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May Market Wrap

One more month before the end of another wool selling season and unfortunately it's not progressing as anticipated. Disappointing is one adjective that could be used, however, the wool market can and generally does provide uncertainty once a trend develops. Although the figures below aren't as attractive this month, some very solid returns have been generated, not only in the auction room but also small flurries on WoolTrade. Volumes have played a part as exporters are finding it difficult to fill orders of reasonable numbers owing to the lack of straight types on offer. At this time of the season we still see a fair amount of vm in the fleece market and when combing that with plenty of lambs being shorn the volatility can be understood to some degree.

Last month the IWTO wool conference was held at Harrogate in Yorkshire. The common theme being whether the spinners and weavers could absorb the new level of fine wool with the previous stocks now processed from the lower level. Fashion shows in July will most likely determine the short to medium outlook.

Southern Indicator		Southern Indicator		Movement	Percentage
28/04/2017		02/06/2017		C/kg cln	Movement
1452		1426		-26	-1.8%
AWEX Micron Price Guides					
Micron	28/04/2017	02/06/2017	Movement	Percentage	Percentile
			C/kg cln	Movement	Rank
16.5	2313	2135	-178	-7.7%	89%
17.0	2287	2132	-155	-6.8%	89%
17.5	2225	2095	-130	-5.8%	91%
18.0	2132	2042	-90	-4.2%	95%
18.5	2055	1948	-107	-5.2%	98%
19.0	1931	1811	-120	-6.2%	99%
19.5	1758	1689	-69	-3.9%	98%
20.0	1581	1553	-28	-1.8%	98%
21.0	1483	1483	0	0.0%	99%
22.0	1393	1416	23	1.7%	98%
23.0	1309	1347	38	2.9%	96%
24.0	NQ	NQ	0	0.0%	0%
25.0	NQ	NQ	0	0.0%	0%
26.0	1039	1073	34	3.3%	97%
28.0	740	755	15	2.0%	90%
30.0	590	536	-54	-9.2%	65%
32.0	403	389	-14	-3.5%	33%
MC	1183	1177	-6	-0.5%	99%
\$Aud:US	0.7473	0.7391	-0.0082	-1.1%	
\$Aud:EUR	0.6878	0.6588	-0.029	-4.2%	

Percentiles calculated using weekly data since 1996 except the 16.5-17.5 percentiles which have been calculated using weekly data since May 2009 from AG Concepts

ENQUIRIES FROM THE TRADE:

We are still receiving many emails from exporters looking for "Non" or "Ceased Mulesed" wool. "PR" (pain relief) has also been a requirement for some orders of recent times. **If you can meet any of these standards please ensure your classers specification is correctly filled in and signed to enable us to maximise your returns.**