

# WOOL MARKET

## WEEKLY REPORT

Sale 42: Fri 19th Apr 2024



Keep the Clip Clean - check shed regularly for any possible contaminants during shearing

Aust. wool offering		Currency movements			Eastern Market Indicator (EMI)			
Bales offered	43,680	AUD:USD	0.6408	- 1.76 %	AUD	1158 ac/kg	+ 16 ac/kg	+ 1.40%
Clearance rate %	96.6 %	AUD:CNY	4.6395	- 0.71%	USD	742 usc/kg	- 3 usc/kg	- 0.39 %
Bales Sold	42,174	AUD:EUR	0.6038	- 0.56 %	CNY	53.73 ¥/kg	- 0.17 ¥/kg	- 0.33 %
Bales sold season	1,338,375	RBA close rates 17th Apr 2024			EUR	6.99 €/kg	+ 0.06 €/kg	+ 0.83 %

### AWI Market Commentary

Australian wool auctions were heavily influenced this week by the movements in the foreign exchange rates. All the local price indicators moved strongly to the positive as supply for the week was lower than expected and some solid enquiry was emanating from not just overseas but from the many attendants at the highly successful International Wool Textile Organisation (IWTO) congress held in Adelaide this week.

The Australian dollar (AUD) charted to levels up to 2% lower against the US dollar (USD) under assumptions and commentary from the USA that interest rates in that nation would remain at similar levels for the foreseeable future. This put upward pressure on the local market price being paid in AUD, but demand was still firmly sitting at the static levels being witnessed for the past few months.

Sale offerings for varied reasons dropped by 13% from the expected volume and this helped the bales that were eventually offered sell to advantage. Sellers were keen to offload their production with subsequent clearance rates of 96.6% being one of the highest seen for quite some time.

The largest Chinese top maker was the greatest influence on the Merino sector this week by taking over 18% of the total offered volume. Australia's largest two trading houses were strongly supporting, but by no means were they forcing the price. All other parties were interested and active, but just could not compete for the bales at the level at which prices were eventually settling at. The purchasing activity and intent of that giant top maker did appear to give others more confidence though.

Merino prices at the finest end of the micron spectrum saw the best gains take place, with 30 to 50ac being added for super fine wool finer than 18.5 microns. The finer the lot, the more c/kg were gained. The 19-to-22-micron wools were by no means missing out and 15 to 20ac gains were made on those wools. Crossbreds were 10ac dearer and cardings 5ac dearer.

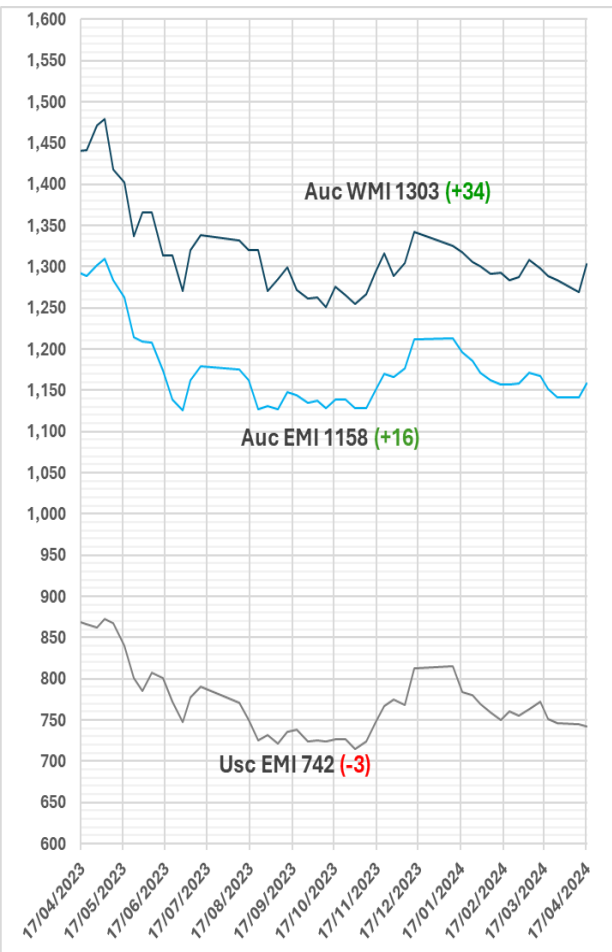
Next week has 44,000 bales rostered to sell Tues/Wed.

Scheduled Australian wool at auction offerings		
Sale week	2023/24 est.	2022/23 actual
Week 43	44,356 bales	38,505 bales
Week 44	37,255 bales	38,808 bales
Week 45	38,500 bales est	43,454 bales

### Western Market Indicator (WMI)

AUD	1303 ac/kg	+ 34 ac/kg	+ 2.68 %
USD	835 usc/kg	+ 7 usc/kg	+ 1.26 %

### 12 month Market Indicators 17th Apr 2024



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