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AWIS WOOL MARKET REVIEW Week Ending 21 August 2020 (Week 08)

The AWEX EMI finished at 945¢, 59¢ lower (-5.9%) in Australian currency and 30¢ lower (-4.2%) in US currency at sales in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle in Week 08.

31,394 bales were on offer nationally, compared with 30,275 bales last sale. 24.9% of the offering was passed in after 6.6% of the potential offering was withdrawn prior to sale, leaving 23,569 bales as sold.

AWEX reports that the value of the wool sold was \$25.3 million (\$1,073 per bale), taking the season total to \$170.2 million (\$1,207 per bale). The number of bales sold at auction this season is now 0.9% greater than in 2018/19.

The New Zealand Merino Company also offered 1,782 bales in Melbourne on Wednesday, of which 40.0% were passed in.

Centre	Last Sale		Day-to-Day Changes (Week 08)			Sale-to-Sale Change	Closing Indicator	Sale-to-Sale Changes	
	Week	Indicator	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday			US ¢	Euro ¢
Eastern	07	1004	-25	-34	No Sale	-59 (-5.9%)	945	-30	-36
Northern	07	1046	-23	-32	No Sale	-55 (-5.3%)	991	-27	-33
Southern	07	977	-26	-36	No Sale	-62 (-6.3%)	915	-32	-37
Western	07	1056	No Sale	-67	No Sale	-67 (-6.3%)	989	-35	-40

It was a disappointing sale outcome after the steadying of the previous week. There were falls across all types and micron ranges on both days, with the falls generally increasing on a percentage basis as the micron range increased. This flowed through to the crossbreds, where the falls were greater than those seen among the Merinos.

The US Exchange Rate finished 1.31¢ (1.8%) higher to close at 72.49¢ on Wednesday. This did not help, as it was the highest level since the beginning of February last year.

Buyers for China continued their dominance. There was also an obvious presence of interest for Europe again this week.

Looking ahead, offerings for the coming three sales are expected to range from 28,343 bales to 34,809 bales and to be 46.0% more than in the same period last year. The forecast progressive difference to Week 11 is 13.8%. The large percentage change in the offerings is due to the three sales in the same weeks last year ranging from 19,200 to 25,300 bales.

In other countries, the South African Cape Wools Indicator was down by 4.1% since last week against a 1.1% appreciation of the Rand against the US Dollar and a 0.4% depreciation against the Euro.

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	167¢	237¢	343¢	431¢	572¢

Market Indicator	Changes From			
	Four Sales Ago Week 01	Start of the Season	Week 08 Last Year	Season Average to Week 08 Last Year
Eastern Market Indicator	-171 (-15.3%)	-180 (-16.0%)	-552 (-36.9%)	-592 (-36.3%)
Western Market Indicator	-196 (-16.5%)	-205 (-17.2%)	No Sale	No Sale

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 ¢	-25	-62	-45	-50	-61	-67	-69	-72	-76	-89		
Change %	-1.6%	-4.2%	-3.2%	-3.9%	-5.1%	-5.9%	-6.2%	-6.6%	-7.0%	-8.3%		
Since Start of the Season												
Change ¢	-155	-190	-184	-190	-208	-204	-205	-210	-210			
Change %	-9.0%	-11.7%	-12.0%	-13.4%	-15.5%	-15.9%	-16.4%	-17.0%	-17.2%			
Since Same Week Last Year												
Change ¢	-392	-508	-573	-644	-622	-625	-629	-639	-648	-691		
Change %	-20.1%	-26.2%	-29.9%	-34.4%	-35.5%	-36.7%	-37.6%	-38.4%	-39.1%	-41.3%		

Micron	25.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	MC
Since Last Sale						
Change ¢		-73	-56	-26	-29	-26
Change %		-9.4%	-10.7%	-5.7%	-10.7%	-4.0%
Since Start of the Season						
Change ¢		-132	-99	-38	-27	-196
Change %		-15.8%	-17.5%	-8.2%	-10.1%	-23.7%
Since Same Week Last Year						
Change ¢		-444	-395	-278	-228	-294
Change %		-38.6%	-45.8%	-39.4%	-48.6%	-31.8%

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 June ABS export data.

