Week S28:

The AWEX EMI closed on 1333c - up 6c as auction sales resumed after a three week recess.

50,509 went under the hammer with a creditable clearance rate of 88.8% in the opening sale. Brokers entered the sale rooms on Tuesday with the early market intelligence predicting the market to open slightly cheaper compared to the December 15th close. Exporters reported business being transacted over the three week recess into China and India. The market opened in line with the intel recording slightly weaker levels early on Tuesday. Wednesday's market seem to



have a more confident tone which converted into a positive result for the EMI. With follow on business forthcoming on Wednesday evening, the markets momentum escalated as the week progressed into Thursday. From last sale the Foreign Exchange rates saw the AUD rise to 69.11c - up .63c since December 15th taking the EMI up to 921USc - up 13 USc.

Merino Fleece opened on Tuesday as you would expect with exporters being very selective in the opening ½ hour. From that point on, the finer MPG's progressively strengthened, especially on the best specified and prepared lots. At the end of Tuesday's auction, most MPG's remained within 5-15c of the previous market levels with the exception of fleece lots coarser than 19.5 μ which posted 20-35c losses on the day. Wednesday saw the market continue to gain confidence adding another 5-50c to the finer MPG's. The exceptions to this once again were in the 20-21 μ range. We are currently experiencing some of the highest yields on record for our district and coupled with extremely low VM this means that the catalogues are suitable to a wider number of orders. The large Australian Based Traders and Chinese Topmakers dominating the purchasing.

Merino Skirtings opened down 10-20c on the December closing levels but as exporters gained confidence, the early price falls turned into a fully firm market for the skirting selection. Buyers aggressively chased the best style, low VM and well specified lots.

MPG North	Percentile 10y	12/01/2023	15/12/2022	Variance	5 Year Average	5 year var	5 year % var
17	61.8%	2,237	2,227	10	2,273	-36	-1.6%
18	59.3%	1,952	1,927	25	2,037	-85	-4.2%
19	59.6%	1,681	1,671	10	1,792	-111	-6.2%
20	62.5%	1,488	1,532	-44	1,640	-152	-9.3%
21	61.2%	1,425	1,457	-32	1,585	-160	-10.1%
22	31.8%	1,250	1,250	0	1,544	-294	-19.0%
30	0.2%	280	304	-24	520	-240	-46.1%
EMI	56.0%	1,333	1,327	6	1,538	-205	-13.3%

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Crossbred's 26-28.5 micron XB combing wools remain harder to sell despite the ongoing low price base. With over 11,000 bales on offer nationally, exporters were extremely selective in their purchasing with the XB MPG's giving back 10-15c for the week. With quantities of XB hitting their peak, I am concerned that the sub 28.5 could suffer further losses next week.

Merino Cardings held firm on the December closing market levels with competition coming from a wide range of buyers. Crossbred oddments held their pre Xmas levels.



It seems with the Chinese government relaxing their COVID lockdown policies and increased purchasing from India, we now have some short term competitive tension in the market. Concerns over increased cases of COVID overloading hospitals in China may take its toll on people movement as self-regulated isolation will be the next thing to watch.

The key expectations for 2023 are that:- Energy will remain expensive; The Russian Ukraine war will not end; Interest rates will peak; Inflation will cool off; the risk of a global recession will remain high; India will have a strong year; China's economy may bounce back and European unity will be tested. Source:- Global Forecast Series Prediction Database 11/01/23

Next week, sales resume with 51,203 bales scheduled to be offered on Tuesday & Wednesday in all centres and once again Melbourne will offer in isolation on Thursday. ~ Marty Moses

Region	Centre	12/01/2023	15/12/2022	Variance	Bales Offered	Bales Sold	Pass- in%	Next Sale Offering
Northern	Sydney	1,404	1,396	8	12,083	10,921	9.6%	14,292
Southern	Melbourne	1,285	1,281	4	27,733	24,878	10.3%	28,580
Western	Fremantle	1,467	1,486	-19	10,653	9,015	15.4%	8,331
National	AWEX EMI	1,333	1,327	6	50,469	44,814	11.2%	51,203

Moses & Son Top Price Report							
Description	District	Micron	VMB	Yield	SL	SS	Price
AAAA M	Cumnock	16.0	1.0	77.6	72	37	1895
AA M	Cumnock	16.0	0.8	76.3	84	28	1851
AAAA M	Cumnock	17.1	0.9	79.4	85	41	1820
AAAA M	Cumnock	16.8	1.0	75.9	75	48	1770
AA M	Cumnock	15.9	0.8	74.6	66	28	1726

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NM	7,078	14.0%		
CM	807	1.6%		
AA	13,987	27.7%		
Totals	43.3%			
Total weekly	50,509			

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