



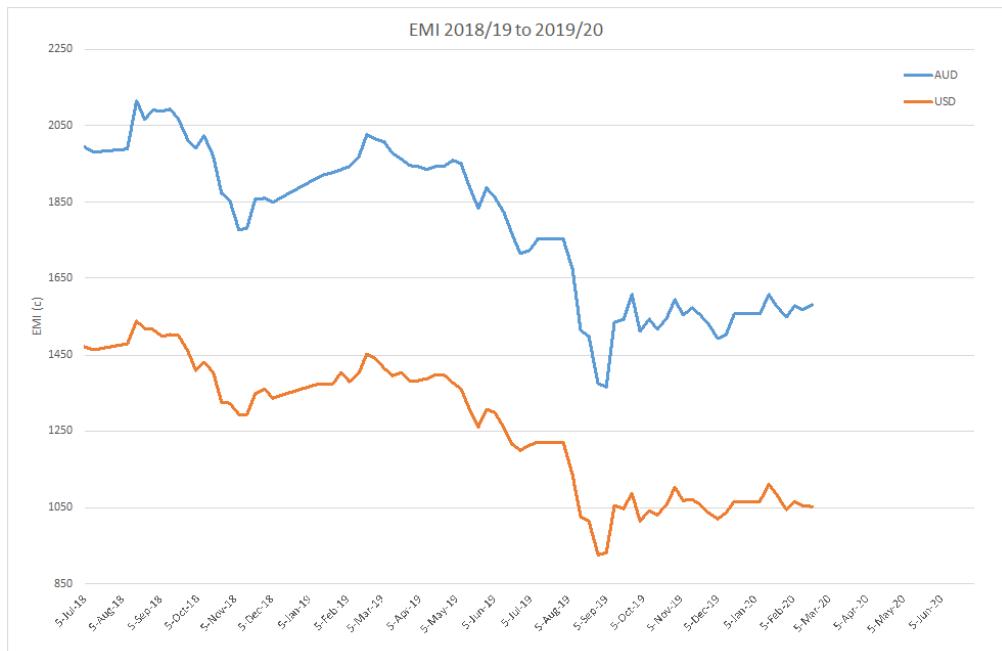
# MOSES & SON

WOOLBROKERS MERCHANDISE LIVESTOCK

## Week S34:

The AWEX EMI closed on 1581c up 13c at auction sales in Australia this week. 88.7% of the offering was cleared to the trade with small but consistent rises measured across the Merino MPG's. The concerns shown over the past three weeks for possible delays in processing Finance & Customs certificates to process Letters of Credit in China seemed to be temporarily alleviated as the news of the Coronavirus (COVED19) continues to claim lives. Deaths from the virus now total 2025 people and the virus has infected over 75,000 people. Countries including Australia have ceased flights from China and are looking at restrictions on flights from Hong Kong in the near future.

**Merino Fleece** were generally well supported by a wider number of exporters from China which resulted in rises between 10 and 20c. Fleece lots heavily affected by drought, yielding 45-50% were well supported early this week after a poor showing last week however the price for these lots waned as the week progressed. Best style and measured lots with low CVH were keenly sought by a wide range of exporters with rises measuring up to 30-40c on the best lots.



**Merino Skirtings** measured good increases on Wednesday and maintained these rises on Thursday.

**Crossbreds** finer than 30μ were slightly dearer on a limited offering in the northern markets whilst the larger offering in Melbourne came under some price pressure on Thursday with prices down 10c. Poorly prepared or unclassed lots were noticeably cheaper as were the low yielding crossbreds.

**Merino Cardings** maintained last week's price levels and attracted health competition whilst the medium and coarser crossbred oddments continue to bow under the price pressure.