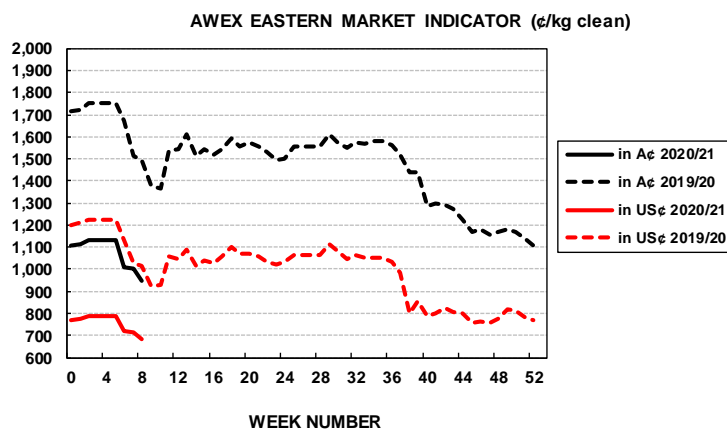
Details of this Week's Offering and the Comparison with the Previous Sale's Offering						
Centre	Last Sale	This Sale				
	Offering	Offering	Passed-In	Withdrawn Before Sale	Re- Offered	Bales Sold
North	8,707	8,210	21.0%	3.8%	18.8%	6,483
South	16,092	17,497	20.5%	5.5%	12.8%	13,918
West	5,476	5,687	44.3%	13.0%	36.9%	3,168
Australia	30,275	31,394	24.9%	6.6%	18.7%	23,569

Progressive Changes from Last Year		
All Bales		1 st Time Bales
Bales	%	%
-7,176	-12.0%	-13.9%
+5,478	+6.7%	+6.1%
+3,691	+13.6%	+11.5%
+1,993	+1.2%	-0.4%

Next Sale Offerings and Year-on-Year Differences				
Centre	Week 09	Week 10	Week 11	Differences
North	8,147	7,309	7,134	+17.8%
South	14,119	20,200	14,609	+49.5%
West	No Sale	7,300	6,600	-2.5%
New Zealand		2,700		
Australia	33,413	34,809	28,343	96,565
Differences	+32.2%	+60.5%	+47.7%	+46.0%

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	71.18	+0.39	+0.26	+0.42	+0.24	Public	+1.31 (+1.8%)	72.49	69.24	72.49
Euro	60.72	-0.17	+0.01	+0.20	-0.03	Holiday	+0.01 (+0.0%)	60.73	60.72	61.56

Country	% Share of Australia's Wool Exports by Weight of Wool Shipped			Year-on-Year % Change July to June	
	June 2020	July to June 2019/20	July to June 2018/19	By Weight	By Value
China	92.1%	80.7%	77.9%	-13.2%	-33.3%
India	2.1%	5.2%	5.8%	-24.9%	-38.9%
Italy	1.0%	4.0%	4.6%	-26.7%	-41.5%
Czech Republic	0.5%	3.2%	3.6%	-26.3%	-38.3%
Korea	1.2%	1.9%	2.4%	-35.6%	-46.5%
Egypt	0.3%	1.0%	0.9%	-7.4%	-27.5%
Thailand	0.5%	0.8%	0.9%	-25.9%	-47.0%
Taiwania	0.1%	0.5%	0.6%	-33.2%	-54.8%
Change all Countries				-16.2%	-35.1%



AVERAGE EMI	
This Year	1041
Last Year	1448
2018/19	1939
2017/18	1739
2016/17	1408

SEASON AVERAGES		
Region	This Year	Diff
North	1083	-399
South	1014	-412
West	1097	-456

