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AWIS WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Week Ending 24 April 2020 (Week 43)

The AWEX EMI finished at 1272¢, 20¢ lower (-1.5%) in Australian currency and 21¢ lower (-2.5%) in US currency at sales in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle in Week 43.

24,974 bales were on offer nationally, compared with 18,097 bales last sale. 15.2% of the offering was passed in after 17.5% of the potential offering had been withdrawn prior to sale. 21,187 bales were sold.

AWEX reports that the value of the wool sold was \$28.7 million (\$1,355 per bale), taking the season total to \$1.732 billion (\$1,674 per bale). The number of bales sold at auction this season is now 18.0% less than in 2018/19.

Day-to-Day and Sale-to-Sale Changes in AWEX Regional Indicators (Week 43)									
Centre	Last Sale		Day-to-Day Changes (Week 43)			Sale-to-Sale Change	Closing Indicator	Sale-to-Sale Changes	
	Week	Indicator	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday			US ¢	Euro ¢
Eastern	42	1292	-12	-8	No Sale	-20 (-1.5%)	1272	-21	-11
Northern	42	1325	-11	-7	No Sale	-18 (-1.4%)	1307	-20	-11
Southern	42	1270	-12	-8	No Sale	-20 (-1.6%)	1250	-21	-12
Western	42	1370	-9	-3	No Sale	-12 (-0.9%)	1358	-16	-7

There was a familiar pattern of a high Withdrawn Rate prior to sale and a high Passed-In Rate as sellers were not prepared to sell in the current market conditions. This was less pronounced among the Skirting types which had lower Withdrawn and Pass-In Rates than those for Fleece types.

Falls in the AWEX Merino Micron price Guides were less than those for Crossbreds; and were least at the fine end within the Merinos.

The US Exchange Rate finished 0.61¢ (-1.0%) lower to close at 63.23¢ on Wednesday.

Demand was dominated by China with Italy and India in lockdown.

In other countries, South Africa held its first sale since 19 March on Wednesday when the Cape Wools Indicator was up by 6.4% against a 9.8% depreciation of the Rand against the US Dollar and a 9.5% depreciation against the Euro. The way has been cleared for the resumption of sales in New Zealand with the move from Stage 4 to Stage 3 restrictions at mid-night on Monday.

Looking ahead, offerings for the coming three sales are expected to range from 25,554 bales to 30,986 bales and to be 20.6% less than in the same period last year.

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 39	Start of the Season	Week 43 Last Year	Season Average to Week 43 Last Year
Eastern Market Indicator	-170 (-11.8%)	-467 (-26.9%)	No Sale	No Sale
Western Market Indicator	-154 (-10.2%)	-523 (-27.8%)	No Sale	No Sale

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 ¢	+3	-16	-20	-16	-8	-20	-30	-31	-31			
Change %	+0.2%	-0.9%	-1.2%	-1.0%	-0.5%	-1.3%	-2.0%	-2.1%	-2.1%			
Since Start of the Season												
Change ¢	-300	-402	-465	-536	-534	-553	-568	-576	-581			
Change %	-13.9%	-18.8%	-21.9%	-25.3%	-26.0%	-27.1%	-28.0%	-28.4%	-28.7%			
Since Same Week Last Year												
Change ¢	No Sale	No Sale										
Change %	No Sale	No Sale										

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 ¢			-34	-21	+1	0
Change %			-3.8%	-3.0%	+0.2%	0.0%
Since Start of the Season						
Change ¢			-479	-371	-359	-313
Change %			-35.6%	-35.5%	-42.3%	-53.1%
Since Same Week Last Year						
Change ¢			No Sale	No Sale	No Sale	No Sale
Change %			No Sale	No Sale	No Sale	No Sale