MPG North	Percentile	20/02/2020	13/02/2020	Variance	5 Year Average	5 year var	5 year % var
17	66.5%	2,082	2,063	19	1,998	84	4.2%
18	67.1%	1,945	1,928	17	1,885	60	3.2%
19	75.6%	1,839	1,833	6	1,739	100	5.7%
20	82.5%	1,813	1,803	10	1,644	169	10.3%
21	83.4%	1,798	1,780	18	1,606	192	12.0%
22	83.8%	1,785	1,770	15	1,571	214	13.6%
30	70.5%	690	690	0	702	-12	-1.7%
EMI	84.0%	1,581	1,568	13	1,495	86	5.7%



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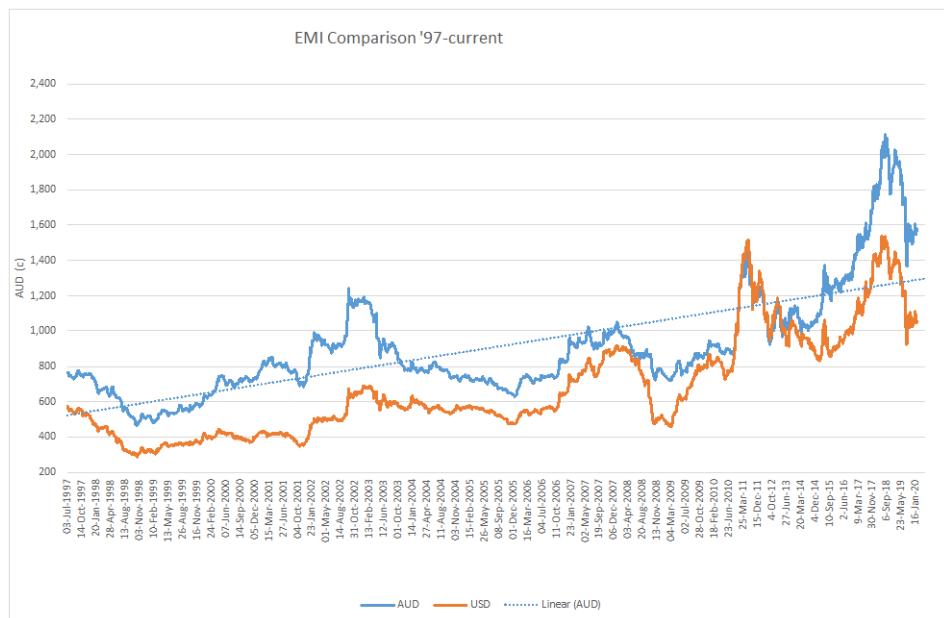
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Next week's national offering increases to 44,091 bales which may attract some new business into the market as long as the letters of credit continue to be processed.

Region	Centre	20/02/2020	13/02/2020	Variance	Bales Offered	Bales Sold	Pass-in%	Next Sale Offering
<b>Northern</b>	<b>Sydney</b>	1,618	1,604	14	7,793	7,245	7.0%	11,188
<b>Southern</b>	<b>Melbourne</b>	1,558	1,546	12	18,983	16,647	12.3%	21,754
<b>Western</b>	<b>Fremantle</b>	1,710	1,667	43	12,242	10,715	12.5%	11,149
<b>National</b>	<b>AWEX EMI</b>	1,581	1,568	13	40,891	36,287	11.3%	44,091

The Coronavirus continues to dominate the world news with 780m people now facing travel restrictions with 53m people reported to be locked down in China as the Chinese Government struggles to contain the spread of the virus. Despite the freeing up of some LC's exporters will be awaiting the freeing up of the backlog of their purchases pre Chinese New year almost a month ago. The situation for wool and other Ag products relying on the Chinese to purchase are facing some poor trading conditions as world economies continue to slow down.

The growing number of held bales is also a major concern as this number of held bales grow the hope of a long trending market rise becomes under threat as we enter the early stages of the feed cropping season. Rain across parts of the eastern sea board has put a spring into some sheep and wool producers step as stock prices continue to rise to new record prices. – **Marty Moses**



Moses & Son Top Price Report

Description	District	Micron	VMB	Yield	SL	SS	Price
AAA M	Morundah	17.1	1.1	60.2	99	26	1226
AAA M	Morundah	17.4	1.5	60.9	97	31	1216
AAA M	Narrandera	17.6	0.9	60.8	106	30	1186
AAA M	Ariah Park	17.4	0.4	60.2	74	33	1178
AAA M	Morundah	17.6	1.8	58.5	83	36	1153