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AWIS WOOL MARKET REVIEW Week Ending 30 October 2020 (Week 18)

The AWEX EMI finished at 1138¢, 81¢ lower (-6.6%) in Australian currency and 50¢ lower (-5.8%) in US currency at sales in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle in Week 18.

35,923 bales were on offer nationally, compared with 33,074 bales last sale. 26.5% of the offering was passed in after 14.2% of the potential offering was withdrawn prior to sale. 26,397 bales were sold.

AWEX reports that the value of the wool sold was \$35.6 million (\$1,349 per bale), taking the season total to \$467.3 million (\$1,215 per bale). The number of bales sold at auction this season is now 1.6% greater than in 2019/20.

The New Zealand Merino Company also offered 1,509 bales in Melbourne on Wednesday, of which 14.0% were passed in.

Day-to-Day and Sale-to-Sale Changes in AWEX Regional Indicators (Week 18)									
Centre	Last Sale		Day-to-Day Changes (Week 18)			Sale-to-Sale Change	Closing Indicator	Sale-to-Sale Changes	
	Week	Indicator	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday			US ¢	Euro ¢
Eastern	17	1219	-71	-10	No Sale	-81 (-6.6%)	1138	-50	-39
Northern	17	1278	-77	-11	No Sale	-88 (-6.9%)	1190	-55	-42
Southern	17	1182	-68	-10	No Sale	-78 (-6.6%)	1104	-48	-36
Western	17	1219	-48	+10	No Sale	-38 (-3.1%)	1181	-19	-13

It was a disappointing start to the sale on Tuesday after the recent upward movements. However, there is little doubt that the market was influenced by an initial forecast of a 44,000 bale offering that followed an average of 28,300 bales over the five previous sales. The market moved down by 71¢ on Tuesday before settling on Wednesday, when it closed on an upward note in Fremantle. The falls in the Merino average AWEX MPGs were mostly between 5% and 6%, while they ranged from -8.2% to -10.8% for Crossbreds

The US Exchange Rate finished 0.64¢ (0.9%) higher to close at 71.45¢ on Wednesday.

Buyers for China continued their dominance, while European interests also had a presence on the major buyers' list.

Looking ahead, offerings for the coming three sales are expected to range from 31,476 bales to 36,666 bales and to be 5.0% less than in the same period last year. The forecast progressive difference to Week 21 is -2.7%.

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 14	Start of the Season	Week 18 Last Year	Season Average to Week 18 Last Year
Eastern Market Indicator	+142 (+14.3%)	+13 (+1.2%)	-456 (-28.6%)	-530 (-34.1%)
Western Market Indicator	+157 (+15.3%)	-13 (-1.1%)	-506 (-30.0%)	-579 (-35.0%)

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 ¢	-95	-91	-115	-109	-87	-78	-80	-76	-63			
Change %	-4.8%	-5.0%	-6.6%	-6.7%	-5.8%	-5.6%	-6.0%	-6.0%	-5.2%			
Since Start of the Season												
Change ¢	+152	+122	+98	+90	+65	+34	+8	-39	-66			
Change %	+8.9%	+7.5%	+6.4%	+6.3%	+4.9%	+2.7%	+0.6%	-3.2%	-5.4%			
Since Same Week Last Year												
Change ¢	-174	-240	-324	-410	-466	-526	-563	-590	-619			
Change %	-8.5%	-12.1%	-16.6%	-21.4%	-24.9%	-28.6%	-31.0%	-33.1%	-35.0%			

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 ¢		-73	-72	-55		-14
Change %		-8.2%	-10.8%	-10.3%		-1.7%
Since Start of the Season						
Change ¢		-26	+29	+12		-27
Change %		-3.1%	+5.1%	+2.6%		-3.3%
Since Same Week Last Year						
Change ¢		-424	-363	-266		-289
Change %		-34.3%	-37.9%	-35.8%		-26.5%

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 August ABS export data.