MC Average Merino Cardings Price Guide

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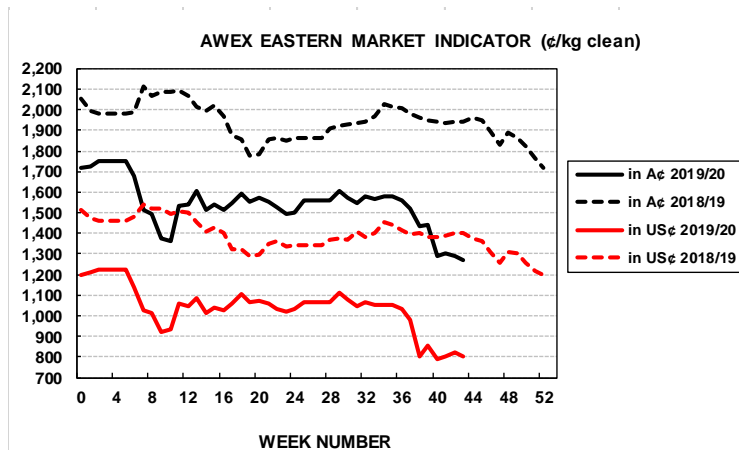
The following tables show the details of this week's sale offering; the expected offerings over the next three sales; the changes in Exchange Rates since the previous sale; and highlights from the February ABS export data.

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	5,733	4,696	13.4%	15.2%	11.6%	4,067	-36,810	-9.9%	-14.1%
South	7,856	15,019	16.2%	16.6%	14.6%	12,590	-84,787	-11.5%	-15.3%
West	4,508	5,259	13.9%	21.6%	22.2%	4,530	-17,660	-6.1%	-11.9%
Australia	18,097	24,974	15.2%	17.5%	15.6%	21,187	-139,257	-10.0%	-14.3%

Next Sale Offerings and Year-on-Year Differences				
Centre	Week 44	Week 45	Week 46	Differences
North	5,406	7,071	6,532	-29.3%
South	14,021	17,415	17,119	-16.9%
West	6,127	6,500	6,350	-19.8%
New Zealand				
Australia	25,554	30,986	30,001	86,541
Differences	-40.6%	-5.5%	-9.5%	-20.6%

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	63.84	-0.24	-0.14	-0.32	+0.09	Public	-0.61 (-1.0%)	63.23	55.71	70.36
Euro	58.23	+0.30	-0.07	-0.22	+0.01	Holiday	+0.02 (+0.0%)	58.25	51.12	62.48

Country	% Share of Australia's Wool Exports by Weight of Wool Shipped			Year-on-Year % Change July to February	
	February 2020	July to February 2019/20	July to February 2018/19	By Weight	By Value
China	71.6%	76.3%	75.4%	-15.0%	-32.5%
India	7.5%	6.3%	6.1%	-12.9%	-29.1%
Italy	3.7%	5.2%	5.8%	-23.5%	-39.8%
Czech Republic	8.4%	3.9%	4.1%	-20.6%	-38.9%
Korea	1.9%	2.1%	2.6%	-33.4%	-44.5%
Egypt	1.4%	1.2%	1.0%	+4.6%	-16.9%
Thailand	1.3%	0.9%	0.9%	-17.1%	-42.7%
Bulgaria	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%	+20.6%	+18.8%
Change all Countries				-16.1%	-33.4%



AVERAGE EMI	
This Year	1518
Last Year	1939
2017/18	1739
2016/17	1408
2015/16	1254

SEASON AVERAGES		
Region	This Year	Diff
North	1549	-432
South	1497	-415
West	1617	-472

THIS YEAR'S EMI	
This Week	1272
First Week	1723
Low (12/01)	1272
High (11/01)	1754