THIS YEAR'S EMI	
This Week	945
First Week	1116
Low (10/01)	945
High (12/01)	1134

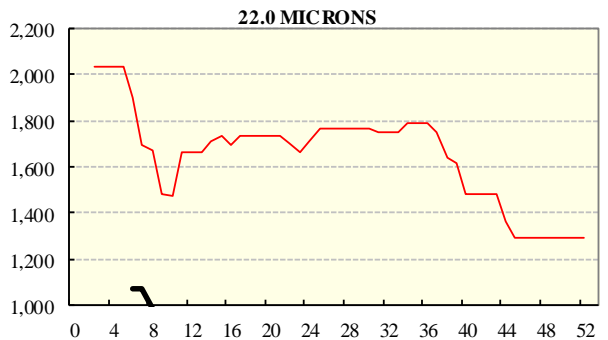
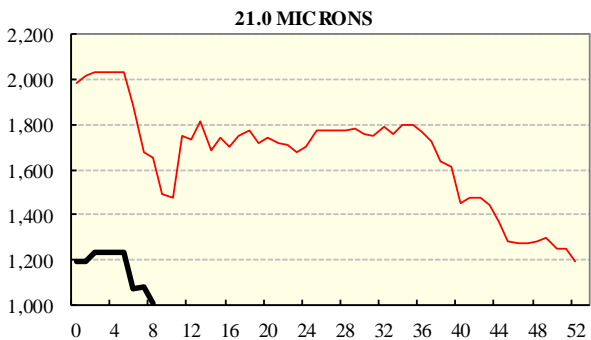
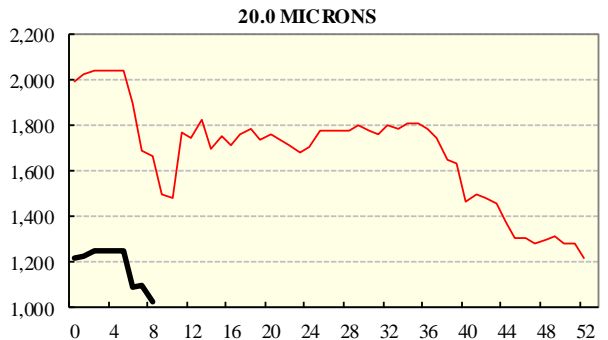
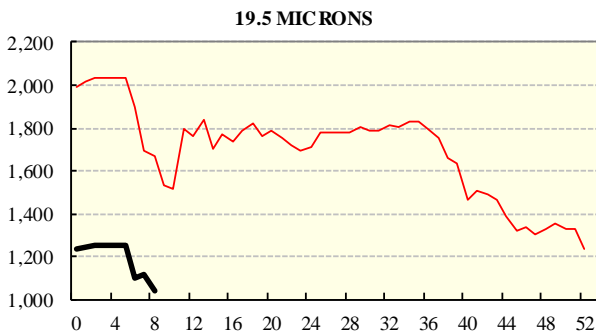
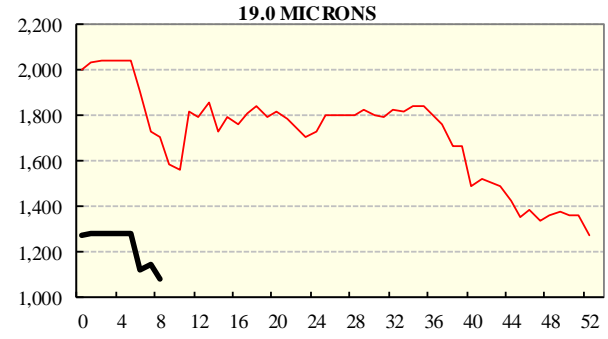
