



Cape Wools Weekly Market Report

2 March 2016

WOOL MARKET 2,2% HIGHER

Port Elizabeth – The wool market traded 2,2% higher on the previous week and the Cape Wools Merino Indicator increased by 337 points to close at a value of R154,29 (Clean). On the Australian market, the EMI dropped 0,7%. The Cape Wools All Wool Indicator strengthened by 2,9%.

The market reversed the trend to close in positive territory after six consecutive declines. Traders were satisfied with the good quality of the offering and also enjoyed the support of a declining rand.

This week saw the rand at R15,67 to the US dollar. The rand weakened by 2,8% against the US dollar compared with the average rate at the previous sale. The Rand weakened 1,6% against the Euro, trading at R17,03. The offering comprised of 12 917 bales of which 97,1% was sold. Major traders were Standard Wool SA (3 736), G Modiano SA (2 970), Lempriere SA (2 619), and Stucken & Co (1 570).

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 4,8% to close at R172,76/kg; 18,5 microns rose 4,6% to close at R169,56/kg; 19 microns dropped 1,1% to close at R160,50/kg; 19,5 microns gained 1,1% to close at R159,40/kg; 20 microns increased with 3,8% to close at R156,59/kg; 20,5 microns increased 3,4% to close at R156,45/kg; 21,0 microns gained 3,3% to close at R155,57/kg; 21,5 microns strengthened 2,0% to close at R154,48/kg and 22,0 microns gained 4,3% to close at R157,43/kg.

The next sale is scheduled for 09 March 2016 where approximately ± 7 237 will be on offer.