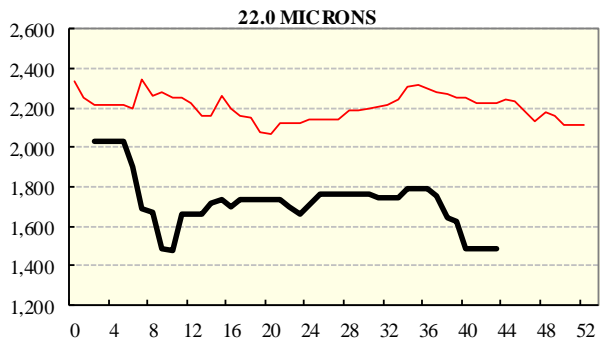
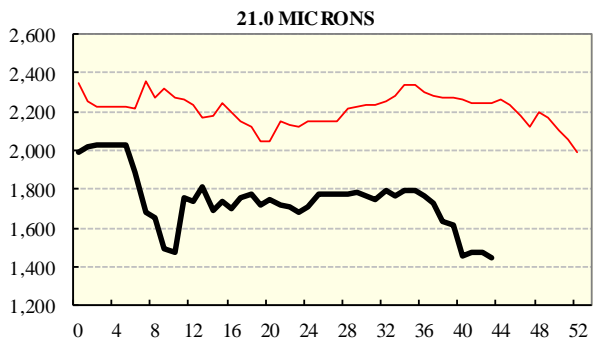
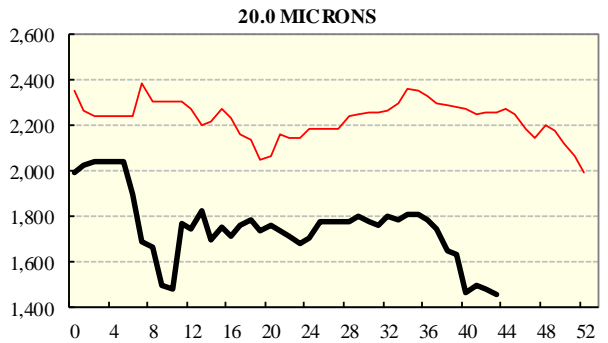
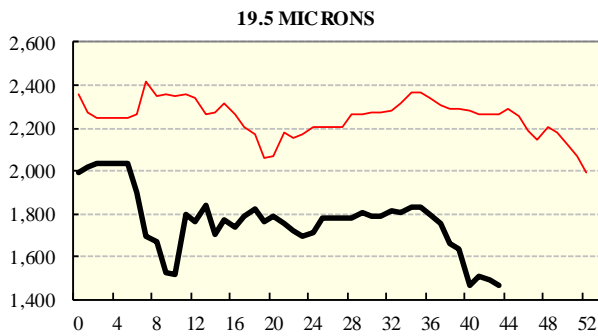
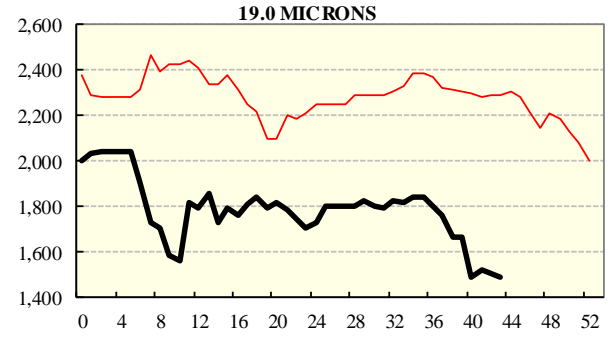
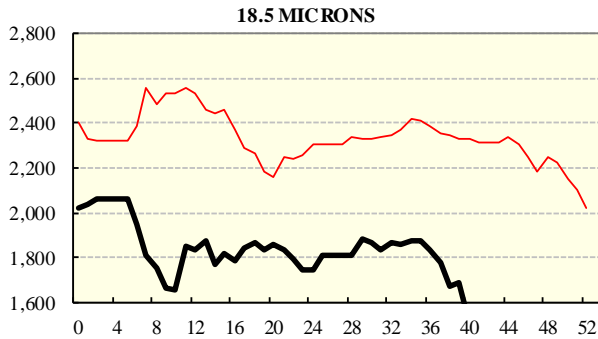