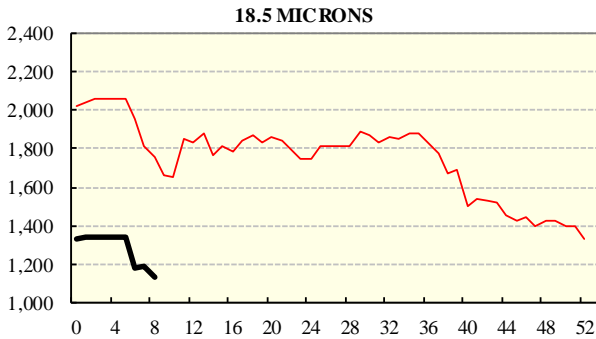
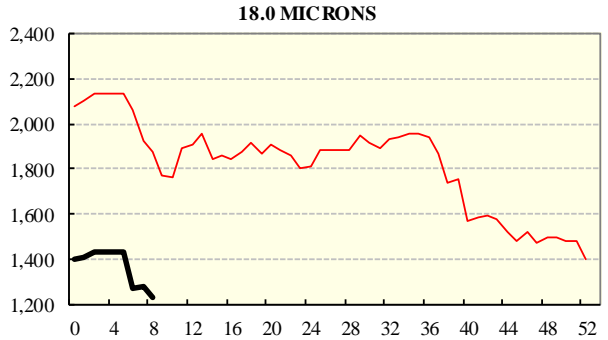
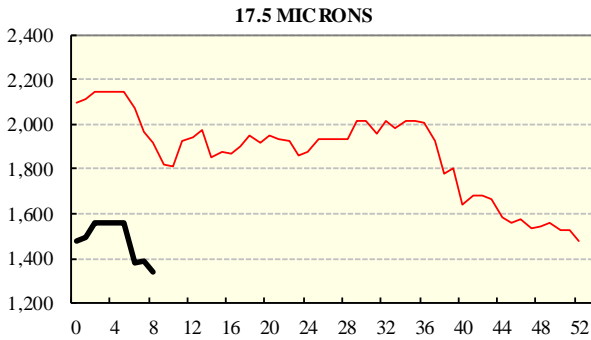
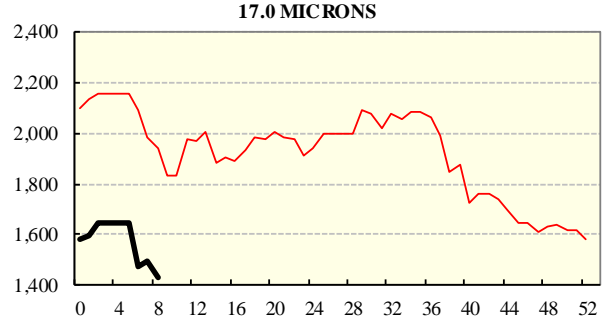
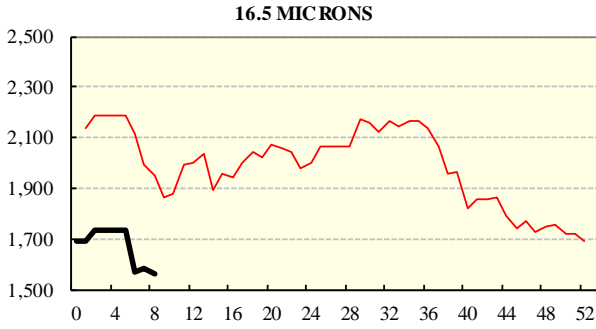
COMPARED WITH WKS 1/2		
Region	This Week	Diff
North	991	-176
South	915	-183
West	989	-205