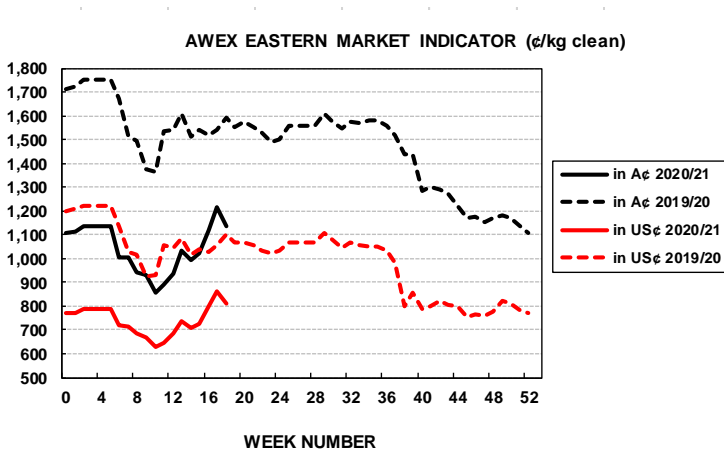
Details of this Week's Offering and the Comparison with the Previous Sale's Offering						
Centre	Last Sale	This Sale				
	Offering	Offering	Passed-In	Withdrawn Before Sale	Re- Offered	Bales Sold
North	8,122	11,488	29.0%	10.8%	8.4%	8,159
South	15,674	16,313	26.9%	12.4%	6.5%	11,932
West	9,278	8,122	22.4%	21.5%	8.2%	6,306
Australia	33,074	35,923	26.5%	14.2%	7.5%	26,397

Progressive Changes from Last Year		
All Bales		1 st Time Bales
Bales	%	%
-4,967	-3.7%	-2.6%
+827	+0.4%	+1.1%
-5,849	-6.5%	-3.3%
-9,989	-2.2%	-0.9%

Next Sale Offerings and Year-on-Year Differences				
Centre	Week 19	Week 20	Week 21	Differences
North	8,972	7,850	6,590	-18.6%
South	20,013	17,770	18,236	+3.2%
West	7,681	6,850	6,650	-7.2%
New Zealand	1,600		1,900	
Australia	36,666	32,470	31,476	100,612
Differences	+7.7%	-10.1%	-11.9%	-5.0%

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	70.81	+0.32	+0.03	+0.18	+0.11	Public	+0.64 (+0.9%)	71.45	69.24	73.60
Euro	59.77	+0.50	-0.13	+0.19	+0.32	Holiday	+0.88 (+1.5%)	60.65	59.77	61.81

Country	% Share of Australia's Wool Exports by Weight of Wool Shipped			Year-on-Year % Change July to August	
	August 2020	July to August 2020/21	July to August 2019/20	By Weight	By Value
China	81.4%	85.2%	74.1%	+23.5%	-13.9%
Czech Republic	7.4%	4.7%	3.6%	+38.5%	-35.0%
India	3.7%	3.4%	5.7%	-36.8%	-63.9%
Korea	2.5%	1.9%	2.5%	-18.7%	-34.9%
Italy	1.6%	1.8%	8.0%	-75.6%	-82.9%
Thailand	0.5%	0.6%	0.8%	-11.5%	-50.8%
Egypt	0.8%	0.6%	1.7%	-61.8%	-74.3%
Germany	0.8%	0.6%	0.5%	+31.8%	+14.3%
Change all Countries				+7.4%	-29.3%



AVERAGE EMI	
This Year	1023
Last Year	1448
2018/19	1939
2017/18	1739
2016/17	1408

THIS YEAR'S EMI	
This Week	1138
First Week	1116
Low (11/01)	858
High (13/01)	1219

BALES OFFERED	
This Year	441,597
Last Year	451,586
Difference	-9,989
% Diff	-2.2%
FIRST OFFERED BALES	
Difference	-0.9%
% of Offering	90.3%