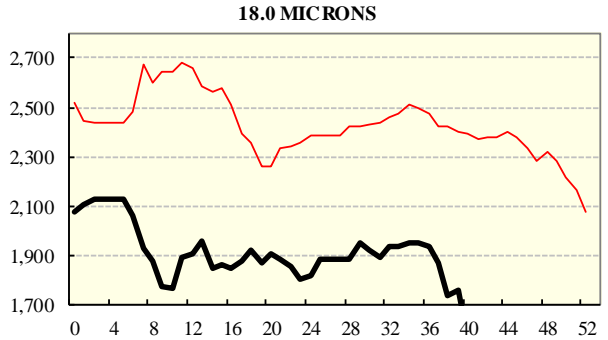
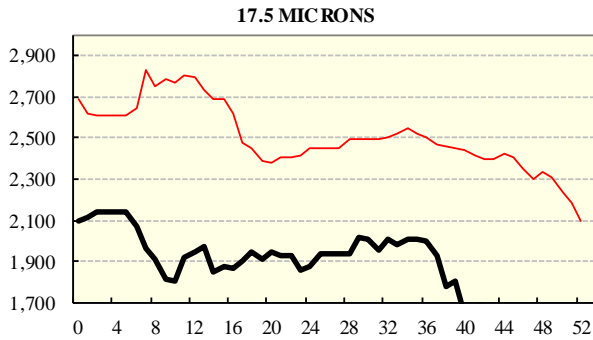
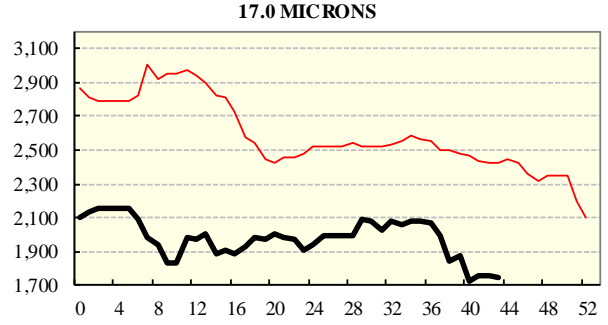
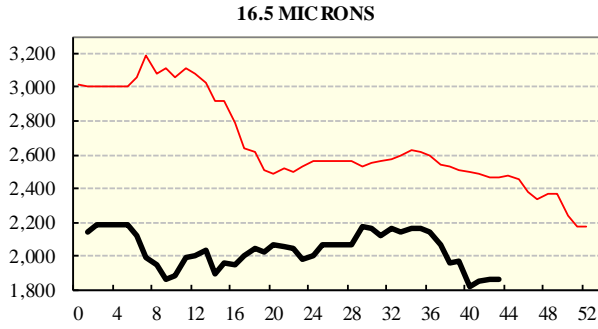
COMPARED WITH WKS 1/2		
Region	This Week	Diff
North	1307	-452
South	1250	-475
West	1358	-523

