



Cape Wools Weekly Market Report

3 February 2016

WOOL MARKET MAINTAINS RECORD LEVEL

Port Elizabeth – The wool market continued its good performance and declined marginally by 1,3% this week and the Cape Wools Merino Indicator decreased by 186 points to close at a value of R156,80 (Clean). On the Australian market, the indicator lost 1,9%. The Cape Wools All Wool Indicator weakened by 2,0%.

Traders were of the opinion that the significantly weaker rand as well as the strong market demand for good quality long wool would continue to drive the market.

This week saw the rand at R16,20 to the US dollar. The rand weakened by 1,3% against the US dollar compared with the average rate at the previous sale. The Rand weakened against the Euro, trading at R17,68. The offering comprised of 8 476 bales of which 97,4% was sold. Major traders were Lempriere SA (2 651), G Modiano SA (2 201), Standard Wool SA (1 822), , and Stucken & Co (985).

The average clean prices for the selection within the different categories good top-making (MF5), long fleeces were as follows: 18,0 microns gained 1,1% at R175,35/kg; 18,5 microns gained 1,3% at R173,77/kg; 19 microns gained 0,4% at R165,63/kg; 19,5 microns dropped -3,8% to close at R157,13/kg; 20 microns decreased with -1,5% to close at R156,32/kg; 20,5 microns weakened -1,6% to close at R156,55/kg; 21,0 microns dropped -1,0% to close at R155,99/kg; 21,5 microns decreased -2,0% to close at R153,07/kg and 22,0 microns weakened -1,6% to close at R147,93/kg.

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