



Cape Wools Weekly Market Report

20 April 2016

WOOL 3,2% LOWER

Port Elizabeth – The wool market traded 3,2% lower this week and the Cape Wools Merino Indicator decreased by 485 points to close at a value of R146,95 (Clean). On the Australian market, the EMI decreased 2,2%. The Cape Wools All Wool Indicator lost 3,2%.

Demand for better quality long wool remained good and buyers commented that the decline in the market was purely as a result of the strengthening Rand.

This week saw the rand at R14,27 to the US dollar. The rand strengthened by 3,0% against the US dollar compared with the average rate at the previous sale. The Rand strengthened 2,8% against the Euro, trading at R16,22. The offering comprised of 4 435 bales of which 98,0% was sold. Major traders were G Modiano SA (1 379), Standard Wool SA (1 210), Lempriere SA (673), and Stucken & Co (620).

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 lost 4,5% to close at R159,65/kg; 18,5 microns dropped 4,2% to close at R153,96/kg; 19 microns decreased 2,6% to close at R154,56/kg; 19,5 microns lost 1,9% to close at R153,03/kg; 20 microns decreased with 2,0% to close at R150,93/kg; 20,5 microns decreased 3,3% to close at R148,18/kg; 21,0 microns dropped 4,3% to close at R147,62/kg; 21,5 microns lost 4,0% to close at R146,52/kg and 22,0 microns lost 4,5% to close at R145,55/kg.

There will be no sale next week, next sale is scheduled for 4 May 2016.