BALES OFFERED	
This Year	1,259,112
Last Year	1,398,369
Difference	-139,257
% Diff	-10.0%
FIRST OFFERED BALES	
Difference	-14.3%
% of Offering	89.2%

REGION BALES		
This Sale:		
North	4,696	
South	15,019	
West	5,259	
Progressive Totals:		Diff
North	333,683	-9.9%
South	654,704	-11.5%
West	270,725	-6.1%

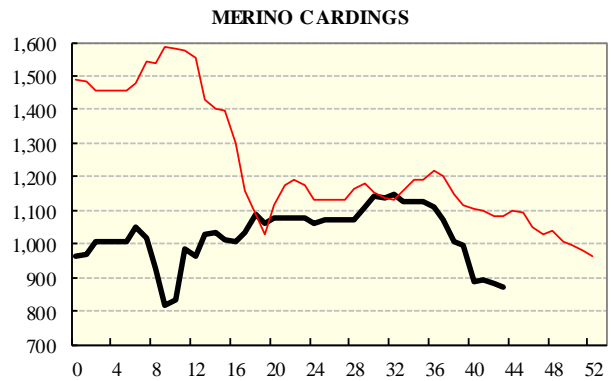
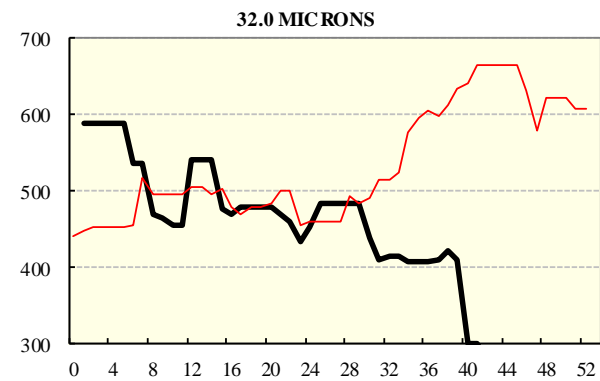
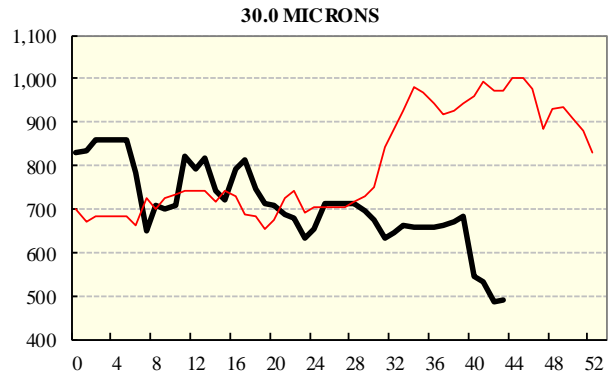
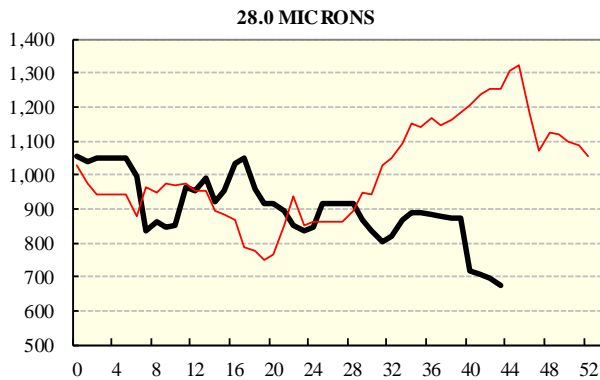
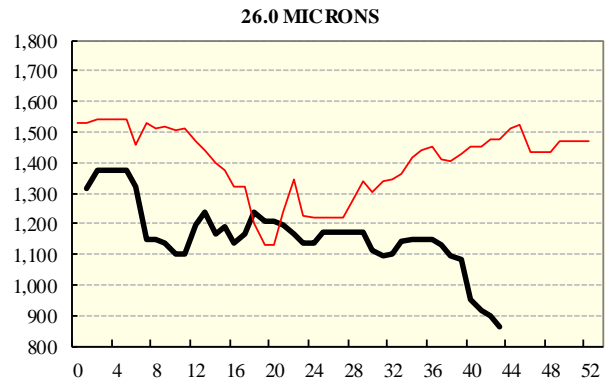
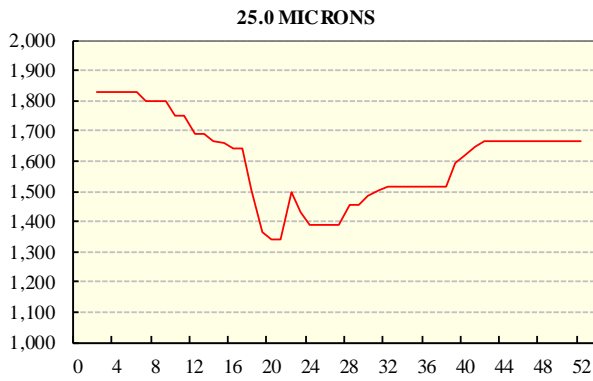
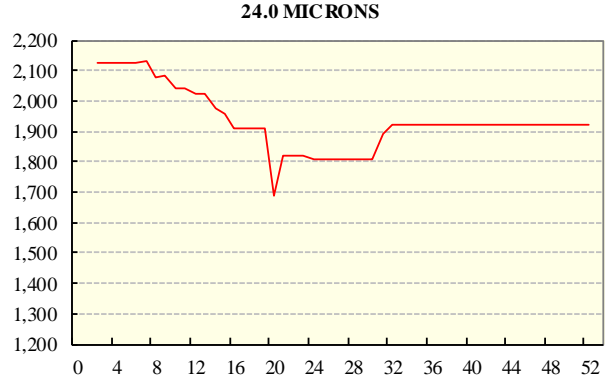
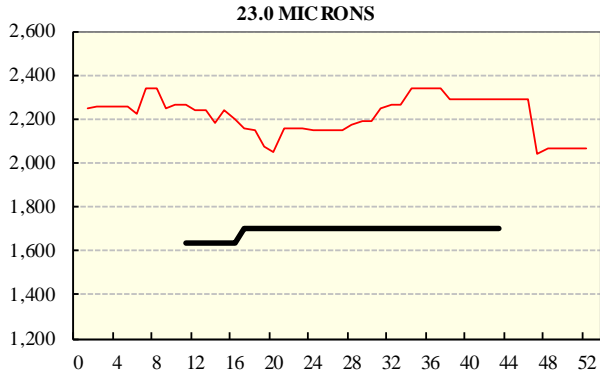
AVERAGE AWEX MICRON PRICE GUIDES

c+A1 (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)

