



Cape Wools Weekly Market Report

17 February 2016

WOOL MARKET ON COURSE

Port Elizabeth – The wool market traded 0,4% higher this week and the Cape Wools Merino Indicator increased by 54 points to close at a value of R155,94 (Clean). On the Australian market, the EMI gained 1,2%. The Cape Wools All Wool Indicator strengthened by 1,2%.

Continued solid demand for good quality long wool and a smaller offering stimulated good competition for the wool on offer. The stronger Rand dampened Rand returns which remained close to recent record levels.

This week saw the rand at R15,75 to the US dollar. The rand strengthened by 0,9% against the US dollar compared with the average rate at the previous sale. The Rand strengthened 2,0% against the Euro, trading at R17,56. The offering comprised of 7 349 bales of which 96,9% was sold. Major traders were Standard Wool SA (2 203), Lempriere SA (1 685), G Modiano SA (1 484), and Stucken & Co (1 021).

The average clean prices for the selection within the different micron categories for good top-making (MF5), long fleeces were as follows: 18,0 microns gained 0,4% to close at R173,65/kg; 18,5 microns lost 2,9% to close at R170,23/kg; 19 microns gained 3,1% to close at R167,77/kg; 19,5 microns gained 1,9% to close at R161,44/kg; 20 microns increased with 1,2% to close at R156,86/kg; 20,5 microns increased 1,2% to close at R154,86/kg; 21,0 microns dropped 1,3% to close at R153,68/kg; 21,5 microns gained 0,7% to close at R155,33/kg and 22,0 microns gained 0,6% to close at R150,01/kg.

The next sale is scheduled for 24 February 2016 where approximately ± 6 620 will be on offer.