# WOOL MARKET WEEKLY SUMMARY

Sale 51: Thursday 18th June 2026

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| **2025/26 Aust. Wool offering** | | **Weekly currency movements** | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bales offered | 21,251 | AUD:USD | **0.7063** | **+0.90%** |
| Clearance rate % | 96% | AUD:CNY | 4.7696 | +0.45% |
| Bales sold | **20,393** | AUD:EUR | 0.6079 | +0.16% |
| Bales sold season | 1,380,833 | RBA close rates 17th June 2026 | | |

| **Eastern Market Indicator** (EMI) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| AUD | 1,989 ac/kg | **+10 auc/kg** | **+0.51%** |
| USD | 1,405 usc/kg | +20 usc/kg | +1.41% |
| CNY | 94.87 ¥/kg | +0.90 ¥/kg | +0.96% |
| EUR | 12.09 €/kg | +0.08 €/kg | +0.67% |

| **Western Market Indicator** (WMI) | |
|---|---|
| AUD | **NO SALE** |
| USD | |

## AWI Market Commentary

The Australian wool market pushed higher again this week, with no sales in Fremantle and only Sydney and Melbourne in operation. The reduced roster resulted in the smallest weekly offering of the 2025/26 season, with support evident across both selling centres. The EMI finished 10 cents higher at 1,989 ac/kg, just 11 cents shy of the 2,000-cent milestone and 127 cents below the all-time high recorded in August 2018. Notably, the USD EMI recovered last week's losses, gaining 20 US cents to close at 1,405 USc/kg. Despite a stronger Australian dollar, demand remained firm, with the USD EMI posting a larger gain than its AUD counterpart.

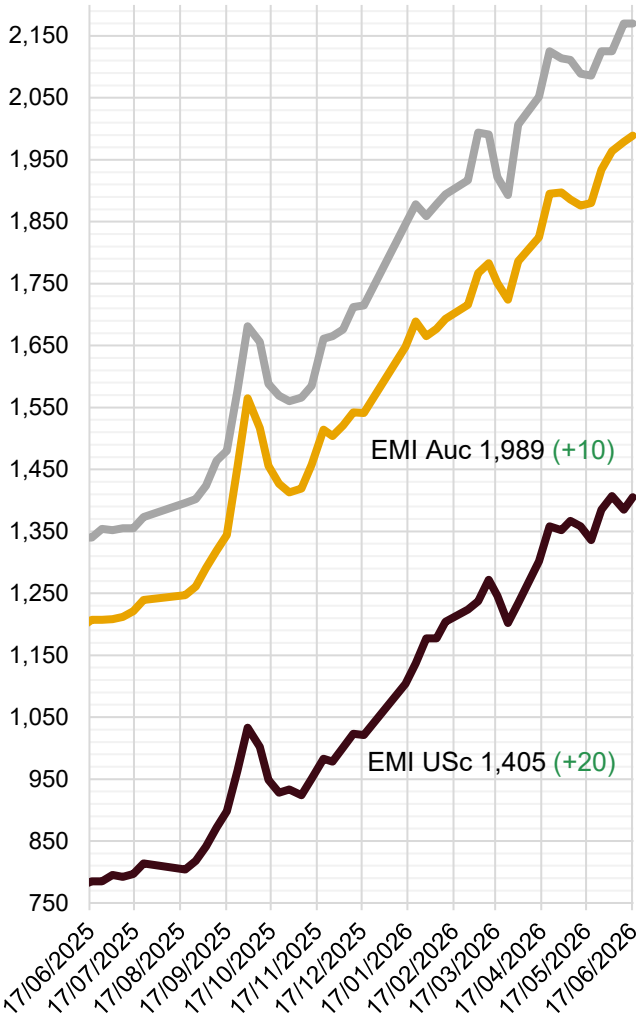
While the EMI finished the week higher, the varying movements across Merino micron indicators suggest buyers remained selective. The strongest competition appeared to be directed towards wool meeting preferred processing specifications, while lower-testing or less desirable lots generally saw less support.

Fine Merino types (16.5–19µm) were 5–10 cents dearer overall, although results were mixed across individual microns. Medium Merinos (19.5–21µm) were generally unchanged to slightly firmer, gaining around 5 cents. Crossbreds (25–32µm) recorded another strong performance, lifting 30–35 cents, while Merino cardings gained 15–20 cents. The strongest competition remained in the broader wool categories, with crossbreds continuing to outperform the Merino sector.

The market appears to be entering a more balanced phase, with further sharp gains becoming harder to achieve. However, with early season offerings forecast well below historical norms and selling volumes remaining tight, limited supply should continue to underpin current price levels.

The last sale of the season sees 27,697 bales being offered, Fremantle selling Wednesday only while Sydney and Melbourne sell on the Tuesday-Wednesday roster.

**12 month Market Indicators 17 June 2026**




| **Scheduled Australian wool at auction offerings** | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sale week | **2025/26 est.** | **2024/25 actual** |
| Week 52 | **27,697 bales** | 29,848 bales |
| Week 1 | **28,175 bales** | 34,241 bales |
| Week 2 | **28,000 bales*** | 31,147 bales |

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