BALES OFFERED	
This Year	170,516
Last Year	168,523
Difference	+1,993
% Diff	+1.2%
FIRST OFFERED BALES	
Difference	-0.4%
% of Offering	89.3%

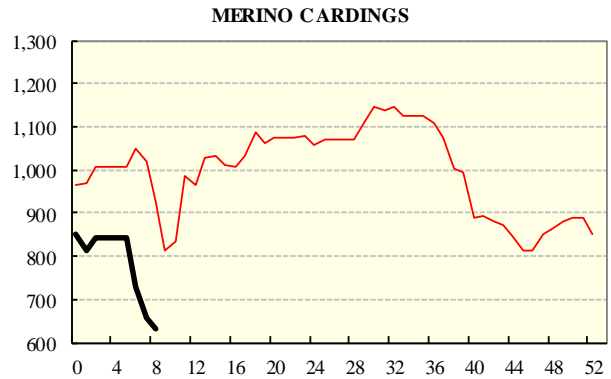
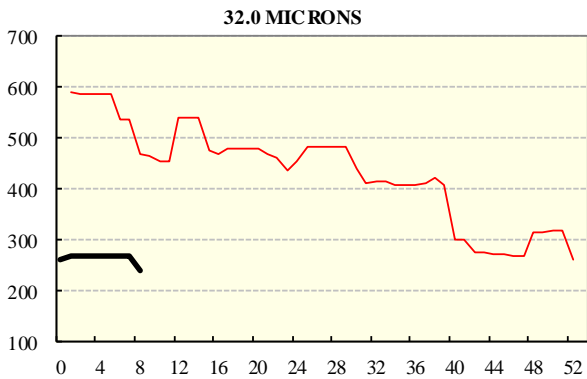
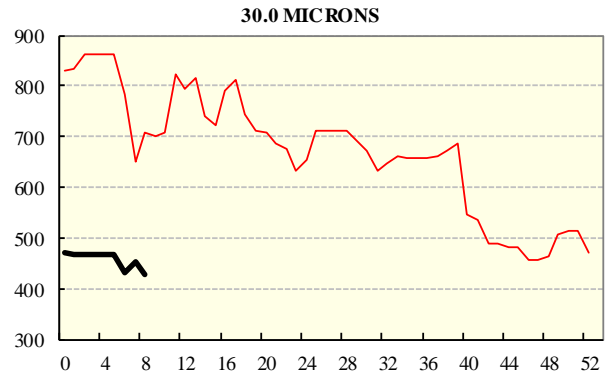
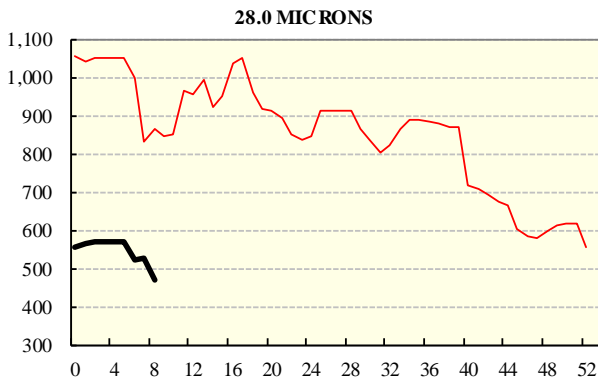
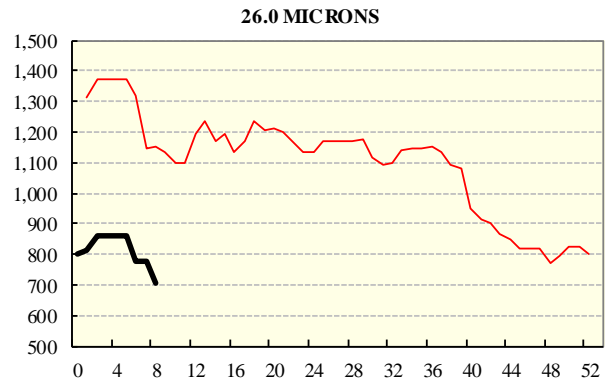
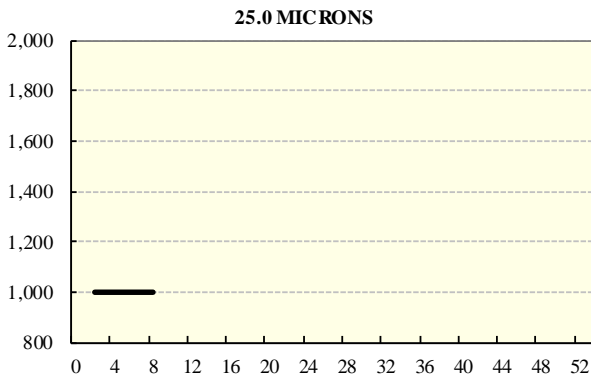
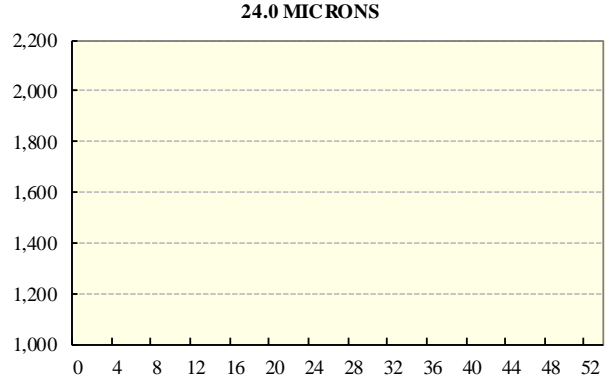
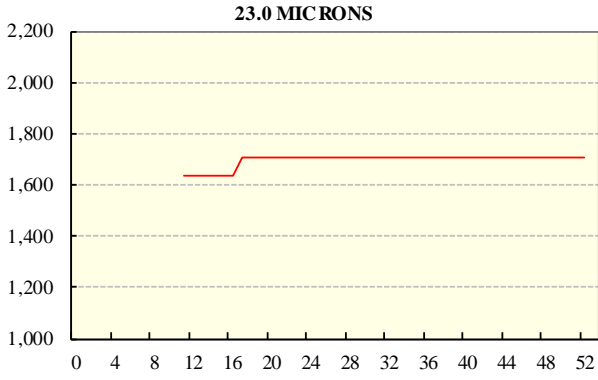
REGION BALES		
This Sale:		
North	8,210	
South	17,497	
West	5,687	
Progressive Totals:		Diff
North	52,623	-12.0%
South	87,134	+6.7%
West	30,759	+13.6%

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)

