WOOLBROKERS MERCHANDISE LIVESTOCK

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## Week S06: 09/08/2023

After the mid-year three week recess, the AWEX EMI closed on 1176c down 3c at auction sales in Australia. 49,029 bales were offered with 91% being cleared to the trade. In USD terms the EMI was less flattering with a fall of 24c measured in the opening sales. The early market intelligence was one of little no change on opening, and largely that was achieved with solid support experienced for the majority of the week. Of course, the EMI is derived from several MPG's and their performance varied in each category.



Merino Fleece opened with some vigour

across the FNF fleece types  $19.5\mu$  and coarser with solid support on the 17.0 and finer. The 17.5-19.0 MPG's operated within 10c of the previous sales close despite the favourable currency exchange in July. Wednesdays close revealed a weaker sentiment across the majority of fleece types with the exception of the 17+18 MPG which added 10-37c on the previous day's quotes.

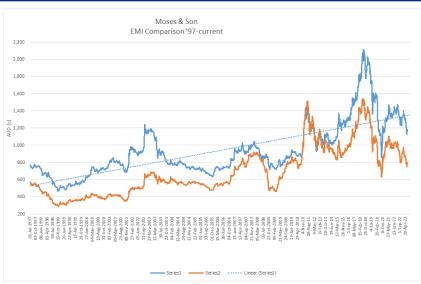
**Merino Skirtings** like the fleece opened slightly dearer to fully firm and unlike the fleece continued to gain positive price momentum as the week progressed. The best skirtings with less than 3% VM were keenly sought after whilst the high VMC types had more difficulty gaining any positive price momentum.

MPG North	Percentile 10y	9/08/2023	12/07/2023	Variance	5 Year Average	5 year var	5 year % var
17	37.5%	1,900	1,858	42	2,257	-357	-15.8%
18	34.6%	1,627	1,617	10	2,034	-407	-20.0%
19	25.9%	1,448	1,486	-38	1,793	-345	-19.2%
20	34.8%	1,378	1,378	0	1,645	-267	-16.2%
21	28.7%	1,300	1,275	25	1,591	-291	-18.3%
22	15.0%	1,200	1,200	0	1,552	-352	-22.7%
30	5.3%	302	265	37	520	-218	-41.9%
EMI	76.9%	1,176	1,179	-3	1,337	-161	-12.0%

Region	Centre	9/08/2023	12/07/2023	Variance	Bales Offered	Bales Sold	Pass- in%	Next Sale Offering
Northern	Sydney	1,225	1,223	2	14,764	13,869	6.1%	16,083
Southern	Melbourne	1,144	1,149	-5	24,582	22,113	10.0%	23,243
Western	Fremantle	1,332	1,339	-7	9,683	8,624	10.9%	7,548
National	AWEX EMI	1,176	1,179	-3	49,029	44,606	9.0%	46,874

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**Crossbreds** found new vigour with rises of 10-37c measured, and consequently the pass in rate reduced from the pre break levels of 20+% to around 10%. New business seems to be emerging for the 26-29  $\mu$  FNF fleece in China which is thought to be a new emerging fashion item however it is too early to tell if this is an emerging trend of a supply driven price bubble. There is also some renewed interest in the 23-25 comeback combing types destined for low quality uniform orders which are in limited supply at this time of the year.



Merino Cardings held their pre break levels

in the eastern states with Sydney showing no change whilst Melbourne added 7c for the week. The highlight in this sector came from Western Australia with the Fremantle MC increasing by 24c for the week.

Whilst the optimist could spin a great story out of this week's wool market results, the reality is that the EMI's ability to hold within 3c of the closing market in July is indicative of an issue of orders for Chinese bank and railways employees' uniforms. These orders are expected to be filled in the short term and reports from the trading exporters don't hold a lot of hope for any new business in the next few months. Chinese economic situation has worsened substantially in imports and export figures linking with the devaluation in their currency. I cannot see any positive news emerging from world economies that will have a positive impact on the current wool market in the short term. As always, I am happy to be proved wrong, and as we know markets are cyclic and inflation will become less prevalent in our major export economies in time. I suspect the recovery will not be in 2023.

Moses & Son Top Price Report							
Description	District	Micron	VMB	Yield	SL	SS	Price
AAA M WNS	Harden	17	1.3	73	94	29	1300
AAA M	Harden	17.4	1	71.9	94	35	1230
AAA M	Harden	17	1.2	10.9	116	32	1230
AAA M	Temora	17.3	1.5	72.6	68	41	1221
AA M WNS	Harden	15.2	3.1	64	54	0	1220
AAA M	Harden	17	1	69.3	110	28	1220

Sales will now continue every week until the end of year Christmas recess. Next week 46,874 bales will go on offer in Sydney, Melbourne, and Fremantle. ~Marty Moses

Mulesing Declarations				
NM	9,400	19.2%		
СМ	939	<b>1.9%</b>		
AA	15,504	31.6%		
Totals	25,843	52.7%		
Total weekly	49,029			