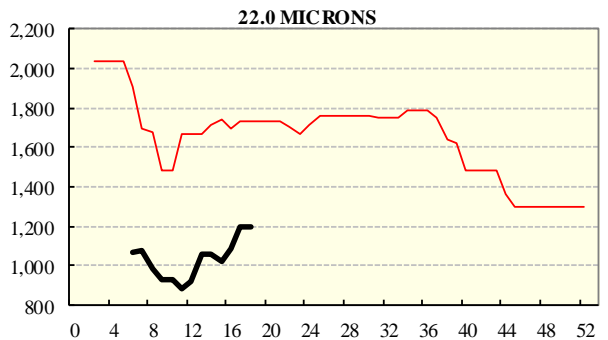
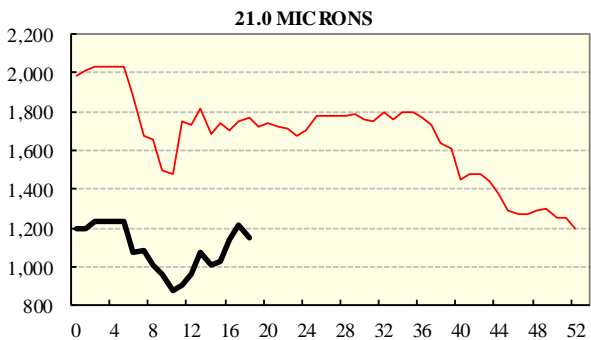
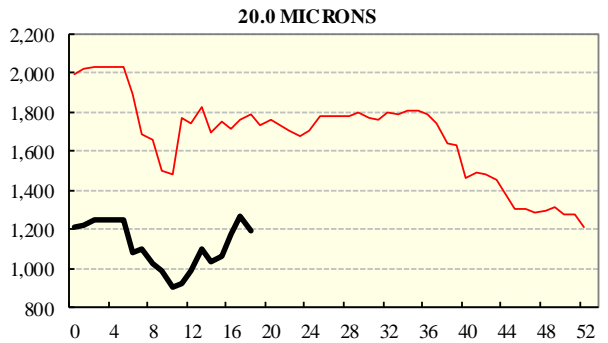
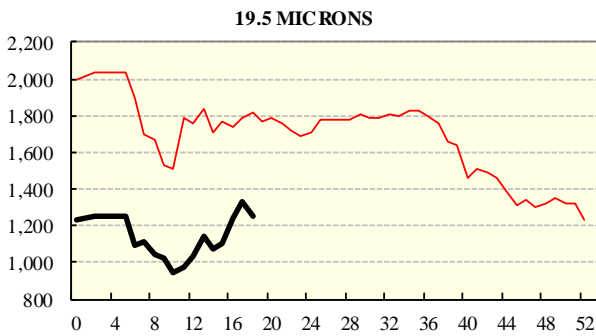
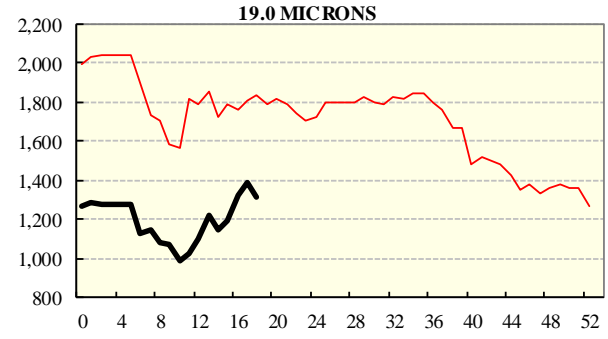
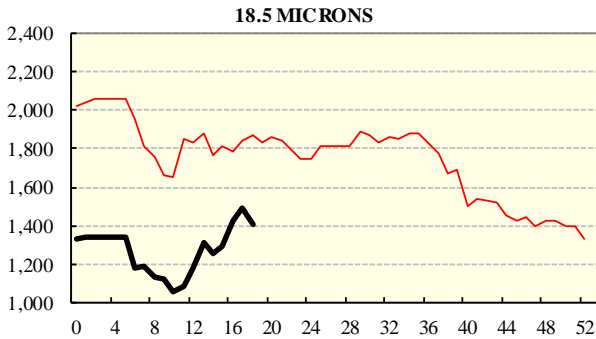
