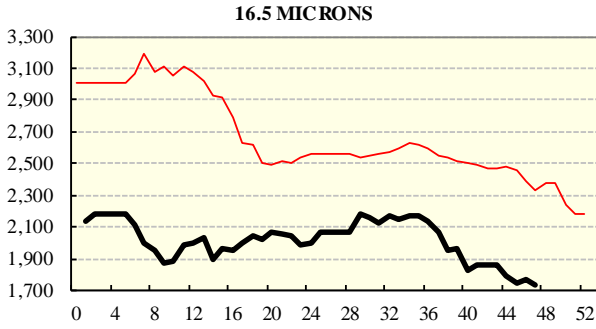
COMPARED WITH WKS 1/2		
Region	This Week	Diff
North	1193	-566
South	1132	-593
West	1214	-667

BALES OFFERED	
This Year	1,351,826
Last Year	1,531,500
Difference	-179,674
% Diff	-11.7%
FIRST OFFERED BALES	
Difference	-16.0%
% of Offering	89%

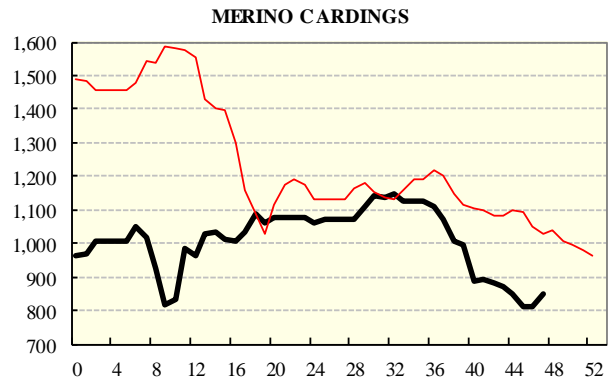
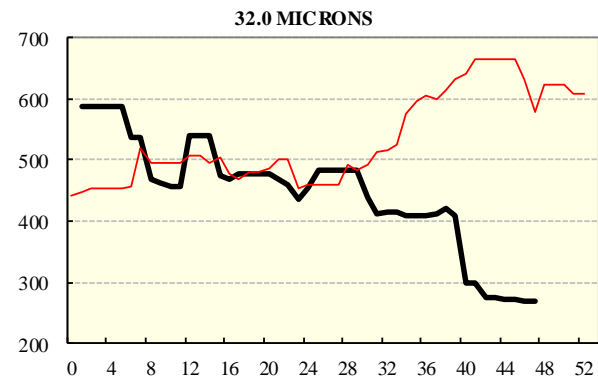
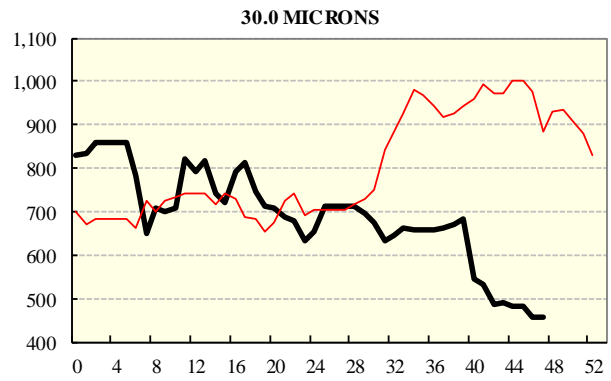
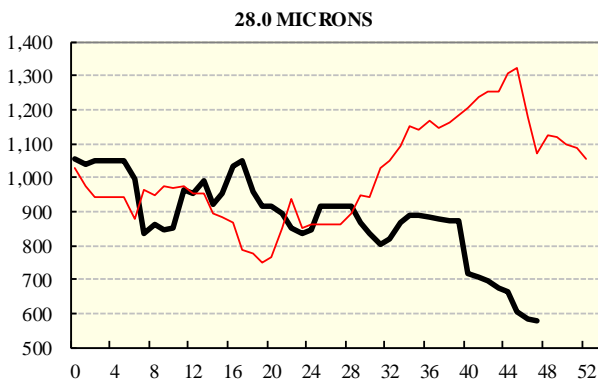
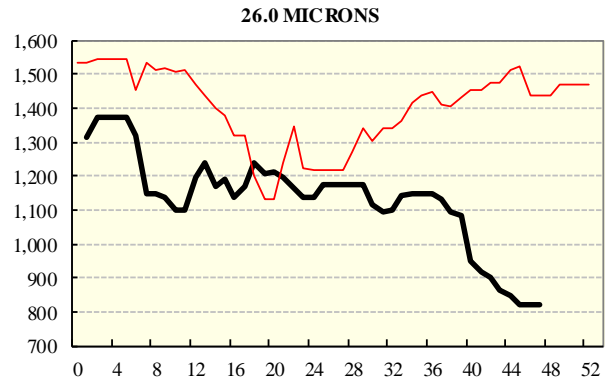
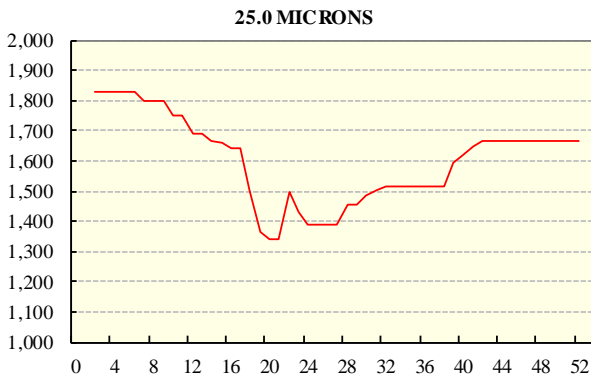
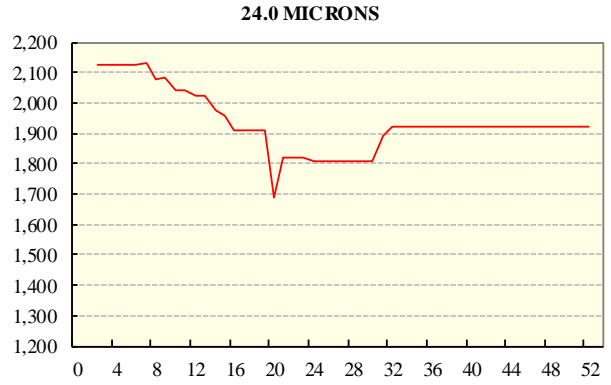
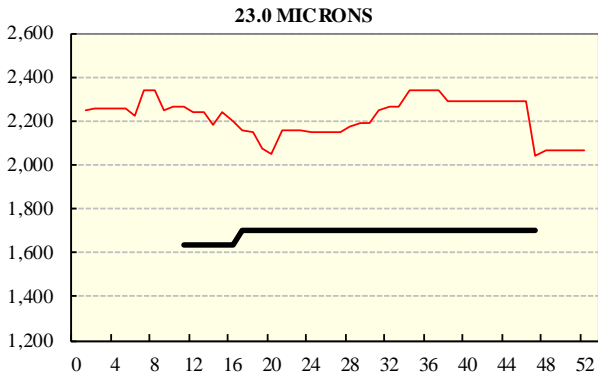
REGION BALES		
This Sale:		
North	6,302	
South	10,417	
West	4,382	
Progressive Totals:		Diff
North	356,582	-11.8%
South	705,700	-13.0%
West	289,544	-8.5%

AVERAGE AWEX MICRON PRICE GUIDES

2019/20 (black graph line) and 2018/19 (red graph line)



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

(In Australian, United States and European Currencies)