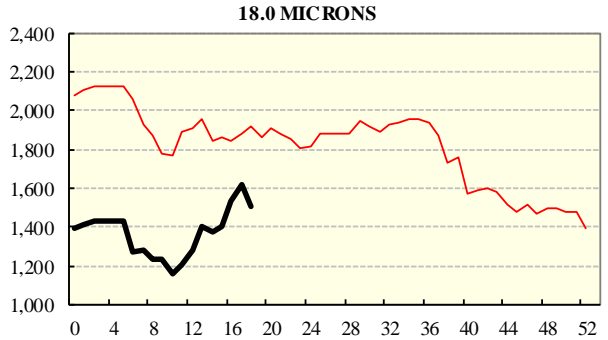
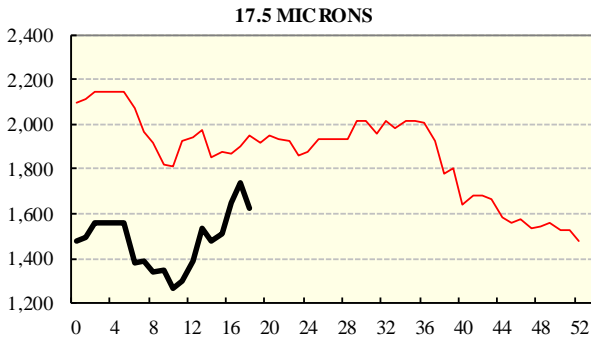
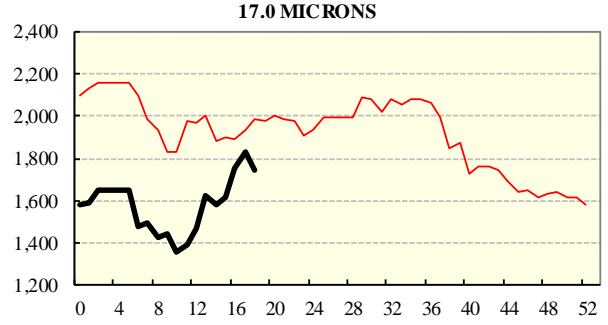
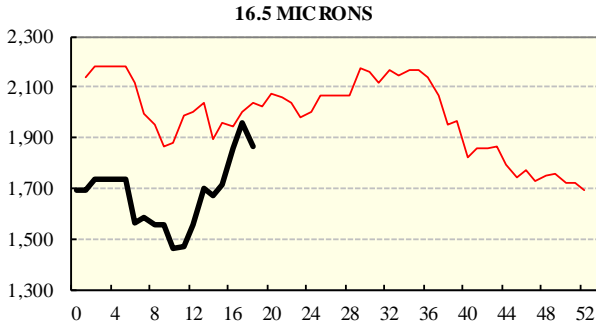
SEASON AVERAGES		
Region	This Year	Diff
North	1075	-406
South	990	-436
West	1073	-481

COMPARED WITH WKS 1/2		
Region	This Week	Diff
North	1190	+23
South	1104	+6
West	1181	-13

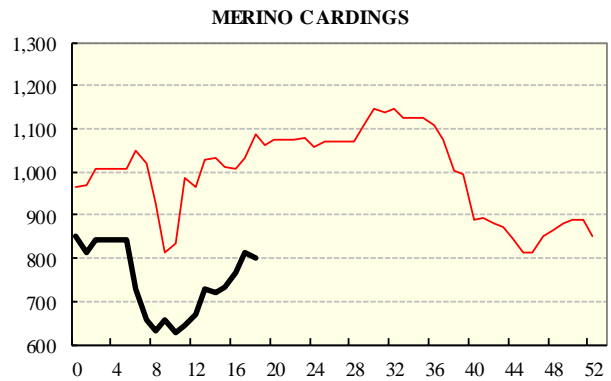
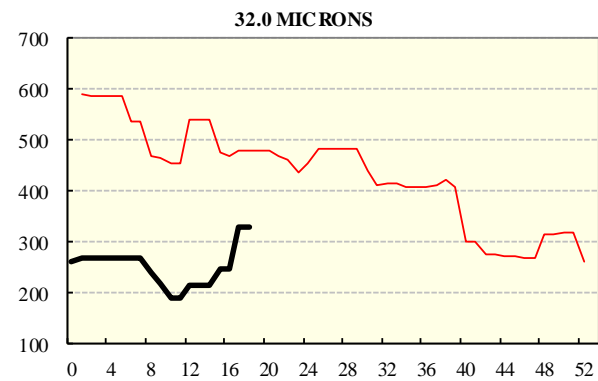
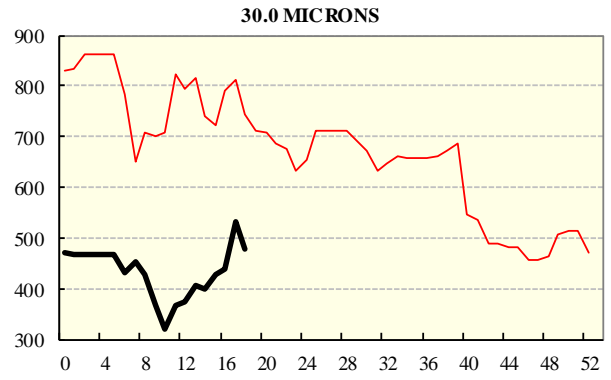
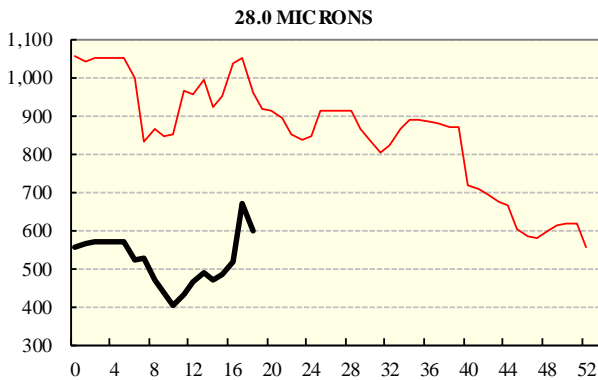
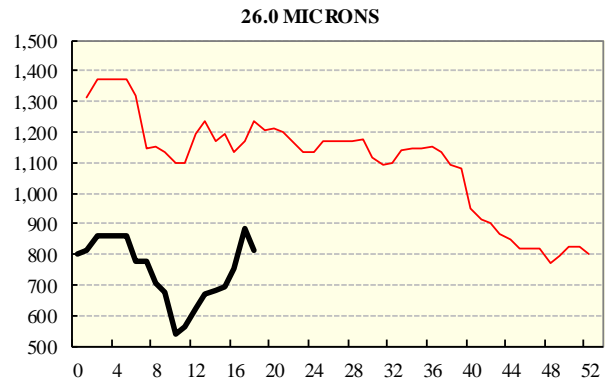
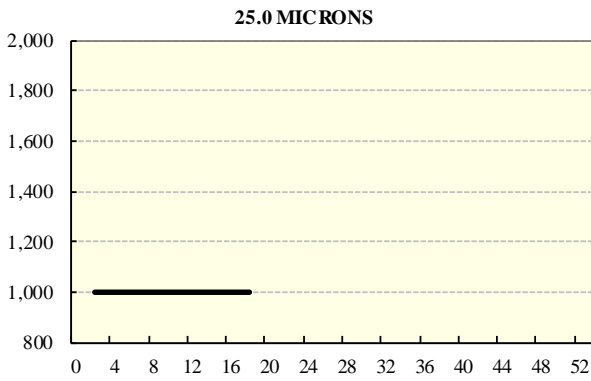
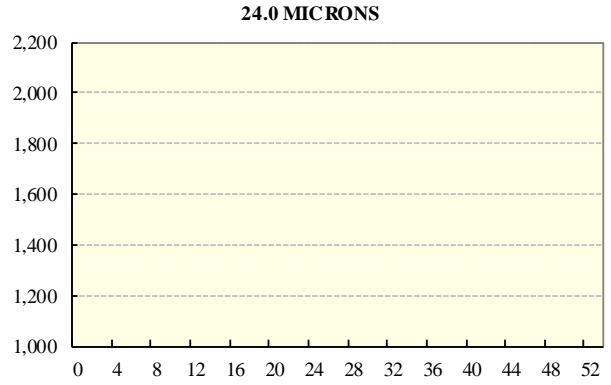
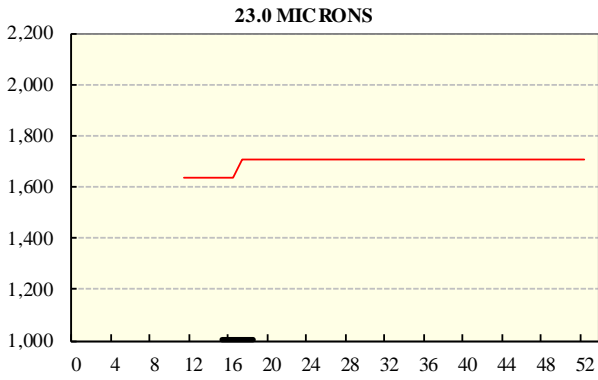
REGION BALES		
This Sale:		
North	11,488	
South	16,313	
West	8,122	
Progressive Totals:		Diff
North	130,107	-3.7%
South	226,690	+0.4%
West	84,800	-6.5%

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)

